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UK Solar PV Strategy

The Solar PV roadmap and strategy set out the guiding principles for deployment of solar in the UK.

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[UK Solar PV Strategy Part 1: Roadmap to a Brighter Future](#)

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Details

The Roadmap sets out four guiding principles, which form the basis of Government's strategy for solar PV.

These principles are:

- Support for solar PV should allow cost-effective projects to proceed and to make a cost-effective contribution to UK carbon emission objectives in the context of overall energy goals – ensuring that solar PV has a role alongside other energy generation technologies in delivering carbon reductions, energy security and affordability for consumers.
- Support for solar PV should deliver genuine carbon reductions that help meet the UK's target of 15 per cent renewable energy from final consumption by 2020 and in

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supporting the decarbonisation of our economy in the longer term – ensuring that all the carbon impacts of solar PV deployment are fully understood.

- Support for solar PV should ensure proposals are appropriately sited, give proper weight to environmental considerations such as landscape and visual impact, heritage and local amenity, and provide opportunities for local communities to influence decisions that affect them.
- Support for solar PV should assess and respond to the impacts of deployment on: grid systems balancing; grid connectivity; and financial incentives – ensuring that we address the challenges of deploying high volumes of solar PV.

UK Solar PV Strategy: Part 2 (published 04 April 2014)

The Solar PV Roadmap, published in October 2013, established the principles for solar PV deployment in the UK. The second part of our strategy focuses on our ambition for the key market segments, particularly opening up deployment on the roofs of commercial, industrial and larger public buildings, how this ambition will be realised through innovation and partnership and the benefits for jobs and investment in the UK, in addition to delivering vitally important emissions reductions.

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