

A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down

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6.3 Environmental Statement Appendices

Appendix 7.6 Visual Baseline

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7.6 Visual Baseline

- 7.6.1 As demonstrated by Figure 7.10 to 7.13 Visual Receptors, 36 viewpoints have been identified across the study area as representative of views towards the Scheme.
- 7.6.2 The following text provides an analysis of these existing views and therefore should be read in combination with Figures 7.14 to 7.49, which illustrate the existing winter and summer photography from the 36 locations.
- 7.6.3 As representative locations, they provide an overview of the existing visual context. The photographs have been taken from publically accessible locations.

Viewpoint 1: View east from Byway BSJA4 to the east of Yarnbury Castle – Figure 7.14

- 7.6.4 The view is representative of recreational users (walkers, cyclists and equestrian users) on the byway which crosses north from the existing A303 and to the east of Yarnbury Castle. This part of byway BSJA4 is in a relatively elevated situation, at around 155m AOD.

Winter

- 7.6.5 There are open and panoramic long distance views across a predominantly undulating and rolling agricultural landscape due to the elevated position of the byway. The extent of the view extends to properties in Amesbury, although Countess Roundabout is not visible due to the intervening vegetation and landform; Larkhill (including new properties under construction); the western part of the World Heritage Site and the Stonehenge Visitor Centre. The existing A303 and associated vehicles are visible in the foreground across Berwick Down, prior to descending towards Winterbourne Stoke.
- 7.6.6 The existing A303 and vehicles are also visible in the middle ground of the view, at the existing Longbarrow Roundabout. The Winterbourne Stoke Clump woodland adjacent to the existing A303 screens views of the remainder of the existing A303, until the background of the view, where the road is visible across Beacon Hill.
- 7.6.7 The view also demonstrates that East Parsonage Down is visible, along with the line of mature trees adjacent to Cherry Lodge access lane, whilst the River Till valley is screened by the intervening ridgelines.

Summer

- 7.6.8 In summer the view remains similar to that in winter, due to the extent of open agricultural land and the elevated position of the byway. There is some softening to views of properties in Amesbury and Larkhill.

Sensitivity

- 7.6.9 The view is across a locally designated Special Landscape Area and part of the World Heritage Site and includes features of interest including rolling landform and vegetated ridgelines. The value is therefore assessed as high.

7.6.10 Whilst the receptors are engaged in outdoor recreation where the view is relevant, the receptor is moving through the area, and therefore the susceptibility is medium.

7.6.11 The combination of the high value and medium susceptibility results in a **high sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 2: View north-east from Byway STAP5 on the boundary of the Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs AONB – Figure 7.15

7.6.12 The view is representative of recreational users (walkers, cyclists and equestrian users) on the byway between Serrington and the existing A303, at the edge of the AONB. This part of byway STAP5 is in a relatively elevated situation, at around 145m AOD.

Winter

7.6.13 There are open and panoramic long distance views across a predominantly undulating and rolling agricultural landscape interspersed with woodlands, occasional agricultural barns, villages and road networks. A small number of residential properties within Winterbourne Stoke are visible; although overall the buildings within the village are softened and screened by the existing woodland and the village's low lying position at the base of Winterbourne Stoke Hill.

7.6.14 Vehicles on the existing A303 are visible as they cross the elevated part of Berwick Down, and descend into Winterbourne Stoke. The upper parts of the existing avenue of trees along the entrance track to Cherry Lodge are visible. The remainder of the Scheme boundary is screened by woodland across Oatlands Hill.

Summer

7.6.15 In summer, and with the existing vegetation in leaf, the visible extent of built form within Winterbourne Stoke is reduced, whilst open and panoramic views remain due to the elevated position of the receptor. Views of vehicles on the existing A303 between Berwick Down and Winterbourne Stoke also remain, due to their elevated position and the low height of the roadside hedgerows.

Sensitivity

7.6.16 The view is from within an AONB and across a locally designated Special Landscape Area. The view includes features of interest including rolling landform and vegetated ridgelines. The value is therefore assessed as high.

7.6.17 As the receptors are engaged in outdoor recreation, the view is relevant but the receptor is moving through the area, and therefore the susceptibility is medium.

7.6.18 The combination of the high value and medium susceptibility results in a **high sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 3: View north from Byway BSJA3 north-west of Berwick St James – Figure 7.16

7.6.19 The view is representative of recreational users (walkers, cyclists and equestrian users) at the mid-point of the byway between Berwick St James and the existing A303. This part of byway BSJA3 is in a relatively elevated position at 115m AOD, with the byway continuing to rise in proximity to the A303, whilst in contrast falling towards Berwick St James.

Winter

7.6.20 The extent of the view is in part curtailed by the vegetated Berwick Down ridgeline, such that longer distance views of the agricultural landscape are channelled between this ridgeline and Winterbourne Stoke Hill.

7.6.21 Vehicles on the existing A303 are visible as they cross of Berwick Down and descend into Winterbourne Stoke, being in part in an elevated position in relation to the viewpoint. The existing built form within Winterbourne Stoke is largely screened by the extent of woodland on the valley floor.

7.6.22 There are open views of the land to the east of Parsonage Down NNR and fields to the north of Winterbourne Stoke, forming the upper parts of the River Till valley. The remainder of the Site is screened by the wooded ridgeline of Winterbourne Stoke Hill.

