

Biodiversity net gain

Dupplin Solar and BESS Farm will conserve, restore and enhance biodiversity following national and local guidance.

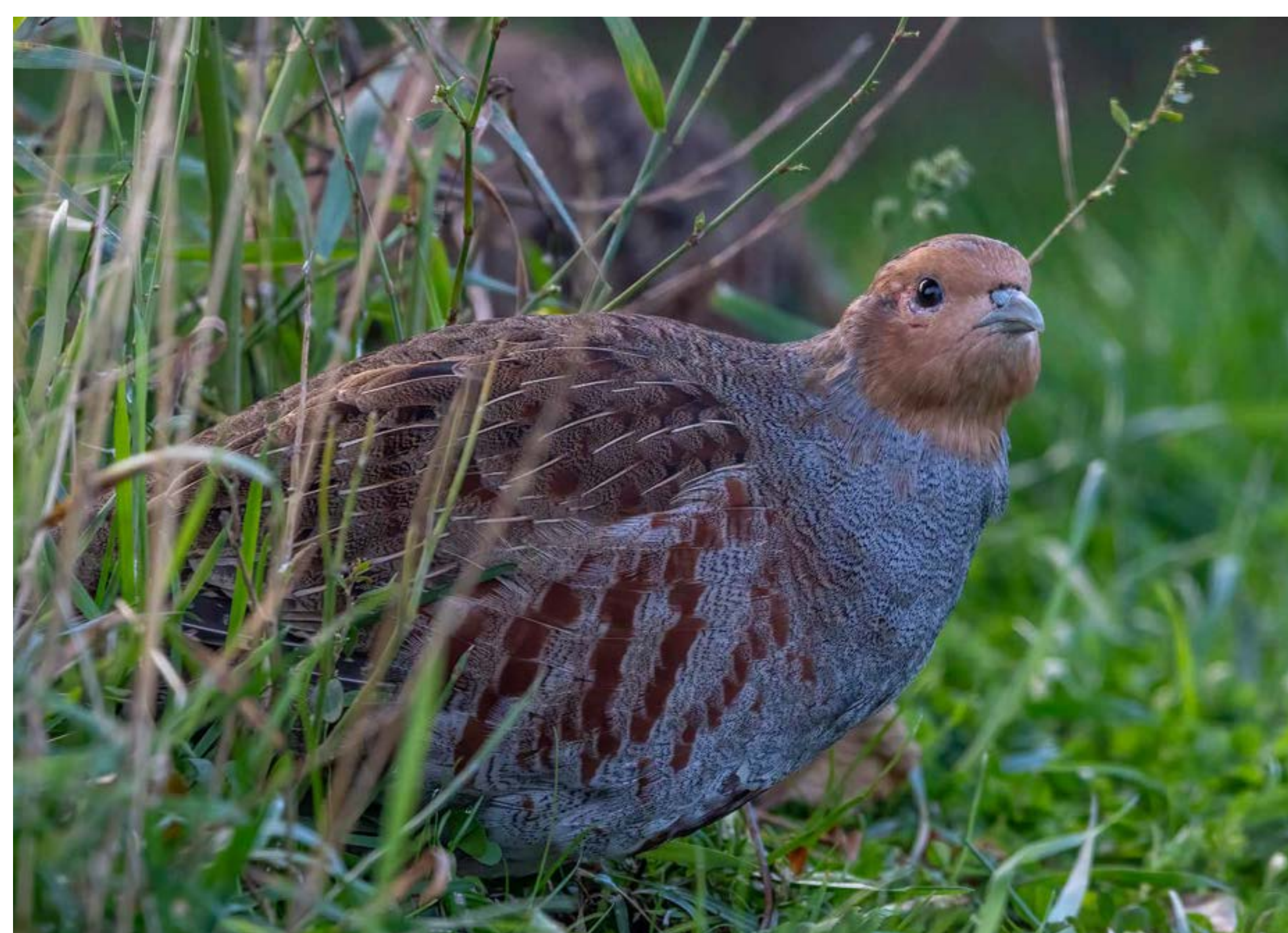
Bats

We aim to be bat-friendly. To support bats around the site, we will follow the most recent NatureScot guidance about bats and solar farms.

We will also undertake ground-level assessments to identify trees with potential roost features and buffer these appropriately.

We will also create commuting corridors by:

- Maintaining well-used riparian routes, such as field drains and small watercourses;
- Incorporating stand-off distances from woodland blocks for bats to commute and forage; and
- Supplementing vegetation and native hedging to support connectivity with woodland stands to the west and east.



