



RWE

Ground mounted solar

The opportunity
for landowners

We'll be with you every step of the way

The opportunity

The UK has made a legally binding commitment to have a zero-carbon economy by 2050. Large-scale solar farms are being built and operated across the UK, with strong commitment from utility providers and government. RWE is partnering with landowners who want to achieve attractive long-term investment returns and secure income from their land for future generations.

Your trusted partner

RWE is one of the largest solar developers in the UK. We have a company-wide commitment to net zero and a strong track record of delivering large-scale solar and battery energy storage projects.

RWE:

- Is the leading power generator in the UK, supplying around **15% of the country's electricity in 2022**
- Has over **2,750MW of operational** renewable assets managed across a diverse portfolio of renewable energy technologies including onshore and offshore wind, hydro and biomass
- Has entered into leases on over **2,000 acres of land**
- Has developed more than **1,300MW of solar projects**, equivalent to the needs of more than 400,000 UK homes
- Has already allocated over **£800m of capital** to the development and construction of RWE solar and co-located projects in the UK
- Has negotiated more than **250 land agreements**
- **Has comprehensive in-house expertise**, from planning, project management and design, through to construction, operations, and maintenance. We'll be with you every step of the way
- **Has long-standing relationships** with industry leading consultants, land agents, solicitors, network operators and National Grid
- **Is sensitive to the needs of local communities**, delivering extensive biodiversity enhancements on our sites, and offering financial support to other local community projects

Our vision

To develop more than **4GW** of solar farms across the UK in the coming years. That's enough renewable energy to power over **1 million households** for the **next 40 years** or meet the domestic needs of Birmingham, Leeds and Manchester combined.



High returns for landowners

You can secure attractive long-term investment returns from your land:

- **Attractive passive rental income** – around £1,000 per acre/per annum, considerably more than typical agricultural margins with no fixed costs
- **Additional revenue-based payments** – to reflect any over-performance of the solar scheme. Potential to significantly increase rental income throughout the life of the scheme
- **Battery rent** – additional battery rent payments in the region of £300 per acre, for no additional land uptake
- **Long-term security** – index-linked income for 42 years
- **Freehold retention** – at lease end, the site is decommissioned and returned to agricultural use
- **Zero cost** – RWE covers all legal, professional, development and construction costs
- **Dual land-use** – the option to continue to graze sheep
- **Diversifying your income** – earn new long-term income following the loss of EU agricultural subsidies in the UK

Our requirements

RWE seeks landlords meeting these criteria:

- A typical project size of **150-250 acres** across one or multiple landowners
- Individual parcels that are **50 acres or more** as part of a wider scheme
- A **42-year lease** on your land
- **Preferably grade 3 land** or worse
- Minimum **5-year option**, with option to extend if required

Our commitment to Net Zero

RWE will be climate neutral across our entire energy generation portfolio by 2040. Our 2030 climate targets have been certified by the Science Based Targets initiative to be in line with the Paris Climate Agreement.

We are one of the few electricity generators in the world to have achieved this certification. We are committed to expanding renewable energy generation and storage, and have ambitions to invest up to £15 billion gross in clean energy projects in the UK between 2021 and 2030.



Solar pipeline

42 projects developed

1,300+ MW

UK advanced portfolio

3,300 MW

Average UK project size

104 MW

Planning Success Rate

>98%

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- Consented projects
 - Advanced portfolio
 - Previously developed projects

The project life cycle

We'll be with you every step of the way

At RWE, we partner with you for the life of the project. When you sign up with RWE, depending on the nature and size of the scheme, the development process typically includes the following key steps:



What next?

If you have received this brochure, it means we have already identified a nearby grid connection opportunity and carried out a high-level planning analysis of your land to confirm suitability.

If you are interested in finding out more about the opportunity, please get in touch.



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