Summer

7.6.23 In summer, and with the existing vegetation in leaf, the visible extent of built form within Winterbourne Stoke is reduced, whilst channelled views remain across the land to the east of Parsonage Down due to the elevated position of the receptor. Views of vehicles on the existing A303 also remain, due to their elevated position in relation to the receptor and the low height of the roadside hedgerows.

Sensitivity

7.6.24 The view is across a locally designated Special Landscape Area and includes features of interest including rolling landform and vegetated ridgelines. The value is therefore assessed as high.

7.6.25 As the receptors are engaged in outdoor recreation, but moving thorough the area, the susceptibility is medium.

7.6.26 The combination of the high value and medium susceptibility results in a **high sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 4: View east from Parsonage Down National Nature Reserve – Figure 7.17

7.6.27 The view is representative of recreational users at the eastern edge of the open access land within the nature reserve. This part of the nature reserve is in a relatively elevated position at 115m AOD.

Winter

- 7.6.28 There are open views across rolling landform to the east of the nature reserve, which falls towards the River Till valley floor, before rising to a ridgeline across Fore Down, Winterbourne Stoke Hill and Oatlands Hill. These views are framed by woodland adjacent to Scotland Lodge Farm and rising landform across Berwick Down to the south and similarly by rising landform across Parsonage Down and trees adjacent to the access track to Cherry Lodge to the north.
- 7.6.29 The agricultural buildings at Manor Farm and the residential property Foredown House, at the northern edge of Winterbourne Stoke, are visible in the valley floor, as is Hill Farm on the ridgeline.
- 7.6.30 Vehicles on the B3083 are visible above the roadside hedgerow and in the lower parts of the valley where the hedgerow patterns are more intermittent. Similarly, there are open views of vehicles on the existing A303, due to the alignment of the existing road as it crosses Winterbourne Stoke Hill, between the elevated ridgelines and lower lying River Till valley floor. The remainder of the Site is screened by ridgelines.

Summer

- 7.6.31 In summer, the composition of the view remains similar to that in winter, with views remaining channelled eastwards as a result of elevated landform and vegetation in leaf to the north and south of the viewpoint.
- 7.6.32 The existing A303 remains visible due to the low height of the roadside hedgerows, its elevated position across Winterbourne Stoke Hill and the alignment of the road in relation to the viewpoint.

Sensitivity

- 7.6.33 The view is across a locally designated Special Landscape Area and includes features of interest including rolling landform and vegetated ridgelines as well as chalk grassland within the NNR. The value is therefore assessed as high.
- 7.6.34 As the receptors are engaged in outdoor recreation where the view is relevant but the receptor is moving through the area, the susceptibility is medium.
- 7.6.35 The combination of the high value and medium susceptibility results in a **high sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 5: View south-west from the B3083 – Figure 7.18

- 7.6.36 The view is representative of motorists on an elevated part of the B3083 at around 105m AOD.

Winter

- 7.6.37 There are views across the rolling landform of Berwick and Parsonage Downs, including the land to the east of the Parsonage Down NNR and the woodland adjacent to Scotland Lodge. Vehicles on the existing A303 are visible in the background of the view, across the elevated parts of Berwick Down.

7.6.38 Views to the east are truncated by the roadside hedgerows, in contrast to the more open intermittent roadside vegetation along the west side of the B3083.

7.6.39 The overall extent of the view is limited by this elevated landform, although there is a channelled view across the west aspect of Winterbourne Stoke Hill, consisting of agricultural fields and well wooded ridgeline.

Summer

7.6.40 In summer, the composition of the view remains similar to that in winter, due to the intermittent roadside vegetation along the western edge of the B3083 and the agricultural land use in the foreground of the view.

7.6.41 With the existing vegetation in leaf, the delineation of field boundaries around Scotland Lodge is more notable, along with the alignment of the existing A303.

Sensitivity

7.6.42 The view is across a locally designated Special Landscape Area and includes features of interest including rolling landform and vegetated ridgelines. The value is therefore assessed as medium.

7.6.43 As the receptors are motorists, passing through the area and where their attention is on their activity (driving), the susceptibility is assessed as low.

7.6.44 The combination of the medium value and low susceptibility results in a **low sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 6: View south-east from PRow (footpath) WSTO4 across High Down – Figure 7.19

7.6.45 The view is representative of recreational users (walkers, cyclists and equestrian users) in the elevated parts of the River Till valley, as well as recreational users on PRow to the south of Shrewton which are at a similar elevated position on the valley sides, at around 105m AOD.

Winter

7.6.46 There are views across part of the River Till valley sides in the foreground of the view along with the agricultural barns at Foredown Barn, however views along the valley are truncated by the undulating landform and localised ridgelines. The view demonstrates the undulating landform within the view, such that the extent of the view is contained by the ridgeline between Winterbourne Stoke Hill and Oatlands Hill to the south and the ridgeline at the western edge of the WHS.

7.6.47 Vehicles on the existing A303 are visible in the middle ground of the view, as the road crosses Winterbourne Stoke Hill, with the existing road alignment similarly demarcated by the roadside hedgerows and individual trees, in contrast to the open field pattern and smaller scale and more intermittent vegetated field boundaries.

