Clarifications to Bidders’ Questions

Understanding Recreational Impacts on Lower Derwent Valley

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|  | Question | Answer |
| 1 | Could you provide an indication about sample size and budget? | Natural England are aware of 21 un-managed access points to the Lower Derwent Valley, a map for which can be provided once the contract has been awarded. We would not advise on the level of surveying required for each of these points as this should be considered by the potential supplier in quotation submissions. We would be looking to the expertise of the supplier to propose the most suitable methodology at each access point to ensure a comprehensive assessment of the site.  Natural England, as standard practice, does not disclose exact budget amounts. Suppliers are expected to provide an accurate quote based on the information provided in the RFQ. We can confirm that the estimated value of this contract is £20,000 to £30,000 exclusive of VAT. |
| 2 | Would you be able to support with the process of gaining permissions to access the specific locations? | Natural England would expect the supplier to gain appropriate permissions. However, we do not anticipate this will be required for many of the access points. |
| 3 | Could we clarify how many locations you envisage needing a face-to-face survey, and how many others would need automated counters? | Natural England are aware of 21 un-managed access points to the Lower Derwent Valley, a map for which can be provided once the contract has been awarded. We would not advise on the level of surveying required for each of these points as this should be considered by the potential supplier in quotation submissions. We would be looking to the expertise of the supplier to propose the most suitable methodology at each access point to ensure a comprehensive assessment of the site. |