

## [Notice: BS11 9BT, Sims Group UK Limited: environmental permit application and draft decision advertisement](#)

The Environment Agency consults the public on certain applications for waste operations, mining waste operations, installations, water discharge and groundwater activities. In some cases they also consult on draft decisions for environmental permits. The arrangements are explained in its [Public Participation Statement](#)

These notices explain:

- what the application is about
- which Environment Agency office you can visit to see the application documents on the public register
- when you need to comment by
- the Environment Agency's proposed decision and the reasons and considerations on which they've based this
- additional relevant information available since the application was advertised
- any information or guidance provided by the Secretary of State relevant to the application

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## [Detailed guide: Call for project proposals on the theme 'Smart Cities in Vietnam' for financial year 2017/18.](#)

The British Embassy is pleased to announce a call for project proposals focusing on the theme 'Smart Cities in Vietnam' for financial year 2017/18.

### **Outcome:**

To support Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC) in developing an Intelligent Transport System (ITS) Architecture as part of its ambitious 'Smart Cities' plans.

## **Background:**

HCMC has a plan to develop the City into a Smart City for the 2017-2020 period, with vision towards 2025. The UK is keen to support HCMC in realising this ambitious plan and we have been working closely with the City Department of Transport to support its efforts to build an Intelligent Transport System as part of the City's wider strategy. With a focus on transport, we would like to invite interested bidders to submit their proposals in supporting the HCMC Department of Transport to develop an Intelligent Transport System Architecture for the City. Such a system architecture is an essential part of an overall ITS master plan and provides a strategic framework for future planning, development, implementation and integration of various ITS sub-systems. The end result would present the City with an ITS Architecture that clearly defines the main components as well as its inter-dependence and inter-operability amongst them.

A satisfactory ITS Architecture must deliver these following objectives:

- (1) Provide a strategic vision for the development of an ITS for HCMC;
- (2) Advise on an ITS framework that takes into consideration the transport infrastructure of the City and also allows flexibility for the City's expanding requirements as well as the advancement of new technologies in the future. The ITS architecture should also ensure compatibility and inter-operability of the different sub-systems;
- (3) Provide Ho Chi Minh City with a clear and concise document that could be used to engage with a wider range of stakeholders, including potential investors, consultants and companies offering transport solutions, enabling them to understand the City's overall ITS strategy and potential areas for interventions.

## **Bidding information:**

Potential bidders are encouraged to initiate discussions with Mr Đoàn Minh Huy – Official of Department of the Transport of Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee at [dmhuy.sgtvt@tphcm.gov.vn](mailto:dmhuy.sgtvt@tphcm.gov.vn)/[doanminhhuy87@gmail.com](mailto:doanminhhuy87@gmail.com) to learn more about how to best meet HCMC requirement when preparing their bids. You are also encouraged to keep in touch with the British Consulate General to discuss your proposal before submitting the bid, notably in order to make sure it fits well with the strategic priorities outlined above. For any inquiry regarding this call, please contact Ms Le Hoang Mai Giao – Senior Commercial Officer of the British Consulate General at [le.giao@fco.gov.uk](mailto:le.giao@fco.gov.uk).

The total funding available for this package is up to £40,000. Project activities should be ready to start from October 2017, or as soon thereafter as the grant contract has been signed. The activities should end by January 2018 at the latest. At least 85% of project budget must be spent by 15 Dec 2017.

You are invited to fill in the

[Project Proposal Form](#)

(MS Word Document, 294KB)

. A full breakdown of costs in an

[Activity based budget](#)

(MS Excel Spreadsheet, 46KB)

must also be submitted with all proposals and following the expenditure rules set out in UN-EU cost norm 2015.

Bids should be submitted by email to: Ms Hoang Hong Hanh – Programmes and Projects Coordinator at [hoang.hanh@fco.gov.uk](mailto:hoang.hanh@fco.gov.uk) by 29 August 2017 at the latest.

Successful bidder will be notified during the week commencing 18 September 2017.

If the successful bidder is a government agency, not for profit organisation, NGO or civil society, we will sign a standard grant contract. For businesses, this might be in the form of a commercial contract. The clauses in the commercial contract and grant contract are by default, not negotiable and exceptions are seldom approved. Sample contracts are for your reference. Please ensure that you read and are happy with their terms before applying for funds.