Summer

- 7.6.48 In summer the composition of the view remains similar to that in winter, due to the elevated position of the receptor and the agricultural land use. With the existing vegetation in leaf, the visibility of Foredown Barn is reduced, however vehicles on the existing A303 remain visible, as well as the existing roadside vegetation demarcating the road.

Sensitivity

- 7.6.49 The view is across a locally designated Special Landscape Area and includes features of interest including rolling landform and vegetated ridgelines. The value is therefore assessed as high.
- 7.6.50 As the receptors are engaged in outdoor recreation, but moving through the area, the susceptibility is medium.
- 7.6.51 The combination of the high value and medium susceptibility results in a **high sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 7: View south from Byway WSTO4 as it crosses the River Till – Figure 7.20

- 7.6.52 The view is representative of recreational users (walkers, cyclists and equestrian users) in the lower parts of the River Till valley, at approximately 75m AOD.

Winter

- 7.6.53 The view demonstrates that from within the valley floor the extent of the views are limited by ridgelines and woodland. The composition of the view consists of rolling landform and agricultural fields divided by intermittent hedges and trees within the River Till valley.
- 7.6.54 Vehicles on the existing A303 are visible in the middle ground of the view, as a result of the elevated position of the existing road in relation to the receptor. The roadside vegetation is also notable, as it forms a continuous stretch of vegetation in contrast to the more intermittent extent of the field boundaries and vegetation within the valley floor.

Summer

- 7.6.55 In summer the composition of the view remains similar to that in winter, due to the agricultural land use and character of the valley floor. With the existing A303 roadside vegetation in leaf, views of existing vehicles are softened, such that principally views are of lorries rather than cars.

Sensitivity

- 7.6.56 The view is across a locally designated Special Landscape Area and includes features of interest including rolling landform and vegetated ridgelines. The value is therefore assessed as high.
- 7.6.57 As the receptors are engaged in outdoor recreation, and moving through the area, the susceptibility is medium.

- 7.6.58 The combination of the high value and medium susceptibility results in a **high sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 8: View north-east from the A303 River Till Road Bridge on the eastern side of Winterbourne Stoke – Figure 7.21

- 7.6.59 The view is representative of residential properties at the eastern edge of Winterbourne Stoke, adjacent to the existing A303, vehicle users and users of the Bell Inn public house. The view is from within the River Till valley floor, at approximately 75m AOD.

Winter

- 7.6.60 There are views across part of the northern section of the River Till valley, although the overall extent of the view is truncated by the rolling landform and woodland clumps. Due to the proximity of the receptor to the existing A303 there are close range views of vehicles, road signage and lighting columns, particularly in views from residential properties (nos. 1-4) adjacent to the existing A303.

Summer

- 7.6.61 In summer the composition of the view remains similar to that in winter due to the agricultural land use, open character of the floodplain in the foreground and rolling landform with the valley.

Sensitivity

- 7.6.62 The view is across a locally designated Special Landscape Area and includes features of interest including rolling landform and vegetated ridgelines. The value is therefore assessed as medium.
- 7.6.63 There are open views and include people living in the area and therefore the susceptibility is high.
- 7.6.64 The combination of the medium value and high susceptibility results in a **high sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 9: View north-west from PRow (footpath WST011) – Figure 7.22

- 7.6.65 The view is representative of recreational users between Hill Farm and Winterbourne Stoke and is in an elevated position at approximately 110m AOD.

Winter

- 7.6.66 Due to the elevated position of the receptor there are expansive views across rolling landform across Parsonage Down and the land to the east of Parsonage Down, including filtered views of buildings at Cherry Lodge and the notable linear row of trees adjacent to the access lane to Cherry Lodge. Views also extend across the River Till valley to Shrewton and Salisbury Plain.
- 7.6.67 Parts of the B3083 are visible in the valley floor, along with vehicles crossing between Winterbourne Stoke and High Down, with the road alignment

demarcated by roadside hedgerows. Vehicles on the existing A303 are visible crossing between Berwick Down and Winterbourne Stoke.

Summer

- 7.6.68 In summer the composition of the view remains similar to that in winter due to the elevated position of the receptor and the agricultural land use. With the existing vegetation in leaf, there existing buildings at Cherry Lodge are further screened.

Sensitivity

- 7.6.69 The view is across a locally designated Special Landscape Area and includes features of interest including rolling landform and vegetated ridgelines. The value is therefore assessed as high.
- 7.6.70 As the receptor is recreational and moving through the area, the susceptibility is medium.
- 7.6.71 The combination of the high value and medium susceptibility results in a **high sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 10: View east from Byway WST06A south of Hill Farm Cottages – Figure 7.23

- 7.6.72 The view is representative of recreational receptors (pedestrians, cyclists and equestrian users), as well as residential receptors in Hill Farm Cottages. These receptors are situated between Winterbourne Stoke Hill and Oatlands Hill and therefore in an elevated position at approximately 120m AOD.

Winter

- 7.6.73 Due to the elevated position of the receptor, views extend across an agricultural landscape consisting of gently rolling landform, culminating in a generally wooded ridgeline across Beacon Hill.
- 7.6.74 The view demonstrates that the existing Longbarrow Roundabout is visible, along with its associated signage, lighting columns, as well as the existing A303 between the receptor and the Junction, as well as within the WHS. The view also demonstrates that the vegetation patterns within the landscape, with a series of woodlands, including adjacent to Longbarrow Junction and within the WHS at the Fargo Plantation, as well as the roadside hedgerows demarcating the alignment of the existing A303. The King Barrow and Winterbourne Stoke Barrow Groups are also visible.

