

13th July 2017

Minutes of Meeting - Site Visit for

Re: HM28/02/2017 - Preliminary Market Consultation (PMC) for MUZA – Open Storage Facilities.

Site: MUZA, Auberge D'Italie.

Date: 13th July 2017 at 10:00hrs

Minutes:

In a preliminary comment, it was explained that Heritage Malta is looking at a design that will maximise efficient use of space volume with ease of accessibility and manoeuvrability for users, mainly being curators.

It was explained that both spaces will be utilised for storage of collections of various artifacts as indicated in the PMC, and these areas will be a controlled entry/restricted area.

A site visit followed and representatives made the following remarks/questions:

Q1. What type of door will be fitted in the 3 door accesses leading to the storage areas?

A1. The main entrance will be from door leading to corridor. The doors will be double leaf timber doors will be fitted for all the doors within this area.

Q2. Is it possible to create a new opening between the spaces to join the intermediate levels directly and hence save on space, in particular for vertical circulation of objects within the reserve storage?

A2. The Auberge d'Italie is a Grade 1 scheduled property, hence, any structural modifications shall only be considered when considered indispensable and any such proposals need to be approved by various statutory bodies.

Prospective bidders can propose multiple scenarios at this stage, with or without such interventions.

Q3. Since measurement of objects are not available at this phase, shall we allow for 2 platforms (3 spaces) or 1 platform (2 spaces) in each room?

A3. We understand that bidders are familiar with the object's d'art forming part of such collections. At this point in time, based on the available information, bidders participating in this PMC are being requested to propose open storage configuration/s which maximise on the use of space whilst being suitable for the collection. However further indicative information is being provided hereunder:

Object Size Category	Indicative dimensions
Small	>0.3x0.3x0.3m
Medium	0.3x0.3x0.3m > 1.0x1.0x1.0m
Large	1.0x1.0x1.0m > 2.5x2.5x2.5m

Q4. Who is responsible for the roof integrity?

A4. The space shall be restored and rendered watertight by third parties.

Q5. What materials can be or cannot be used within components of the storage system?

A5. All material and systems, shall not compromise in any way the conservation of the artefacts themselves.

Q6. Will a floating/raised floor system be considered?

A6. As specified in the PMC document (page 9), both spaces will have a hardstone finish. A raised flooring system is not normally desirable within such an environment since this increases the risk of pest infestations.

Q7. Can an extension for submission of design be approved?

A7. A separate notification - Request for Clarification.ps01 - granting extension of submission date has been already issued and uploaded on the website.

All interested parties may continue to request clarifications, up to the 1st of August 2017 at 12.00hrs [noon] through the email museumstorage@heritagemalta.com and all interested parties will be able to view replies/clarifications, on the MUZA webpage: <http://muza.heritagemalta.org/museumstorage>