

# KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL

N76 Per Cent for  
Art Commission

## ARTISTS' BRIEF

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# 1. Summary

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## Commission

Kilkenny County Council invites expressions of interest from artists for the creation of a new artwork to be situated by the N76 Callan Road.

## Budget

The total budget available for the artwork is up to €45,000 (inclusive of VAT).

## Commission Process

This is a single-stage commission process.

## Deadline

The deadline for applications is Monday 26 November, 5pm.  
Late submissions will not be accepted.

## Applications

Applicants are requested to read the full content of this document carefully as it contains important information pertaining to the commission.

Please note that all proposals should be delivered to:

Visual Artists Ireland  
Windmill View House,  
4 Oliver Bond Street,  
Dublin 8.

Clearly marked: N76 Per Cent for Arts Scheme 2018

Supporting images may be provided in electronic format on CD, DVD, or Memory Stick.

This project is administered by Visual Artists Ireland on behalf of Kilkenny County Council.

## Queries

All queries should be sent by email to [shelly@visualartists.ie](mailto:shelly@visualartists.ie) or call 01 6729488

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## 2. Introduction

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Due to the completion of the N76 Callan Road Realignment Scheme, Kilkenny County Council is pleased to invite artists to submit applications for a public art commission under the Per Cent for Art Scheme.

Kilkenny has a heritage and history with sport, community engagement, and connection to the land at its heart. The beauty of the Kilkenny townscape and landscape is a source of pride to residents, attracting enormous numbers of visitors every year.

The Callan Road Realignment Scheme which has facilitated this commission extends from the N76 Callan Road Roundabout, on the Kilkenny Ring Road, southwards for a distance of 4.4km to the Brownstown Junction. The Road Scheme provided new surfacing, surface drainage, fencing, landscaping, road markings and signage. The Road Scheme was grant funded from TII.

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## 3. Commission Brief

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Kilkenny County Council seeks expressions of interest from artists of all levels of experience in developing a new artwork to be located on the N76 Callan Road.

While there is no prescribed subject or theme for the commission, artists are encouraged to respond to or engage with the culture, built or natural heritage of Kilkenny City and County. Artists are requested to outline any relevant process of research, development or community engagement in their proposal.

The brief does not specify the materials to be used, but the artwork is intended to be permanent and of high quality. Therefore should be made of durable materials which require minimum maintenance.

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## 4. Site

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The designated site for the sculpture is indicated in the attached map (Appendix 2).

Please note that the ground level of the site is lower than the adjacent pavement (approximately 1m). A plinth or other form of elevation for the artwork may need to be considered by the artist.

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## 5. Budget

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The maximum budget for the design, supply and installation will be €45,000 inclusive of all costs, expenses, VAT and other charges necessary for completion of the project.

Artists are expected to submit an itemised project budget that identifies all costs. It must cover all expenditure, design, documentation, materials, foundation costs, manufacturing, delivery to the site and installation of the finished art work, including all health and safety requirements.

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## 6. Selection Panel & Criteria

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The selection panel is comprised of a member of Kilkenny County Council, Kilkenny Arts Officer, Senior Engineer, a nominated community representative and two independent professional artists.

The selection panel will assess all submissions based on the response to the brief and a combination of the following criteria:

1. Artistic merit and distinctiveness of proposed artwork. Compatibility with the site and locality. (25/100)
2. Project outline and technical considerations: safety, durability and security considerations, and adherence to briefing guidelines (25/100)
3. Quality of previous work and relevant experience (25/100)
4. Budget clarity & deliverability in respect of proposed time scale (25/100)

The successful submission will be the one awarded the highest marks. Kilkenny County Council reserves the right not to commission if a minimum qualifying mark of 75 is not achieved.

Artists may be invited to attend for interview before final selection is made.

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## 7. Application Process

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This is a single stage commission process. Applications should include the following information.

