

# NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVESTMENT, REGENERATION AND GROWTH USING THE HCA MULTI-DISCIPLINARY FRAMEWORK PANEL



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## **ABOUT THE FRAMEWORK:**

The Homes and Communities Agency's (HCA) multi-disciplinary framework panel is a four year national panel of professional service providers, covering all stages of the development process.

The panel is made up of two lots: lot one covers all six HCA geographical regions in England and lot two is for use by other public bodies.

This framework allows the HCA and its partners to procure a complete package of technical services, all of which underpin the planning and development of projects, whilst providing full OJEU compliance.

EC Harris along with its partners - CB Richard Ellis, Hyder Consulting and PRP Architects - has successfully secured a place on both lots of the framework.



## THE BENEFITS:

At a time when public sector efficiency is in the spotlight and kick-starting regeneration is extremely challenging, the framework offers an accelerated and cost-effective route to public procurement of professional advisors through a pre-tendered call off facility. The framework:

- Saves time (up to 77 days) and resource (an estimated £50,000 or more in procurement costs) when compared to a typical OJEU procurement process
- Is compliant with EU and UK procurement legislation - providing demonstrable value for money
- Allows for a single point of responsibility for the appointment of a ready assembled design team; assuring quality and flexibility of service provision.

The panel gives access to skilled, pre-assembled design teams. The EC Harris consortium is an established, high performing team with significant regeneration expertise. It represents best-in-class service provision and UK-wide reach; predicated on delivering positive outcomes for clients.



## WHAT CAN THE FRAMEWORK BE USED FOR?

The multi-disciplinary framework panel provides access to the technical services necessary for the successful delivery of residential led regeneration and pure residential development, helping to underpin the HCA's development and regeneration objectives.

The core services are:

- Lead consultant, including project management
- Master planning, urban design, architecture and landscape architecture
- Property consultancy (including housing consultancy)
- Transport; engineering and planning
- Engineering
- Environmental sustainability design services, including energy and water
- Planning
- Cost consultancy.

In addition specialist services include:

- Ecology and biodiversity
- Archaeology
- Heritage.

Please note, other specialist services may be added by agreement with the HCA and where relevant to particular projects.



## **MEET THE EC HARRIS CONSORTIUM**

EC Harris is the lead partner of a consortium of four, highly experienced organisations. Together, we have a wide network of offices and are able to develop unique solutions to catalyse regeneration and housing delivery, generating positive outcomes for communities across the country:

### **EC Harris**

A leading international built asset consultancy that helps clients get the most from the planning, construction, operation and use of their built assets.

Its combination of sector specific and built asset knowledge allows the firm to deliver a wide range of professional services as well as bespoke solutions to unlock value and enable opportunity.

The firm has an absolute focus on delivering positive outcomes for its clients. EC Harris' prime responsibilities within the consortium are to: lead, align, co-ordinate, control and create value - through its project management expertise; and to forecast, optimise and control costs - through its cost consultancy expertise.

### **PRP Architects**

An award-winning architectural practice putting people, place and home at the heart of everything it does. PRP offers masterplanning, urban design, landscape, interiors, town planning and environmental services.

In particular it has established specific and specialist expertise in place making; designing and delivering successful places in the residential, specialist housing, mixed use, commercial, retail, healthcare education and leisure sectors.

The practice has a breadth of experience in working with communities, undertaking consultation and engagement exercises and achieving consensus as part of the development process.

PRP shapes design that enhances value, quality and sustainability.

### **Hyder Consulting**

An award-winning, forward-thinking engineering, design, planning and environmental consultancy with particular expertise in transport, infrastructure and the built environment.

Hyder is adept in helping clients tackle the complex problems inherent in making increasingly complex buildings and infrastructure projects meet real world requirements. Hyder's specific sectors of operation are:

- Land development and buildings
- Transport
- Utilities
- Environment.

The firm has extensive ongoing experience of shaping sustainable and deliverable development and regeneration schemes throughout all of the HCA regions, covering all stages from initial feasibility studies, through to technical design, through to delivery.

