

Locum News in Brief



Giant's Causeway

Locum is delighted to have been appointed by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment in Northern Ireland to manage an international competition to find an architectural and design solution for a new Giant's Causeway Visitor Centre.

Working closely with DETI's team a Locum team comprising Edwards Project Management and the International Union of Architects from Paris, the work programme comprises market research, consultation, project conceptualisation and funding and feasibility testing in advance of the issuing of the competition details in OJEC. It is anticipated that preliminary work will be completed early in 2004 and that the competition process will begin in Spring, with an architectural appointment being made in the Summer of 2004.



Potter's Field, London

Locum has been appointed by the Berkeley Homes Group to support its redevelopment plans for the Potter's Field site on London's South Bank. A landmark scheme by Ian Ritchie Architects has been in development for some time and is the subject of two planning applications to the London Borough of Southwark. Following a recent refusal of planning, the case is set to go to Public Inquiry at the end of April 2004. Locum is to give expert witness evidence relating to the opportunity to incorporate cultural activity within the development site.

The British Museum Virtual Mummy

The British Museum's Virtual Mummy project continues and Locum is delighted to be involved in further testing of the feasibility of this project. Working closely with BM's internal team, Locum is working to set the business and financial objectives for the project and deliver a financial and market framework within which the project will be operated.

London Sub-regional Tourism Strategies

Our tourism work in London continues with our recent appointment to deliver two of the five sub-regional tourism strategies for London. Our initial focus is to be in the eastern and southern regions where a Locum team will be seeking to deliver the detailed articulation of the overarching strategy review that we completed two years ago.

These are important instructions for the company, demonstrating our growing reputation in the marketplace for the delivery of strategically significant tourism work. We are delighted to have such a strong ongoing relationship with the LDA and with its tourism team particularly.

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Elsewhere we have been busy too. We continue to work with the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew, have been appointed by Newhaven Fort in Sussex to help with their redevelopment plans, are undertaking a number of studies in the East Midlands relating to tourism and action planning, are working with the WDA in South Wales on the National Rally Centre and have recommenced our work with Silvertown Quays Limited and Kajima Urban Developments in respect of Silvertown.

We continue to work in Glasgow with the Science Centre, and in Cumbria and the Lake District in connection with tourism initiatives flowing from the Regional Tourism Strategy that we completed last year. Outside the UK we are working on the redevelopment of the Lugo Archaeological Park in Galicia, Spain, and with Bilbao's regeneration company, Ria 2000, in support of their initiatives to complete the renaissance of the City.