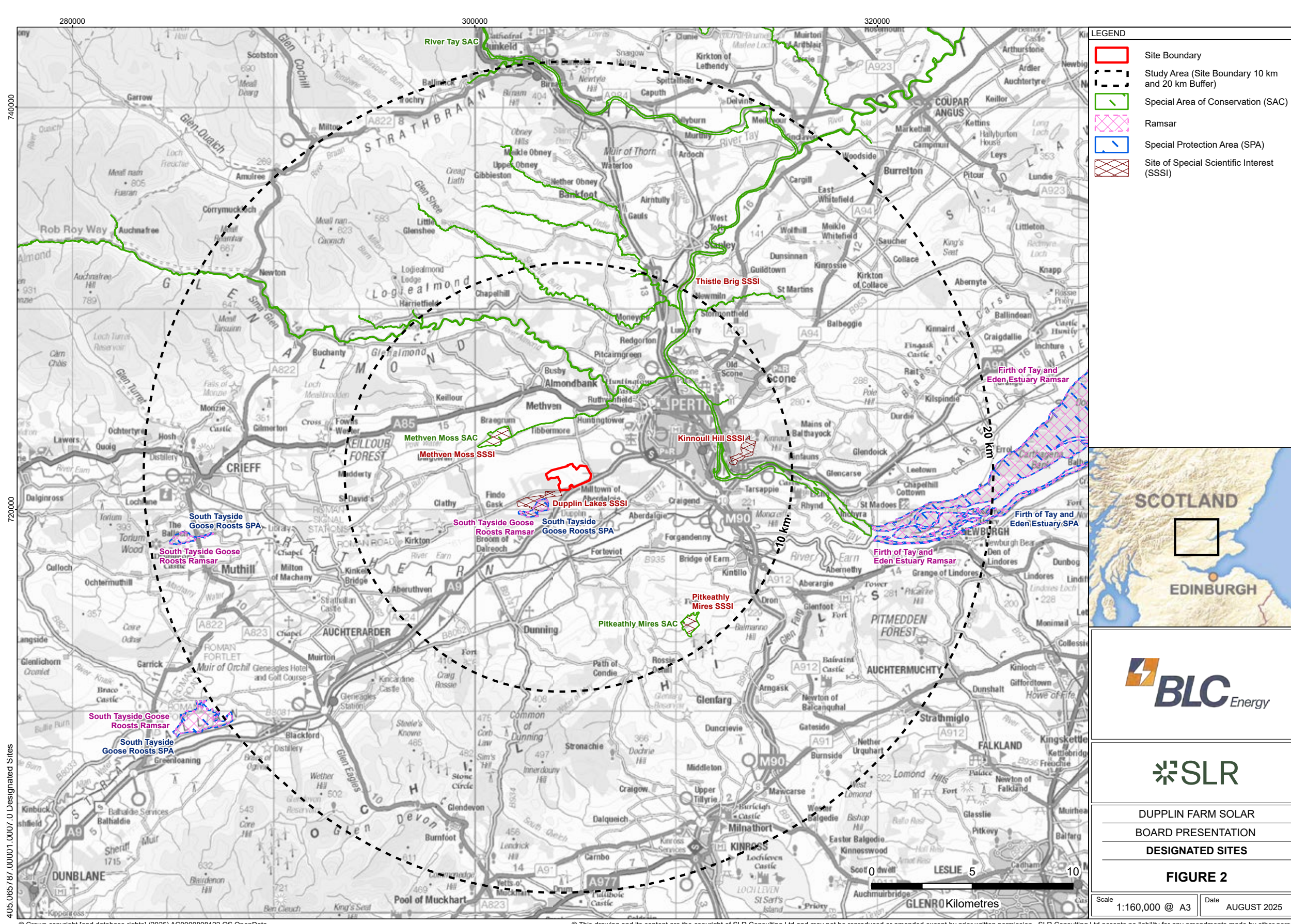
Birds

The site is near two important areas for nature and bird species in particular:

- Dupplin Lakes Site of Special Scientific Interest; and
- South Tayside Goose Roost Special Protected Area and Ramsar (a designated area of wetland).

