



# Community benefits – a view from the industry

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shaping sustainable energy



# Solar - Benefiting communities

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- Scotland's largest roofing and solar contractor
- Proven track record built upon 25 years leading best practice
- Cover one in five of Scotland's new homes
- >20% of Scottish commercial rooftop PV
- Combine products and services to provide a fully integrated 'Solar Roof' package
- National Trust for Scotland Preferred PV Partner
- NFU Scotland Solar PV Affinity Partner

# RECOGNITION







Falkirk Council



# INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT



*improving living in scotland*



## STA SCOTLAND



- Formed March 2015
- The voice for solar in Scotland
- Scottish Government
- Key stakeholders
- Promote best practice
- Growing solar deployment
- 20 Asks



## 20 ASKS



- Solar Action Plan - 2GW by 2020
- Scottish financial support mechanisms
- Support implementations of energy storage
- Address major grid constraints
- Removal of MIP
- Support rollout of solar on Scottish public estate
- Ambitious Scottish Building Standards

# NATIONAL ENERGY STRATEGY



- RIAG
- Energy efficiency - national infrastructure priority
- New National Energy Strategy for Scotland
- Future proofing for energy
- Benefiting communities

# DOING THE RIGHT THING



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



Investing in young people

Unique apprenticeship programme



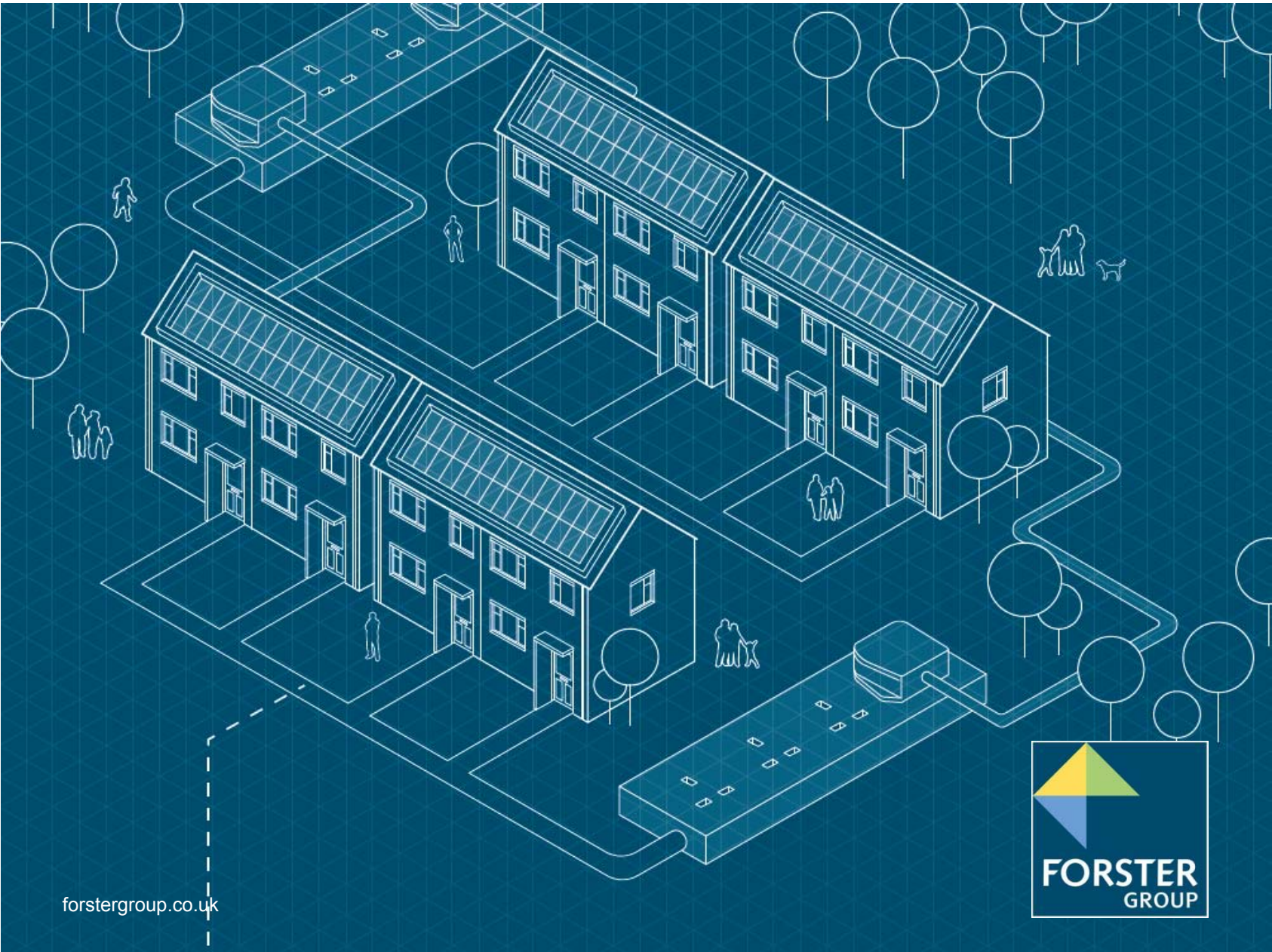
Partnership with local schools & colleges



## DOING IT RIGHT



- Best practice - STA members
- Local employment - engagement
- Context - Timing
- Integrated approach
- Future proofing
- Safety & Quality
- Thinking long term



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