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Design Brief - COPPER KINGDOM REBORN - FROM ORE TO ORIGIN

Project title: Parys Mountain Visitor & Learning Centre design, Anglesey

Overview:
Help us create a new Visitor & Learning Centre at Parys Mountain as part of the chain of strategically significant future heritage assets in Anglesey, Wales. This new hub will introduce the remarkable industrial copper mining heritage, its inspiring landscape, and unique natural ecology. Co-design with the local community, visitors, and experts, an enhanced visitor experience will integrate with our existing outdoor heritage trail. Parys Mountain's heritage trail currently attracts 40,000 visitors per year without any current visitor hub for our collection.

Pre-Planning responses from Ynys Môn local authority Planning Department were received in May 2025. Using these, and working with a team of identified experts recommended to us by planning and Cadw, you will create Concept Designs that meeting the approval of our Board and aligns to requirements by public funding standards of National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF). The project is already recognised as important to the success of North Anglesey's Regeneration Plan.

Brief:
- To produce a design plan for the Centre and its immediate car park area at Parys Mountain, in keeping with the landscape and ambition.
- The contract is to achieve RIBA stage 2 Concept Designs for the above scheme for our next stage of public funding grants, and to fulfil the requirements and submission of a Full Planning Application on our behalf.

Timescale: Commencement of contact 15th December 2025, to be completed by 27th March 2026.

We are looking to appoint an architect who can take the project through multiple stages of development to completion, with this being the first stage as we progress to secure National Lottery Heritage Funds.

Who we are:
https://copperkingdom.co.uk
The Parys Mountain Heritage Trail is proudly managed by the Amlwch Industrial Heritage Trust, a dedicated charity celebrating the extraordinary legacy of one of the world's most significant mining landscapes. Since 1997, we've championed free public access to this remarkable site.

Parys Mountain heritage site (leased to us) is a beautiful and distinct landmark valued by locals, visitor and academics, with Scheduled Ancient Monuments, including

Wales's only remaining five-sail Windmill. Our heritage site includes 17 geological and biological designated SSSI sites, and is located within the UNESCO Geo Park of Anglesey.

This project's location at Parys Mountain finally links 4,000 years of mining heritage with the remarkable geological and biodiversity it created within the UNESCO Geo Park of Anglesey. Currently no visitor provision exists at this popular and much-loved landmark, despite thousands attending annually, and a 40% uplift in cruise ship tourism alone due from 2026. Ynys Môn (Anglesey) accounts for 50% of all overnight stays in North Wales, with tourism a significant contributor to the local economy.

HOW TO APPLY:
Submission deadline; 7th November 2025 12noon
Proposed fee/budget should be inclusive of VAT.
Please email the below to;
projects@copperkingdom.co.uk
Format – Word or PDF format. No longer than 10 sides of A4 including all supporting information and visuals/links to previous work.
Interviews will be held online (Teams), week commencing 17th November 2025.

Context

Work to date:
This project is based on the 2025 Viability Report and Pre-Planning Application and Pre-Planning Responses, all approved by our Board of Trustees. A recent and revised modular building quote produced by LionContainers here.
We have liaised with Cadw during this process, leading to the initial approved 'artistic impressions' single-storey modular building idea.

We have lined up supporting contracts for this next stage that will inform your work, and whom you will liaise with to submit the project's Full Planning Application;

- Mon Civils
- Cadnant Planning
- Eco-Scope Ecological Solutions

Additionally, we have a business advisor and network activator heading up our organisation's *Business Ambassadors Network*, our corporate social responsibility lead-partner. Their deep business connections and community commitment within Ynys Môn aims to achieve for this project; Commercial sponsorship, in-kind and discounted contributions from commercial partners from the island. They are a valued partner and recognise this project as important to the culture and economy of Ynys Môn.

What we will consider:

We will assess tenders on timescale, designs, budget and scope principles including;

- The designs must work in partnership with the natural landscape and heritage trail at Parys Mountain.
- The project will reflect and showcases Welsh culture & language, including accessibility to this.
- Sustainable renewable energy use for off-grid electricity.
- Sustainable tourism approach to the site.
- Accessibility considerations for the public and staff.
- Local supply priority – working in partnership with our existing project *Business Ambassadors Network*, to achieve best value, sponsorship contributions, in-kind contributions.
- Already collated *public consultation* feedback from the local community to be embedded, including visual design responses inspired by Parys Mountain from schools' workshops and survey responses to the initial artist's impression designs.
- Core elements needed from the building to be incorporated into the design; Paid exhibition area, reception desk, free to access independently operated café, toilet facilities, storeroom, archive shelving, shop retail offer, renewable energy battery storage, parking for coach tours, and car park height restrictions.
- CCTV and security considerations at this remote rural location.

Outputs/deliverables:
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- Design requirements: RIBA Stage 2 Concept Designs
- Risk register & mitigations
- Project Schedule
- Full cost model (refer to the indicative Viability Report budget)
- CAD designs and accompanying rationale Report
- Two feedback sessions with the Board of Trustees to gain approval for progression, prior to finalising of designs which must be approved by the Board.
- One feedback session with Ynys Môn and Cadw stakeholders – online video.
- Report to include: Summary and conclusions of reports from other consultants, e.g. Ecology Impact, Drainage, Renewable Energy Plan, Traffic Management Plan, *To be considered as the heritage site has SSSI, Ancient Monuments and ecology habitat considerations;*
- The scheme must have empathy and reflect the geology, heritage and habitats of the landmark Parys Mountain.
- The scheme relates to the *nearby* Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty as does some of our funding – link1 and link2
- The scheme relates to the North Anglesey Economic Regeneration Plan to be considered in your designs - link
- The scheme to be appraised in accordance with formal guidance from Cadw; Cadw guidance onmanaging Conservation Areas in Wales

- Landscape character assessments for landscapes reports (separately commissioned) to be included in your thinking.

Biodiversity Network. The scheme contributes to UK regional or local biodiversity action plan targets so must report outputs:

- Natural Resources Wales guidance on landscapes
- Landscape Institute guidance on landscape character

Include issues that might affect the bidders' response, for example, the consequences to your organisation of a failure to meet deliverable dates and how important deadlines are. Include a description of the skills and knowledge you are looking for, and perhaps qualifications, if that's a technical or statutory requirement.

Contract management:

The Contractor is Amlwch Industrial Heritage Trust Ltd (AIHT) who operate as a charity, Limited Company and with a Board of Trustees.
Lead project contact for AIHT: Lucy Dusgate, Capital Project Director

Prior to contracting the successful tender will be required to meet with selected members of AIHT Board at Parys Mountain to review the tender in situ before we undertake the contracting.

Your tender should also consider;
Costs should include VAT and expenses, and include a breakdown/CV of the person/team who will be working on the project, what fee you propose, and how many days each member of the team will be allocated to complete the work.