Summer

- 7.6.75 In summer, the composition of the view remains similar to the winter view, due to the elevated position of the receptor and the agricultural land use and subsequent open character of the landscape. With the existing vegetation around Hill Farm Cottages in leaf, there is some softening of views across the site.

Sensitivity

- 7.6.76 The view is across a locally designated Special Landscape Area and includes features of interest including rolling landform, vegetated ridgelines and part of the WHS. The value is therefore assessed as high.
- 7.6.77 As recreational users, who are passing through the area the susceptibility is medium.
- 7.6.78 The combination of the high value and medium susceptibility results in a **high sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 11: View north from the A360 adjacent to restricted Byway BSJA9 – Figure 7.24

- 7.6.79 The view is representative of vehicle users predominantly, as well as recreational users on the byway. The receptors are situated at approximately 100m AOD.

Winter

- 7.6.80 There are open views across the western edge of the WHS, due to the low roadside verge. The views extend across gently rolling landform to the woodland groups of 'The Diamond' and the 'Lake Group'. The extent of this woodland, in combination with the landform largely truncates any longer distance views across the remainder of the WHS. The height of the roadside bank along the western edge of the A360 truncates and views westwards.

Summer

- 7.6.81 The composition of the view remains similar to that in winter, due to low verge along the eastern side of the road, with only localised filtering of views from intermittent roadside vegetation. With the existing woodland in leaf, the extent of longer distance views is further truncated.

Sensitivity

- 7.6.82 The view is across a locally designated Special Landscape Area and includes features of interest including rolling landform, vegetated ridgelines and part of the WHS. The value is therefore assessed as high.
- 7.6.83 As the receptor is principally motorists their susceptibility is low.
- 7.6.84 The combination of the high value and low susceptibility results in a **low sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 12: View south-west from the western edge of the Stonehenge Visitor Centre – Figure 7.25

- 7.6.85 The view is representative of leisure and tourists visitors at the Stonehenge Visitor centre, which is situated at the western edge of the WHS, at approximately 95m AOD.

Winter

- 7.6.86 The view demonstrates that there are views across a rolling agricultural landform to the west of the WHS. The extent of views varies in response to the ridgelines and valley systems. There are close range views of the Stonehenge Visitor centre car-park, vehicles on the A360 and lighting columns on the approach to Airman's Corner roundabout, as well as vehicles on the A303 between Longbarrow Roundabout and Winterbourne Stoke Hill.
- 7.6.87 There are also longer distance views to the elevated landform across Berwick Down and Parsonage Down, including the existing woodland adjacent to Scotland Lodge, as well as the upper parts of vehicles on the B3083. The majority of the land to the east of Parsonage Down NNR however is not visible, due to the intervening ridgeline, (to which the B3083 is aligned). The exception is the southern part of the land to the east of Parsonage Down, which is visible, adjacent to the woodland bordering Scotland Lodge.

Summer

- 7.6.88 The composition of the view remains similar to that in winter, due to the generally open character of the agricultural fields and the intervening landform. With the existing vegetation in leaf, the woodland patterns are more notable, including the mature trees adjacent to the access lane to Cherry Lodge.

Sensitivity

- 7.6.89 The view is across a locally designated Special Landscape Area and includes features of interest including rolling landform and vegetated ridgelines, in combination with the WHS, as a visitor destination, the value is high.
- 7.6.90 As the receptor includes leisure users and visitors to the WHS, the susceptibility is assessed as high.
- 7.6.91 The combination of the high value and high susceptibility results in a **high sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 13: View south-west from the Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites World Heritage Site interpretation panel viewpoint located at the northern end of the Winterbourne Stoke Group – Figure 7.26

- 7.6.92 The view is representative of leisure and tourist visitors as well as recreational users across open access land. The receptor is situated at approximately 115m AOD.

Winter

- 7.6.93 There are expansive views across the rolling agricultural landscape, extending to the elevated parts of Berwick Down and Parsonage Down. The view includes for close range views of vehicles on the A360 due to the elevated position of the receptor in relation to the A360, as well as lighting columns and signage at Longbarrow Roundabout, vehicles on the A303 between the roundabout and Hill Farm and across Berwick Down. The land to the east of Parsonage Down is

generally screened by the intervening ridgelines and the roadside vegetation adjacent to the B3083.

Summer

- 7.6.94 In summer the composition of the view remains similar to that in winter, due to the slightly elevated position of the receptor, the agricultural land use and generally open character of the view.
- 7.6.95 Whilst the existing vegetation is in leaf, views of vehicles on the A360 and A303 remain. Vegetation patterns are more notable however, including the mature trees adjacent to Scotland Lodge and within Winterbourne Stoke and adjacent to the access lane to Cherry Lodge.

Sensitivity

- 7.6.96 The view is across a locally designated Special Landscape Area and includes features of interest including features within the WHS, rolling landform and vegetated ridgelines, and as a viewing location, may be the primary reason for the receptor being present. The value is therefore high.
- 7.6.97 As the receptor includes tourists and visitors to the WHS, the susceptibility is assessed as high.
- 7.6.98 The combination of the high value and high susceptibility results in a **high sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 14: View south-east from open access land east of the pedestrian gate access to the Winterbourne Stoke Group within the WHS – Figure 7.27

- 7.6.99 The view is representative of leisure and tourist visitors to the WHS as well as recreational users of open access land. The receptors are situated at approximately 110m AOD.

