



# Environmental and engineering surveys

**Bute Energy is a developer of onshore renewable energy. Our ambition is to power Wales with clean green energy, and empower our communities through investment, jobs and skills. We are based in Wales and want to enable Wales to benefit from clean green energy.**

**Green GEN Cymru (Green Generation Energy Networks Cymru), is part of the Bute Energy group and is developing a unique solution for Wales, providing renewable energy for people living right across the country.**

When planning our projects, we need to carry out a number of surveys to help inform both the scheme's design and the Environmental Impact Assessment.

To help us develop our proposals and understand potential mitigation required we need to survey a wide area. These surveys include geology, ecology, and land use. If we request to do surveys on your land, it does not necessarily mean that we are planning infrastructure on the land.

Surveys may be required for environmental, ecological, archaeological and engineering reasons; most will be "non-intrusive" (walk over), but for some "intrusive" surveys we may need to drill boreholes or dig trial pits. Some ecological surveys can only be carried out at a particular time of the year, or at night, when certain species (such as bats and newts) are more active.

## Working with landowners and occupiers

We work closely with landowners and occupiers to ensure that surveys are carried out, wherever possible, at appropriate times and with as little inconvenience as possible.

We work hard to secure a voluntary access agreement with the owner / occupier wherever we can, and we normally issue a Land Interest Questionnaire (LIQ) at the same time to help us identify all parties with a legal interest in the land.

We always discuss access procedures and routes for surveys with the landowner or occupier before accessing the land. Typically, we would give at least 48 hours prior notice and provide details of the type of survey, the area it will cover and the contractor who will carry it out.

**Together with our consultants and contractors, we will be responsible for our own safety while carrying out surveys, but we ask owners and occupiers to let us know if they believe there are any potentially hazardous features or substances present.**

# Payments for surveys and investigative works

The sums detailed below are not payments for the grant of access rights, but are advance compensation for potential damage and disturbance from survey and investigation works.



## We will make the following advanced compensation payments:

### Non-Intrusive Surveys:

£250 per land holding per 12-month period.

If night-time visits are required (21:00 – 06:00):

An additional £250 for up to 6-night visits per land holding.

### Boreholes and trial pits:

£250 per borehole.

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### Water monitoring equipment:

£150 per gauge per 12-month period.

Compensation in excess of the above figures is to be agreed on an individual basis on production of evidence and proof of loss.

## Payment of professional fees

We also pay reasonable professional fees as detailed below for advice and assistance in relation to both compilation of the LIQ and the voluntary survey access licence.

### Agents Fees:

A fixed fee of £250 per land holding in relation to survey and investigation works.

A fixed fee of £150 per Person with an Interest with Land (PIL) to assist completion of the Landowner Information Questionnaire (LIQ).

