

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN

A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal has been completed by qualified Ecologists from RPS. The PEA assessed the potential of the site to support species of conservation concern or other species which could present a constraint to the temporary development of the site. Species specific surveys are currently being completed.

The proposed solar farm has been designed to retain all existing habitats and features of ecological importance, including woodland, hedgerows, streams and ditches. The change of use from intensive agriculture to grazing land will improve the overall quality of habitats on site over time. Safeguarding these habitats will be achieved through good practice mitigation measures during the construction phase as well the achievement of Biodiversity Net Gain.

Stratford on Avon District Council require a net gain in Biodiversity from development sites. JBM will go beyond the commonly acceptable net gain of 10% in an effort to significantly enhance the biodiversity value at Eastfields Solar Farm. JBM intend to implement measures to help achieve a biodiversity net gain in excess of 30%.



JBM plans to install 2-4 bee hives on site, working with bee conservation groups to ensure the protection of this important species.