Winter

- 7.6.100 There are close range views of vehicles on the A303, which form a dominate feature within the view due to their proximity and movement in relation to the receptor, which is in a slightly elevated position in relation to the vehicles, such that are clearly visible, despite intermittent vegetation adjacent to the A303.
- 7.6.101 Views extend beyond the A303 across rolling landform consisting of arable and pig farming land uses, interspersed with the woodland groups including ‘the Diamond’ and ‘Normanton Gorse’, as well as wooded ridgelines.

Summer

- 7.6.102 The composition of the view is largely similar to that in winter, due to the open character of the landscape and the close proximity of the A303 to the receptor. The main change is from the existing vegetation being in leaf which provides a more vegetated structure within the background and ridgelines.

Sensitivity

- 7.6.103 The view is across a locally designated Special Landscape Area and includes features of interest including part of the WHS, rolling landform and vegetated ridgelines and is a part of a visitor destination the value is high.
- 7.6.104 As the receptor includes leisure users and visitors to the WHS, the susceptibility is assessed as high.
- 7.6.105 The combination of the high value and high susceptibility results in a **high sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 15: View north from Byway WCLA1 south-east of the Diamond – Figure 7.28

- 7.6.106 The view is representative of PRow users, including walkers, cyclists, and equestrian users. The receptor is situated at approximately 85m AOD.

Winter

- 7.6.107 Views extend across gently rising landform consisting of arable and pig farming land uses. The view demonstrates that vehicles on the existing A303 are visible, due to being situated in an elevated position in relation to the receptor, at approximately 105m AOD, and the open character of the intervening agricultural land uses. Views of the vehicles are considered to negatively impact on the existing composition of the view and the visual unity of the agricultural field pattern.

Summer

- 7.6.108 In summer, the composition of the view remains similar to that in winter, due to the open character of the landscape and that the existing A303 is situated in an elevated position in relation to the receptor.

Sensitivity

- 7.6.109 The view is across a locally designated Special Landscape Area and includes features of interest including part of the WHS, rolling landform and vegetated ridgelines. The value is therefore assessed as high.
- 7.6.110 As the views are part of the experience of moving through the area the susceptibility is medium.
- 7.6.111 The combination of the high value and medium susceptibility results in a **high sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 16: View west from access land close to Normanton Gorse – Figure 7.29

- 7.6.112 The view is representative of tourist, leisure and recreational users within the WHS. The receptor is situated at approximately 110m AOD.

Winter

- 7.6.113 There are open views across a gently rising landform consisting of fields, the pig farm and vehicles on the existing A303 and A360. The rising landform across Oatlands Hill forms a ridgeline to truncate longer distance views, with the exception of Hill Farm. Similarly the Winterbourne Stoke Clump truncates longer distance views across the wider landscape.

Summer

- 7.6.114 In summer the composition of the view remains similar to winter due to the open character of the agricultural landscape.

Sensitivity

- 7.6.115 As the view is across a locally designated Special Landscape Area and includes features of interest including part of the WHS, rolling landform and vegetated ridgelines. The value is therefore assessed as high.
- 7.6.116 As the receptor is passing through the area and the views are part of the experience of moving through the area the susceptibility is medium.
- 7.6.117 The combination of the high value and medium susceptibility results in a **high sensitivity** to the Scheme

Viewpoint 17: View south-west from Byway AMES12 close to the north side of the existing A303 – Figure 7.30

- 7.6.118 The view is representative of tourists, visitors, PRow users, including walkers, cyclists, and equestrian users, as well as recreational users across open access land. The receptor is situated at approximately 105m AOD.

Winter

- 7.6.119 The view demonstrates how the combination of rising landform in the foreground of the view and mature woodland at Normanton Gorse truncate any longer distance views. The upper parts of Winterbourne Stoke Clump woodland are visible in the background of the view. The view also demonstrates that vehicles on the existing A303 are visible in the foreground of the view, as well as those parked on the byway, which are noticeable detracting features in the view.

Summer

- 7.6.120 In summer the composition of the view remains very similar to that in winter, due to the open character of the landscape and the rising landform and woodland, such that views remain generally short in distance.

Sensitivity

- 7.6.121 The view is across a locally designated Special Landscape Area and includes features of interest including part of the WHS, rolling landform and vegetated ridgelines. The value is therefore assessed as high.

7.6.122 As the receptor includes leisure users and visitors to the WHS, the susceptibility is assessed as high.

7.6.123 The combination of the high value and high susceptibility results in a **high sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 18: View north-east from Byway AMES11 at Normanton Down – Figure 7.31

7.6.124 The view is representative of PRow users, including walkers, cyclists, and equestrian users as well as recreational users across open access land. The receptor is situated at approximately 90m AOD.

Winter

7.6.125 There are open views across gently rising agricultural fields, culminating in a generally wooded ridgeline. The view demonstrates the Stones are visible, although seen in the direct context of vehicles on the A303, which negatively impact on the composition of the view and the visual unity of the field pattern.

Summer

7.6.126 The composition of the view remains similar to that in winter, due to the open character of the fields. Whilst there is some intermittent vegetation adjacent to the byway, even in leaf views of the Stones and vehicles on the A303 remain.