- ⑤ Completed expression of interest application form
- ⑤ An artists CV including at least two referees (maximum 3 pages)
- ⑤ Examples of previous relevant work in the form of either
  - photographs
  - digital images (jpegs on CD or USB memory stick)
- ⑤ Project proposal to include:
  - visual representation of the proposed work in the context of the location (using drawings, maquettes, computer generated images or photographs).
  - detailed description of the artwork.
  - details of relevant research, local engagement or outreach (if any)
  - an explanation of the proposed materials for the artwork and its dimensions (scaled drawings, etc.).
  - projected duration and timeline of the project.
  - details of the technical specifications, construction and installation process for the artwork, including details about any contractors who will be involved in fabrication.
  - a detailed budget breakdown for the project.

The time and date of the deadline: Monday 26 November, 5pm.

Late applications will not be accepted. Proof of postage is not valid. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that applications arrive in a timely manner.

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## 8. Health & Safety

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Artists should consider the Health and Safety requirements of the proposed site for the artwork. In particular, road safety and issues associated reflective or kinetic components. Additionally, that the general public including children will have access to the site and the artwork.

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## 9. Insurance

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Artists will be required to have insurance cover for work that they may have to undertake onsite, and insurance cover for any person that they undertake to bring onsite as part of the design or implementation phase of the project.

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## 10. Originality & Copyright

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All applications must contain a statement that the proposed design is of the sole creation of the artist and that no other person has or will have any legal call on the work. Copyright for the works proposed will remain at all times with the artist.

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## 11. Freedom of Information

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Kilkenny County Council undertakes to use its best endeavours to hold confidential any information provided by you in this submission subject to the Council's obligations under law including the Freedom of Information Acts 1997 and 2003.

When submitting information, artists should indicate what parts of their submission are commercially sensitive and what parts they consider should be kept confidential should the Council receive an FOI request relating to the submission. Kilkenny City Council will consult with you about this sensitive information before making any decision on any Freedom of Information request received.

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## 12. Queries

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If you have any general or technical questions in relation to the application, please contact:

Shelly McDonnell, Visual Artists Ireland

T: (01) 672 9488

E: [shelly@visualartists.ie](mailto:shelly@visualartists.ie)

