**Clarifications to Bidders Questions - SSSI Woodland Surveys in West Sussex**

**Q:** I’ve been reviewing the RFQ for this and had a query regarding the method. I note that it states “At least 10 sample stops are required per unit.” However, as I’m sure you’re aware unit size varies considerably, from c.1.5 to >40ha. The ‘at least’ allows for more sample stops in larger units but not for fewer stops in smaller units. 10 stops in a unit of c.1.5 ha seems a lot. Is there scope to reduce the number of stops in smaller units, for example less than 10 or 20 ha?

**A:** Thank-you for your query. I have consulted our Protected Sites lead and she has confirmed that units can have a reduced number of sample stops as below:

Less than 10ha: Min. 6 stops

10 - 20ha: Min. 8 stops

Over 20 ha: Min. 10 survey stops