Sensitivity

7.6.127 The view is across a locally designated Special Landscape Area and includes features of interest including part of the WHS, the Stones and vegetated ridgelines. The value is therefore assessed as high.

7.6.128 As the receptor includes leisure users and visitors to the WHS, the susceptibility is assessed as high.

7.6.129 The combination of the high value and high susceptibility results in a **high sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 19: View south-west from a Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites World Heritage Site interpretation panel viewpoint located to the south of the Stones – Figure 7.32

7.6.130 The view is representative of tourists, recreational and leisure users, situated at approximately 100m AOD.

Winter

7.6.131 The view demonstrates the proximity of vehicles on the A303 within the composition of the view, which consists of a gently rolling agricultural landform and woodland. The view also demonstrates that parked vehicles are also visible on Byway AMES12, which in combination with the vehicles on the A303 are considered to detract from the visual unity of the field pattern.

Summer

- 7.6.132 The composition of the view remains similar to that in winter, due to the open character of the field pattern. With the woodland in leaf, the vegetated structure in the background of the view is more defined, but the negative influence of vehicles on the existing A303 remains.

Sensitivity

- 7.6.133 The view is across a locally designated Special Landscape Area and includes features of interest including part of the WHS and vegetated ridgelines. The value is therefore assessed as high.
- 7.6.134 As the receptor includes leisure users and visitors to the WHS in immediate proximity to The Stones, the susceptibility is assessed as high.
- 7.6.135 The combination of the high value and high susceptibility results in a **high sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 20: View south-east from the Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated World Heritage Site interpretation panel located on Byway AMES12 adjacent to the Cursus – Figure 7.33

- 7.6.136 The view is representative of tourists, recreational and leisure users, situated at approximately 95m AOD.

Winter

- 7.6.137 There are open views due to the agricultural land use. The view extends across The Avenue and the dry valley leading to Stonehenge Bottom, which is crossed by the existing A303. The vehicles on the A303 are therefore visible, being seen in the same context as the Stones.

Summer

- 7.6.138 In summer the composition of the view remains similar to that in winter, due to the open character of the fields. There is some localised softening to the views of vehicles on the existing A303 as a result of the existing roadside vegetation being in leaf.

Sensitivity

- 7.6.139 The view is across a locally designated Special Landscape Area and includes features of interest including part of the WHS and the Stones. The value is therefore assessed as high.
- 7.6.140 As the receptor includes leisure users and visitors to the WHS, the susceptibility is assessed as high.
- 7.6.141 The combination of the high value and high susceptibility results in a **high sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 21: View west from footpath alongside the existing A303, between King Barrow Ridge and Stonehenge Bottom – Figure 7.34

7.6.142 The view is representative of tourists, recreational and leisure users, situated at approximately 105m AOD.

Winter

7.6.143 The view demonstrates that there are close range views of the existing A303 and vehicles, which are set below the receptor, such that view of the road corridor extends across the dry valley sides of Stonehenge Bottom. The view also demonstrates that because of the elevated position of the receptor, the view extends across a rolling landform of agricultural fields and woodland to include the Stones. Parked vehicles on AMES 12 are also visible, which substantially detract from views of the Stones.

Summer

7.6.144 The composition of the view remains similar to that in winter due to the open character of the agricultural landscape. With the existing A303 roadside vegetation in leaf, there is some localised screening to views of the existing A303 as it crosses the valley, however close range views of vehicles remain, as well as views of parked vehicles on AMES 12.

Sensitivity

7.6.145 The view is across a locally designated Special Landscape Area and includes features of interest including part of the WHS, the Stones and vegetated ridgelines. The value is therefore assessed as high.

7.6.146 As the receptor includes leisure users and visitors to the WHS, the susceptibility is assessed as high.

7.6.147 The combination of the high value and high susceptibility results in a **high sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 22: View west from the Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated World Heritage Site interpretation panel viewpoint located at the eastern end of The Cursus – Figure 7.35

7.6.148 The view is representative of tourists, recreational and leisure users, situated at approximately 110m AOD.

Winter

7.6.149 The view demonstrates that there are extensive views across an agricultural landscape and the WHS, due to the relatively elevated position of the receptor. The view includes for the Stones, seen in the context of vehicles on the existing A303 and those parked on Byway AMES 12, such that visual connectivity of the landscape and the Stones is fragmented by the presence of the vehicles.

7.6.150 The view also demonstrates that the rising landform to the east of the receptor, across King Barrow Ridge, in combination with the mature vegetation, screens views towards Amesbury.

Summer

- 7.6.151 The composition of the view remains similar to that in winter, due to the open character of the intervening agricultural fields, with vehicles on the existing A303 and Byway AMES 12 remaining visible.

Sensitivity

- 7.6.152 The view is across a locally designated Special Landscape Area and includes features of interest including part of the WHS, the Stones and vegetated ridgelines, as well as being a visitor location. The value is therefore assessed as high.
- 7.6.153 As the receptor includes leisure users and visitors to the WHS, the susceptibility is assessed as high.
- 7.6.154 The combination of the high value and high susceptibility results in a **high sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 23: View west from the Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated World Heritage Site interpretation panel viewpoint where the Avenue crosses King Barrow Ridge – Figure 7.36

- 7.6.155 The view is representative of tourists, recreational and leisure users within the WHS and is situated at approximately 105m AOD.