Please find related forms and documents below:

- [Project Proposal Form](#)  
(MS Word Document, 294KB)
- [Activity based budget](#)  
(MS Excel Spreadsheet, 46KB)
- [EU Cost norm 2015](#)  
(PDF, 5.47MB, 23 pages)
- [Guidance for Implementers](#)  
(PDF, 181KB, 2 pages)
- [Commercial Contract](#)  
(PDF, 487KB, 11 pages)
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## [News story: CT safety video viewed more than one million times](#)

The four-minute film, which was created by Counter Terrorism police alongside the Foreign Office and ABTA – The Travel Association, was launched to the public on Monday 10 July and has since been viewed more than a million times on YouTube, Facebook and Twitter.

The chances of being involved in a terror attack are very small, but holidaymakers travelling abroad this summer have flocked to watch this video so they are prepared to act should the worst happen.

As UK schools break up for summer holidays and the travel industry enters one of the busiest periods of the year, police are once again asking the public to keep themselves safe abroad by watching the film before they travel.

Detective chief superintendent Scott Wilson, National Coordinator for Protect and Prepare, says: “I am delighted that the public have received this advice so well and that so many people have taken the time to prepare themselves in the incredibly unlikely event of being caught up in an attack.

One million views means that there are potentially one million more people in the UK who are better prepared to act.

This video is not intended to scare people, simply to make them spend a few minutes thinking about what they would do if the worst should happen.

We want people to think of this in the same way they do the safety film airlines show before take-off. They don't expect anything bad to happen but it is a sensible safety precaution to show people what to do.

[Run Hide Tell: Stay Safe in the event of a terrorist attack abroad](#)

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## [Press release: Foreign Secretary statement on Venezuela](#)

I am deeply saddened that nearly 100 people have died in protests in Venezuela since the end of March. The citizens of Venezuela deserve better and urgent action should be taken to stop matters from getting worse.

Britain calls on the Venezuelan Government to refrain from divisive and inflammatory action, including the plan to form a Constituent Assembly later this month. This will only further undermine confidence in the country's democracy. Human rights, the rule of law, the separation of powers and the integrity of democratic institutions must be respected.

Britain joins with the Vatican, the neighbours of Venezuela and our European friends to urge the Government to enter constructive talks with the Opposition. I call on President Nicolas Maduro to change course and break the deadlock for the benefit of all Venezuelans.

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## [News story: Portsmouth hosts US carrier strike group ahead of multinational exercise](#)

The USS George HW Bush and elements of her carrier strike group – the USS Philippine Sea, USS Donald Cook and Norwegian ship HNoMS Helge Ingsstad are on the final leg of their deployment in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, the Global Coalition's fight against ISIS.

The Nimitz-class carrier has UK personnel on board as part of the UK-US Long Lead Specialist Skills Programme which qualifies them in US carrier operations in preparation for the arrival of HMS Queen Elizabeth and the UK's own carrier strike capability.

Also embarked is Commander UK Carrier Strike Group (COMUKCSG) Commodore Andrew Betton and his team for Exercise Saxon Warrior 17 – a joint maritime exercise that will focus how the two nations work together during a number of challenging scenarios around the UK coastline.

Commodore Betton said:

Exercise Saxon Warrior is a large, multinational joint exercise which involves fifteen warships from five different nations,

submarines, over 100 aircraft and about 9,000 personnel

The UK contribution will be two Type 23 frigates supporting the US aircraft carrier, a Royal Navy submarine, the Carrier Strike Group UK battle staff, fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft operating from ashore, and then the central training staff who will be based in Faslane in Scotland.

The exercise, which begins once the group leaves Portsmouth, will also be key to ensuring UK personnel are fully equipped ahead of the arrival of the Royal Navy's new Queen Elizabeth-class aircraft carrier, HMS Queen Elizabeth.

Over the next fortnight U.S. Naval personnel will train side-by-side with UK pilots, engineers and deck handlers to build combined maritime and aviation capability and capacity.

Royal Marines Colonel Phil Kelly, the COMUKCSG Strike Commander, said:

This exercise is a great demonstration of the UK's relationship with the United States who are helping us in getting back our carrier strike capability and making a success of the Queen Elizabeth aircraft carrier programme.

The Type 23 frigates taking part in Ex Saxon Warrior will be Portsmouth-based HMS Iron Duke and HMS Westminster who will be joined by Royal Fleet Auxiliary fast fleet tanker Wave Ruler.