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Nissan plans for a major expansion to renewable energy generation at its record-breaking plant in Sunderland.

Complementing the plant's existing wind turbines and solar farm, the proposed 20MW solar farm extension represents a further step in Nissan's path to carbon neutrality and the 37,000-panel extension would result in 20% of the plant's energy coming from all onsite renewables, enough to build every single zero-emission Nissan LEAF sold in Europe.

The UK Government is giving £20M to promote and develop the latest EV technology.

The money is available to kick-start projects and accelerate the move away from petrol and diesel engines by 2030.

On average, women are faster spotting hazards, responding 690ms faster than men.

In a car travelling at 30 mph, this means women would stop 9.21m sooner than men would, travelling at 70 mph, this stopping distance increases even further, with women stopping 21.48m earlier than men, according to analysis by Uswitch, but it also showed a cup of coffee can dramatically improve reaction times for all drivers.

Findings from comparethemarket.com and By Miles reveal that since national lockdowns began in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of car insurance claims reported sharply dropped.

April 2020, the first full month of the first lockdown, saw the steepest drop with incidents down 63% compared with the month before and decreased by 69% year-on-year while



winter months' claims dipped by around 30%.

Over a third of motorists in a Rooster insurance survey admitted to using their phone for calls, messages or emails while driving.

Next most likely offence was speeding but they also admitted to risk taking while tired, tailgating and even shaving or doing their hair or eating.

Alfa Romeo and Lancia brands will get more investment for premium products.

They are part of the world's fourth largest car brand, Stellantis, and are an important part of the group's future plans.

Renault has sold its modest stake in Daimler.

The French car-maker held over 16.4M shares and pocketed about €1.14 B as a result.

BP Pulse, formerly Chargemaster, has allocated £2M for updates.

The money will be available to local councils to upgrade their own networks with the latest power technologies.