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# Tenderer Clarifications

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| **Project** | RO043-01 Assessment of protected wildlife sites in England and Northern Ireland |

The following questions have been received in relation to the Invitation to Tender for the above named project. Responses are provided in clarification.

**25/4/2023**

1. Can the OEP provide any more clarity on how and when its internal work will be programmed? We ask because Deliverable A will form an important input to the OEP’s internal assessment, while all the internal work described at 4.6 will form an important input to deliverable B

*A:* Our internal work is underway:

For the internal assessment of current legislation and its implementation we are reviewing a small number of key sources ourselves, we will share these sources at the project inception meeting. We accept that deliverable A (Literature Review) may involve the same key sources being reviewed in greater depth but would like a more thorough literature review conducted than the small OEP project team can carry out.

The call for evidence was published here [https://www.theoep.org.uk/report/call-evidence-protected-sites-nature-england-and-northern-irelandclosed](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.theoep.org.uk%2Freport%2Fcall-evidence-protected-sites-nature-england-and-northern-irelandclosed&data=05%7C01%7CJohn.Cannon%40theOEP.org.uk%7C2276ead9176546653ae008db44c4ab7a%7Cc279a4963a7040afb133b6612ac4019e%7C0%7C0%7C638179383697056564%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=VOE38d90BnAgd8%2F2B9C5vWedCWOnxQLkXS4KtPaDv9E%3D&reserved=0) and closed on Friday 21April. The synthesis of the results will be carried out over the next couple of months depending on the number of responses and their scope. We will keep you unformed of the progress of this, particularly because we expect respondents to highlight sources to us.

1. Will there be any opportunity for the consultant to input to, or at least have early sight of, the methodology and criteria used for the internal assessment of the effectiveness of the current legislation and its implementation, so that the international comparison can be carried out consistently?

*A:* Yes we would be happy to share the draft approach at the inception meeting and would also welcome your expertise to develop this further.

1. Is the OEP planning any stakeholder workshops as part of its internal work?

*A:* We do expect to speak with stakeholders throughout this project.

We are developing a plan for stakeholder engagement which may include meeting with some groups of stakeholders but we are not currently planning any large workshops.

1. How will the call for evidence be published? Are certain organisations being targeted to support engagement?

*A:* The call for evidence was published here [https://www.theoep.org.uk/report/call-evidence-protected-sites-nature-england-and-northern-irelandclosed](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.theoep.org.uk%2Freport%2Fcall-evidence-protected-sites-nature-england-and-northern-irelandclosed&data=05%7C01%7CJohn.Cannon%40theOEP.org.uk%7C2276ead9176546653ae008db44c4ab7a%7Cc279a4963a7040afb133b6612ac4019e%7C0%7C0%7C638179383697056564%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=VOE38d90BnAgd8%2F2B9C5vWedCWOnxQLkXS4KtPaDv9E%3D&reserved=0). We did also make key stakeholders aware of this call for evidence. Many of these organisations we already have regular engagement with,