Mr Fothergill,

Following further discussions with the ICO as part of your EIR complaint regarding the National Park Authority's Local Plan Review process, I have reviewed your request set out below.

1) "How many Call for Sites questionnaires were assessed in accordance with the National Planning Practice Guidance document into Stage 2 of the assessment, as part of the statutory National Planning Policy Framework as provided by the DCLG and following the attached land availability assessment flow chart provided in the Authority's Interim Housing Topic Paper on Page 18? Please provide a number." (Made on 29 August 2017)

The first part of our site assessment process included a high level assessment of sites against key designations and criteria. This accords with the Government’s National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) resource which states at Stage 1 that the comprehensive list of sites derived from the ‘call for sites’ process should be assessed against national policies and designations to establish which have reasonable potential for development. The process we undertook is set out in the National Park Authority’s Interim Housing Topic Paper (October 2016).

Having reviewed the NPPG guidance again I am of the view that the assessment we undertook at Stage 1 aligns with the ‘Site / broad location survey’ part of Stage 1 of the NPPG flowchart. Therefore the answer to your question above is 109 sites.

Regards

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