## Appendix 1

### Expression of Interest Application Form

1.0	General Information	
1.1	Name	
1.2	Address	
1.3	Telephone number	
1.4	Email	
1.5	Originality/copyright statement	

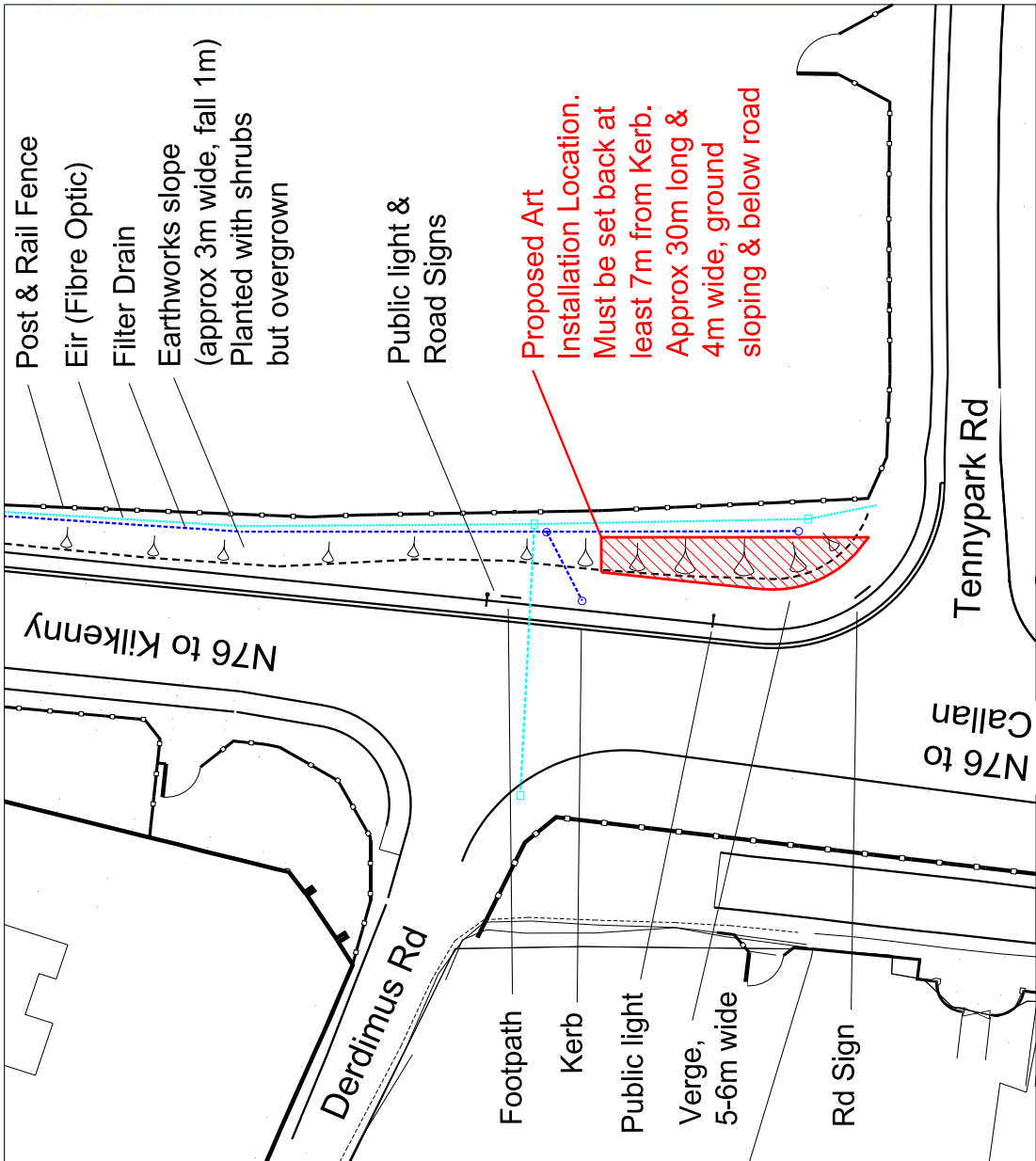
2.0	Finance & Insurance	
2.1	Confirm that you will provide a current tax clearance certificate number with dates of validity if awarded the commission (Y/N)	
2.2	Provide registered VAT number, if applicable	
2.3	Have been awarded Artists Tax Exemption (Y/N)	
2.4	<p>The successful candidate will be obliged to have the following insurances in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Employer's Liability €13m</li><li>• Public Liability €6.5m</li></ul> <p>Please confirm that if successful that you undertake to have the necessary insurances in place. (Y/N)</p>	





Location Plan



Photograph of General Area





KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL  
Countryside & Planning  
ROAD DESIGN SECTION  
1 DEAN STREET  
KILKENNY.

Rev	By	Date	Description

Project: N76 Callan Road Realignment

Component: Art Installation

Title: Proposed Art Location

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## Appendix 3

### References on the Location & Heritage

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#### 1. Archaeology

Existing data on known archaeological sites can be located on [webgis.archaeology.ie/historicenvironment/](http://webgis.archaeology.ie/historicenvironment/)

#### 2. Historical Info

Brief summaries of local heritage information for the surrounding townlands from the publication *"The Placenames of Kilkenny"* by Owen O'Kelly.

This is not an academic publication but it gives some very interesting information about townlands in the county. There are quite a few raths, and large estates in the area and these could be a source of inspiration too.

Canon Carrigans *"History and Antiquities of the Diocese of Ossory"* (1905) is a very useful source of information on historic buildings in each townland. [irishfamilyhistorycentre.com/](http://irishfamilyhistorycentre.com/)

#### 3. Irish Placenames

There is useful information on the Irish translation of placenames on the official Irish placenames website [logainm.ie/en/](http://logainm.ie/en/)