

## ADDITIONAL BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENTS

Potential impacts on local wildlife are often at the forefront of public concern when solar farms are proposed. For this reason, JBM will make a conscious, pre-emptive effort to relieve these concerns by designing in habitat enhancements where possible. As shown on the plans within the consultation room, there will be a number of innovative measures taken to ensure a considerable Biodiversity Net Gain is achieved.

- Five meter wild-flower planting around selected hedgerows will not only create new habitats for small animals and invertebrates, but also create a buffer between existing habitat and the panels.
- New hedgerow and tree planting will further aid in habitat creation whilst also creating a natural screening of the development from sensitive visual receptors, such as the footpaths running through the site.



- Throughout the site there will be dedicated wild-flower meadows and areas of scrub habitat, creating a more expansive habitat for wildlife to thrive.
- Amongst the larger wild-flower meadows there will be log piles to attract invertebrates and beehives. The presence of bees and insects can greatly benefit local ecosystems through increased pollination.
- The improvement of the Stock Green Brook watercourse and its banks will provide valuable wetland habitat for a multitude of species as well as providing flood risk betterment measures