Winter

- 7.6.156 The view demonstrates that there are extensive views across the WHS, due to the relatively elevated position of the receptor. The view includes the Stones, seen in the context of vehicles on the existing A303 and those parked on Byway AMES12, such that visual connectivity of the landscape and the Stones is fragmented by the presence of the vehicles.

Summer

- 7.6.157 The composition of the view remains similar to that in winter due to the open character of the landscape, and whilst vegetation is in leaf, views of vehicles remain.

Sensitivity

- 7.6.158 The view is across a locally designated Special Landscape Area and includes features of interest including part of the WHS, the Stones and vegetated ridgelines. The value is therefore assessed as high.
- 7.6.159 As the receptor includes leisure users and visitors to the WHS at a visitor viewing location, the susceptibility is assessed as high.
- 7.6.160 The combination of the high value and high susceptibility results in a **high sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 24: View north from the Permissive Path across Coneybury Hill tumulus – Figure 7.37

7.6.161 The view is representative of tourists, recreation and leisure users and is situated at approximately 114m AOD.

Winter

7.6.162 The view demonstrates that there are expansive views across the landscape due to the relatively elevated position of the receptor. Vehicles on the existing A303, as well as those parked on Byway AMES12, are visible across the majority of the extent of view and within the direct field of view of the Stones. Views of the vehicles fragment the unity of the agricultural landscape and detract from the view.

Summer

7.6.163 The composition of the view remains similar to that of summer, due to the elevated position of the receptor and the open character of the agricultural landscape. With the existing woodland in the foreground in leaf there is some localised screening to vehicles on the existing A303, as well as channelling of views towards the Stones, however overall the influence of the existing vehicles remains notable within the view.

Sensitivity

7.6.164 The view is across a locally designated Special Landscape Area and includes features of interest including part of the WHS, the Stones and vegetated ridgelines. The value is therefore assessed as high.

7.6.165 As the receptor includes recreational users and visitors to the WHS, the susceptibility is assessed as high.

7.6.166 The combination of the high value and high susceptibility results in a **high sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 25: View south-east from Bridleway AMES39 to the rear of properties at Strangways – Figure 7.38

7.6.167 The view is representative of PRoW users, including walkers and equestrian users and residential properties in the southern edge of Strangways, albeit their views include increased screening from garden vegetation. The receptors are situated at approximately 110m AOD.

Winter

7.6.168 The view demonstrates that views extend across Amesbury Down, consisting of an agricultural landscape interspersed with mature woodland, including at Amesbury Park and adjacent to parts of the existing A303. The view also demonstrates that the combination of landform and vegetation screen views westwards and that vehicles on the existing A303 are visible in the middle ground of the view, along with overhead electrical pylons, the latter of which cross the existing A303 to extend into the background of the view.

Summer

- 7.6.169 In summer the composition of the view remains similar to that in winter overall, due to open character of the intervening agricultural fields. With the existing vegetation in leaf, the woodland structure within the view is more defined with some softening of views of vehicles on the existing A303. Views from residential properties in Strangways are also further screened by garden vegetation being in leaf.

Sensitivity

- 7.6.170 The view is across a locally designated Special Landscape Area and includes features of interest including part of the WHS and vegetated ridgelines. The value is therefore assessed as high.
- 7.6.171 As the receptor includes recreational users passing through the area and residential properties whose views are heavily screened by existing vegetation, the susceptibility is assessed as medium.
- 7.6.172 The combination of the high value and medium susceptibility results in a **high sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 26: View south from Bridleway AMES9A north of the Nile Clumps – Figure 7.39

- 7.6.173 The view is representative of PRow users, including walkers and equestrian users and tourists and visitors to the WHS. The receptors are situated at approximately 95m AOD.

Winter

- 7.6.174 The view demonstrates that the undulating landform in the foreground of the view limits middle distance views to the woodland group and the overhead pylons which extend across the composition of the view. The view also demonstrates the very notable large scale industrial units in Amesbury in the background of the view, which are visible due to their scale and mass, as well as being situated in an elevated position within the landscape.

Summer

- 7.6.175 With the existing vegetation in leaf, the extent of middle ground views is further reduced; however the pylons and large scale built form within Amesbury remains visible.

Sensitivity

- 7.6.176 The view is across a locally designated Special Landscape Area and includes features of interest including part of the WHS and the Nile Clumps. The value is therefore assessed as high.
- 7.6.177 As the receptor includes leisure users and visitors to the WHS the susceptibility is assessed as high.
- 7.6.178 The combination of the high value and high susceptibility results in a **high sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 27: View north from Stonehenge Road layby, West Amesbury – Figure 7.40

7.6.179 The view is representative of residents and agricultural workers at Park Farm Cottages, as well as vehicle users on Stonehenge Road. The receptors are situated at between 75m AOD – 80m AOD.

Winter

7.6.180 The view demonstrates the rising landform in the foreground of the view, such that overall extent of the view is truncated by the ridgelines and vegetation, which includes the mature woodland in Amesbury Park and on the embankment either side of the existing A303 underpass, which is also visible in the view.

Summer

7.6.181 In summer the composition of the view remains similar overall due to the open character of the agricultural fields in the foreground of the view and the landform. With the existing vegetation in leaf the A303 embankment is softened, while views of the underpass structure remain.

