



TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF AN INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE AUDIT FOR THE GLENS OF ANTRIM

Background

The Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust is a partnership organisation involving public, private and voluntary sector representatives from seven local authorities, the community sector, and the environment sector together with representatives from the farming and tourism industries. The overall aim of the Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust is to 'promote environmental management and sustainable tourism which aims to protect and enhance the unique heritage of the Causeway Coast and Glens area'.

Antrim Coast and Glens AONB

The Antrim Coast and Glens is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), designated in 1988 to help protect its special character – recognizing it as one of the finest landscapes in the United Kingdom. The Antrim Coast and Glens is an area of contrasts – with dramatic cliffs and headlands, the wild open expanse of moorland, gentle bays and valleys, and Rathlin Island, Northern Ireland's only inhabited offshore island.

Heart of the Glens Landscape Partnership Scheme

The Heritage Lottery Fund has awarded the Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust the development phase of a new Landscape Partnership Scheme for the Glens of Antrim. This scheme, entitled 'Heart of the Glens' has the potential to see investment of over £1.8 million into the Glens region, subject to securing match funding and successfully identifying the key projects for the next five years. There are four programmes that projects will be developed under:

1. Conservation and enhancement of the natural and built heritage of the Glens of Antrim
2. Increasing community participation
3. Access and learning
4. Heritage skills and training

The development phase allows for assessments, survey work and baseline audits to be conducted in order to establish and understand such needs and it has been identified that there is a strong need to understand our industrial heritage assets and opportunities for future projects across the Glens.

What is Industrial Heritage?

Industrial heritage is an aspect of cultural heritage dealing specifically with the buildings and artefacts of industry which are inherited from past generations, maintained in the present and bestowed for the benefit of future generations, often forming a significant attraction for tourism, landscape management and promotion of our environment.

The Industrial Revolution had a major impact on life in Northern Ireland and left a legacy of sites, from corn mills to canals, and railways including the Cushendall Railway Line. The Industrial Heritage Record lists more than 16,000 features, but only limited information is currently available for most.

The Glens offers an opportunity to interpret and understand our rich industrial history, including opportunities for new heritage trails, events and access improvements along key sites of industrial interest. This audit would provide a baseline for a range of partners to develop projects across the Glens and better understand our landscape.

Overall Outcome

To develop an Industrial Heritage Audit for the 9 Glens of Antrim that will help inform key projects under the Heart of the Glens Landscape Partnership Scheme and the wider AONB for future years.

What is expected?

The aim is to prepare, in partnership with the Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust and local collaborators, an Industrial Heritage Audit for the Glens of Antrim that will identify and assess the industrial heritage assets across the Glens of Antrim and recommend a strategy for appropriate conservation, restoration, interpretation and educational access and learning opportunities. This report will summarise the extent of the known industrial heritage assets, including archaeology and built heritage of the 9 Glens of Antrim, highlighting links between cultural heritage and landscape of the region. A series of recommendations will be offered to enhance our industrial heritage offering.

Project Duties:

The project would entail the following:

- Collate existing documentation and known information of the industrial heritage of the Glens of Antrim, including built and archaeological sites of interest, to provide a statement of heritage significance.

- Liaise with and arrange meetings with local community groups, interest groups, historical societies, museum services and Local Council Officers (see Local Collaborators below) to ensure local involvement in the delivery of this project
- Complete field surveys and document industrial, historic and relevant built heritage sites of interest within the Glens
- Surveys undertaken to compile industrial heritage information:
 - GIS mapping to plot sites of interest
 - Photographic record of sites of interest
- Explore opportunities for industrial heritage projects, offering a series of recommendations for future collaborations to enhance, conserve and promote industrial heritage to local people and visitors. In particular, recommendations will include:
 - Project outline, relevant stakeholders involved, estimated costs, issues/barriers to development and how it links to 1 of the 4 HLF LPS programmes identified above.

Local Collaborators

There are a number of active and long standing organisations, community groups and historical societies within the Glens of Antrim. CCGHT will provide contacts from local community groups, local authority museum officer(s) etc that will be of great benefit to the delivery of this project. The successful candidate/organisation will be expected to liaise with and host meetings with recommended organisations/individuals and identify new contacts with knowledge of these topics to collate information to effectively deliver this project.

Timescale for completion

The deadline for completion of this audit is **Wednesday 20TH March 2013**.

Selection Criteria

Tender submissions will be evaluated in accordance with the following criteria:

- Understanding of the brief – Your submission should show clearly your understanding of what is being proposed.
- Proposed methodology – Your submission should clearly outline your proposed approach and methodology. It should highlight target dates for completion of different work stages and indicate proposed reporting arrangements.
- Previous experience – Your submission should detail any previous consultancy experience undertaken by your organisation or other consultants within your proposed team which may be relevant to the proposed study.

- Specialist experience in undertaking projects of a similar nature – Your submission should clearly outline any specialist knowledge in relation to the proposed study.
- Value for money – Your submission should include a detailed breakdown of costs, including consultant fee and travel and subsistence costs where applicable.

Budget

The maximum budget for this project has been set at £8,000 inclusive of all expenses and VAT.

Deadline for Tender Submissions

The deadline for submission of tender proposals is **Monday 28th January by 4pm**. Each tender should be sent via post or email for the attention of Sarah Irwin, Landscape Partnership Scheme Manager for the Heart of the Glens. The postal address is:

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Award of tender is expected by Tuesday 29th January with a view to begin the project on Wednesday 30th January. This gives consultants 8 weeks to complete the audit.

Please note that Monday 18th March is a public holiday.

Please note - The Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust is not bound to accept either the lowest or any of the tenders received

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