## **CB Richard Ellis**

One of the largest property consultancies in the world, offering strategic property advice, property sales and leading corporate services, property and facilities management, mortgage backing, appraisals and valuations, development services, investment management, research and consulting.

Its planning department seeks to fully understand its clients' requirements, and provides both strategic and tactical advice founded on knowledge, experience and capability. Applying high level expertise, rooted in the company's long-established commercial property experience, enables the planning team to ensure that development projects run smoothly throughout the planning system.

A number of tier two, supplementary specialists support the consortium and others may be needed as appropriate.



## **WHO CAN USE IT?**

Lot 1: All six regions of the HCA in England (North East and Yorkshire, North West, Midlands, East and South East, South West and London)

Lot 2: Other public bodies by agreement with the HCA.

## **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

EC Harris has a direct framework appointment with the HCA. All other consortium members will be sub-consultants to EC Harris.

Call offs from the framework may be direct or through mini competition and avoid costly competitions.

The framework has been procured so that other public bodies can make use of it and make substantial savings on procurement costs. Where these organisations wish to access the framework, a letter of agreement will be put in place between them and the HCA. The public body will be responsible for procuring work through the framework and for putting in place a suitable contract with the relevant consultant.



# CLIENT SUCCESSES

The following case studies demonstrate the success our consortium has had at generating positive outcomes for clients:

## Tees Marshalling Yard

Client: Stockton & Middlesbrough Initiative

Tees Marshalling Yard - a 53 hectare site adjacent to River Tees - forms part of a 150 hectare regeneration programme, with heavy contamination.

Hyder Consulting undertook a constraints and opportunities study for developing a sustainable community, considering: contaminated land issues; integrating the scheme into existing transport infrastructure; sustainability; flood risk assessment and drainage strategy; and maximising the environmental opportunities.

The development framework helped to change perceptions of the river corridor between Stockton and Middleborough, proposing village communities including carbon-neutral dwellings, enhanced open space, parkland, nature reserves, retail, education and health facilities.

## Cheshire Extra Care PFI

Client - Avantage with Building Solutions Harvest Housing Association and Nationwide Housing Association, Cheshire East and West Councils.

PRP provided architectural and urban design services; landscape and public-realm design services; and developed a sustainability strategy for the detailed design of five sites providing 433 apartments.

The team delivered five individual extra care/retirement schemes via the PFI route in a very quick time-frame. The schemes have provided extra care in the community, but also brought regeneration, particularly improving security and quality of the public realm together with social amenities open to the wider community.

**“The Cheshire PFI supports the older people in the County. The PRP team solution has not only provided homes of the highest technical and sustainable specifications but created communities where our residents will be able to maintain their independence.”**

Mick Howarth, Head of Operations, Adult Social Care Directorate

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## **North Solihull Regeneration**

Client: Solihull Council, InPartnership, Whitefriars HG, Bellway and the HCA

EC Harris provided project management, commercial management and financial modelling consultancy to the partnership.

The £1.5 billion project aims to totally transform the north of the borough of Solihull through re-shaping and re-building areas to community focused village centres; building new primary schools, new privately owned homes and social housing.

The delivery of this project has been used as a blueprint example of how to deliver regeneration within the Culcutt Review of Housebuilding Delivery. The Partnership was awarded first prize in the 'New Ventures' category of the HCA Academy awards, in 2009.

## **Curzon Park, Eastside**

Client: Development Securities Plc and Grainger Plc (JV)

CB Richard Ellis is planning adviser to the joint venture developers of this major regeneration project, which will turn a former distribution centre into a major mixed use development employing over 5,000 people.

A range of services have been provided, including: strategic planning advice, advising on planning risks including mitigation, advising on development contributions, devising planning strategy, negotiations and engagement with local planning authority and key stakeholders, ongoing advice on potential variations to the consent to reflect change in market conditions.

Outline planning permission was secured in June 2008 and detailed permission for Phase 1, to facilitate the delivery of the development and the wider regeneration of the area.

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