

Nature Protection Pledge.



British Solar Renewables

Our commitment to consider
nature in everything we do



Our commitments.

ACTING in a way which is positive to the planet and the communities in which we operate.

INCREASING biodiversity and supporting healthy ecosystems on the land within our stewardship.

MULTI-FUNCTIONAL LAND USE – generating clean energy, supporting agriculture and enhancing nature.



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We will...

Manage

the land in a way which is sympathetic to the environment and its species.

Encourage

a mosaic of habitats on our sites, optimising them for biodiversity.

Enhance

any ponds on the site by clearing excess vegetation and shading and removing rubbish.



We will...

Achieve

a proposed combined 60% biodiversity net gain (“BNG”) for each solar project submitted to planning, calculated as follows:



HABITAT UNITS %
+ HEDGEROW UNITS %
+ RIVER UNITS %
= >60%



We will...

Use buffers

to protect high-biodiversity areas, such as ancient woodlands, tree roots, ponds, and wetlands.

Create gaps

in fences to promote wildlife corridors for small and medium mammals.

Undertake

soil type tests and plant appropriate wildflowers and grasses. Use locally sourced wildflower seeds where possible and plant seeds of nectar rich species to encourage pollinators.





We will...

Protect

ancient and veteran trees,
plant only UK grown native
species and enhance native
hedgerows to create green
corridors for wildlife.

Only use

Only use de-ionised water
to clean panels.

Collaborate

with local biodiversity
action / wildlife groups and
organisations such as the
Bumblebee Conservation
Trust, to enhance and
protect local species.





We will...

Continuously

explore opportunities
beyond planning
requirements to achieve
ecological enhancements
appropriate to the local
environment.

Install bird

boxes appropriate to the
local species. Aim to
encourage any local Birds
of Conservation Concern
with targeted projects.

Install bat

boxes on mature trees,
tailored to the species
present on the site.





We will...

Install hibernacula

for reptiles, invertebrates, amphibians and small mammals using recycled and foraged materials, along with bug hotels.

Approach

end of life decommissioning in a way that benefits the environment, soil structure and biodiversity.

Monitor

the biodiversity on the site through annual surveys and ad-hoc biodiversity inspection sheets for each visit.

Display

site credentials and biodiversity information for the solar park for visitors and communities.

**We will keep our promise -
increase biodiversity, improve
soil structure and support
healthy ecosystems on all land
within our stewardship.**



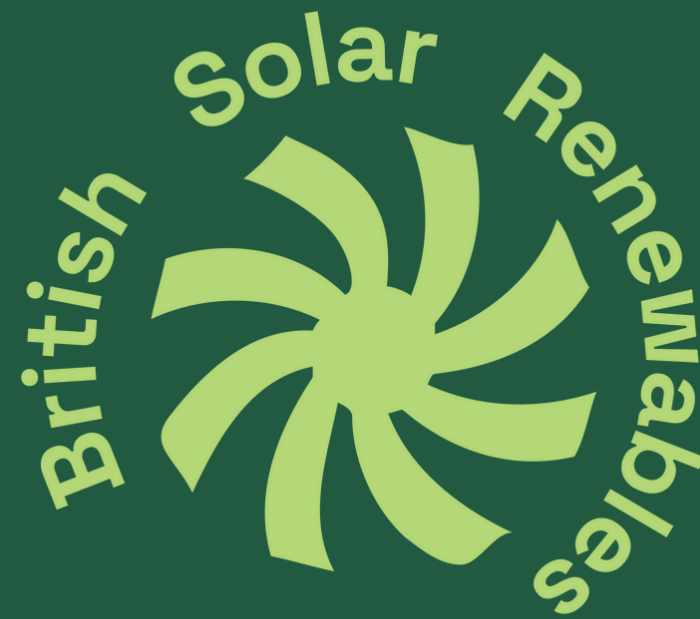
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