OKR Bridge: Frequently Asked Questions

What is the brief asking?

The brief is asking for a design that is developed over a period of time with the local communities in the Old Kent Road area. The £40k fee should be enough funding to cover the groundwork needed to engage with the public.

We discourage a one workshop, one artwork approach.

Remember, it won't be possible to engage with everyone in the area, so please focus your efforts on building relationships.

Do you need a lighting designer in the first (Expression of Interest) stage?

No, but we're looking for socially engaged, creative practitioners and an understanding of lighting artwork would be highly advantageous.

We have our own Lighting Team at Southwark Council but it will only have the capacity to help assess whether your proposals for the lighting scheme are feasible and within budget.

We're offering the shortlisted applicants the option to identify a lighting designer during the second stage of the application process.

Does the design fee also include the budget for materials?

The fee for the successful team will be up to £40k, just to cover the cost of the design work.

The additional budget for materials and implementation will be made available, separately, once the designs are agreed.

Does Southwark have archives?

Yes, Southwark has archives at John Harvard library in Borough and a Heritage Centre in Elephant and Castle.

But please note we don't want your designs to focus on Old Kent Road's history. Rather, we want to capture what Old Kent Road is about now.

As highlighted in the brief, applicants with local knowledge and/ or ties are highly encouraged and it would be advantageous to team-up with creatives who already understand the context of the area.

Can the council connect the successful team with existing networks of communities and groups?

Yes, there are many communities and groups in Old Kent Road that we can steer you towards. However, as stated above, local knowledge and local ties are highly encouraged. So please consider this when forming your design team for the Expression of Interest.

Do you need to be a registered company to apply?

No