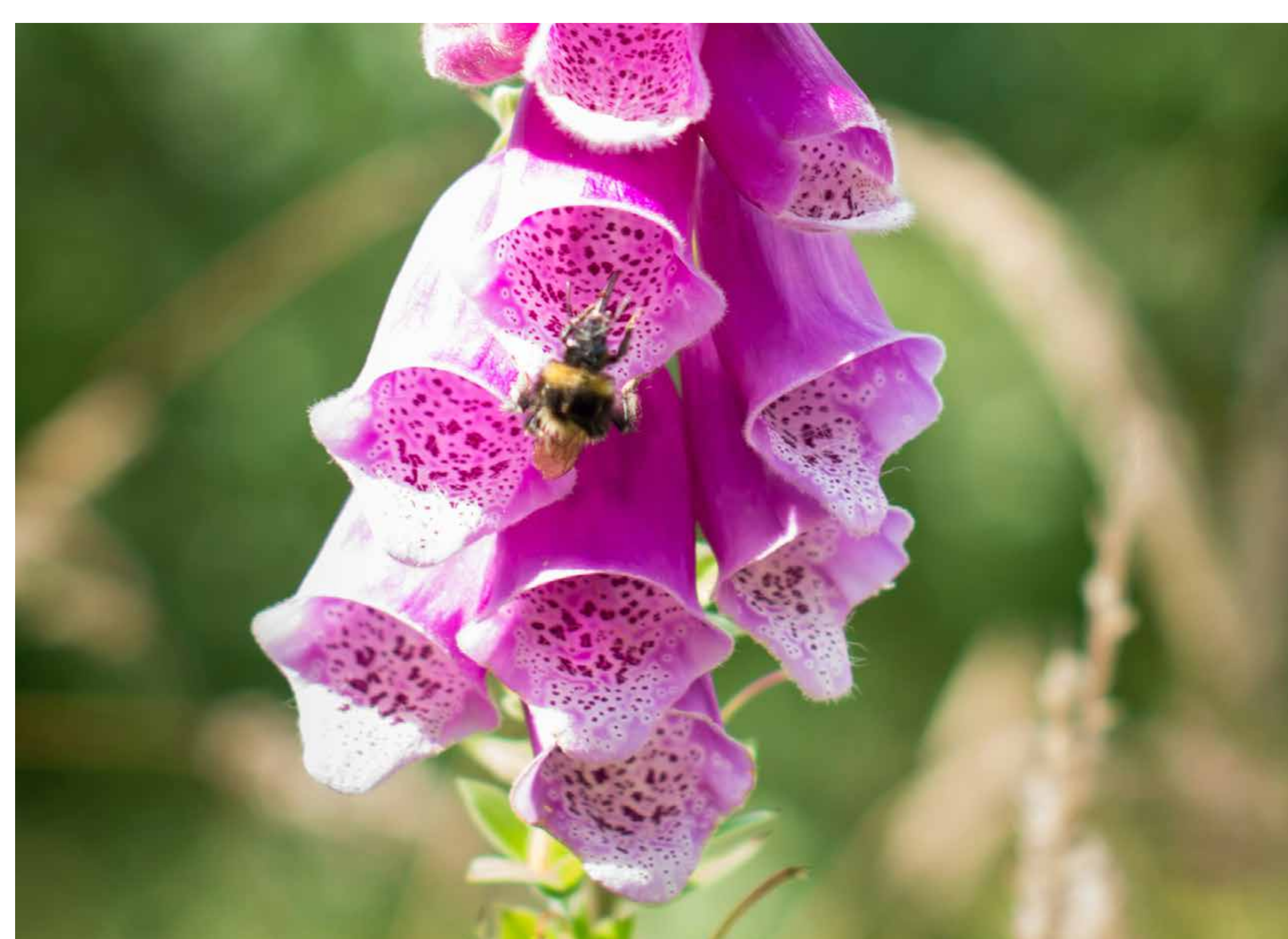
These areas host pink-footed and greylag geese, as well as other wintering and breeding birds.

We will make biodiversity enhancements to our site to benefit and support



these birds and other key species. This could include:

- Seeding a wildflower and grass mix within the site that is appropriate and native to the local area;
- Creating grass strips between the solar panels and fencing, ideally around four metres wide, that will be left unmanaged; and
- Foraging crops like winter cereals could be left unmanaged on the edges of fields as winter stubble for geese.



Trees and hedgerows

We will maintain all existing trees. We will also plant new trees and hedgerows to improve screening along the A9 and the site's eastern boundary (A9 to Tibbermore). This will also create new wildlife corridors for birds and small mammals across the wider site as part of our enhancement package.

If you have any comments or questions about any aspect of the project please talk to a member of the project team or visit our website.

