



# NATURE PROTECTION

## *Pledge*



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# 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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# BSR 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.





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# BSR 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%



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# BSR 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.





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# BSR will:



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



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.



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# BSR 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.



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# BSR will:



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



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



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# BSR will:



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



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.**

**Signed**

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