Sensitivity

7.6.182 The view is across a locally designated Special Landscape Area and contains features of interest including woodland. Whilst the view is across a small part of the WHS, the visual connection is truncated by landform and vegetation. The value therefore is assessed as medium.

7.6.183 As the receptor includes a residential property, the susceptibility is assessed as high.

7.6.184 The combination of the medium value and high susceptibility results in a **high sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 28: View south-west from WHS interpretation panel viewpoint located in access land approximately 100m west of Woodhenge monument – Figure 7.41

7.6.185 The view is representative of leisure and tourist users within the WHS, as well as recreational users of open access land. The receptor is situated at approximately 100m AOD.

Winter

7.6.186 The view demonstrates that a small section of the existing A303 is visible in the middle ground of the view, relating to the elevated section of the existing road at King Barrow Ridge. The view also demonstrates that the ridgelines and vegetation patterns truncate longer distance views across the remainder of the WHS and that the existing overhead power lines are notable features within the view.

Summer

7.6.187 In summer the composition of the view remains similar to that in winter, due to the open character of fields in the foreground of the view. With the existing

vegetation in leaf, there is a more notable wooded character to the ridgelines and adjacent to the alignment of the existing A303. The short section of the existing A303 remains visible, along with the overhead pylons.

Sensitivity

- 7.6.188 The view is across a locally designated Special Landscape Area and part of the WHS, and contains features of interest including woodland and the Nile Clumps. The value is therefore assessed as high.
- 7.6.189 As receptors include recreational users and tourists the susceptibility is assessed as high.
- 7.6.190 The combination of the high value and high susceptibility results in a **high sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 29: View south from residential properties in Durrington – Figure 7.42

- 7.6.191 The view is representative of residential properties adjacent to the A3028, on the southern edge of Durrington. The receptor is situated at approximately 85m AOD.

Winter

- 7.6.192 The view demonstrates that there are expansive views across the River Avon valley, as a result of the elevated position of the receptor (situated on an embankment above the A3028). The composition of the view includes fields and riverside trees, agricultural barns and telegraph poles, as well as large scale utilitarian built form in Amesbury, in the background of the view.

Summer

- 7.6.193 In summer the composition of the view remains similar to that in winter, due to the elevated position of the receptor and the low height of the roadside verge vegetation. With the existing vegetation in leaf there is a more notable vegetated character along the valley floor and increased screening of views of the valley floor. Views of the telegraph poles and barns within the valley floor remain, as well as the large scale built form in Amesbury.

Sensitivity

- 7.6.194 There are features of interest within the view, including a small part of the WHS, woodland and the landform and the view is considered to be valued by those residents, such that is valued by the community and at the local level, therefore the value is medium.
- 7.6.195 As the receptors are residents with open views the susceptibility is assessed as high.
- 7.6.196 The combination of the medium value and high susceptibility results in a **high sensitivity**.

Viewpoint 30: View south from the A345 at the exit from Countess Services on the north side of Countess Roundabout – Figure 7.43

7.6.197 The view is representative of vehicle users on this route. The receptor is situated at approximately 70m AOD.

Winter

7.6.198 The view demonstrates that the existing vegetated roundabout, vehicles and associated signage and lighting columns are visible, set within a well vegetated context, specifically trees adjacent to the A303, Amesbury Abbey and Amesbury Park.

Summer

7.6.199 The view remains similar to that in winter, due to the scale of the roundabout, extent of vehicles and associated signage. With the existing vegetation in leaf, the extent of woodland is notable, truncating and longer distance views.

Sensitivity

7.6.200 The view consists of relatively common components, such that the view is incidental to the reason for the receptor being at the location and as it contains an existing roundabout and highways infrastructure the value is low.

7.6.201 As the view relates to motorists passing through the area the susceptibility is low.

7.6.202 The combination of the low value and low susceptibility results in a **low sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 31: View north-west from the Lord's Walk footpath alongside the River Avon in the north of Amesbury – Figure 7.44

7.6.203 The view is representative of recreational users, with the receptor situated at approximately 70m AOD.

Winter

7.6.204 The view demonstrates that there are open and filtered views of the existing A303 and vehicles, dependent upon the varying density of the intervening riverside vegetation. The upper parts of the existing lighting columns bordering the Countess Roundabout are visible above the existing vegetation.

Summer

7.6.205 With the existing vegetation in leaf views of existing vehicles and the A303 are largely screened. Views of the upper parts of the existing lighting columns at Countess Roundabout remain, due to their height above the intervening vegetation.

Sensitivity

- 7.6.206 The view is considered to contain features of interest, including the river and vegetation and as part of a Registered Historic Park and Garden, may be promoted as visitor attraction and therefore the value is high.
- 7.6.207 As the receptor is a recreational user, passing through the area, the susceptibility is medium.
- 7.6.208 The combination of the high value and medium susceptibility results in a **high sensitivity**.

Viewpoint 32: View south-west from Bridleway AMES 6, between Ratfyn and Bulford – Figure 7.45

- 7.6.209 The view is representative of recreational users, situated at approximately 100m AOD.

Winter

- 7.6.210 There are extensive views across the valley and to the residential properties adjacent to Countess Road, including for the sewage works and overhead pylons within the valley.

Summer

- 7.6.211 With the existing vegetation in leaf the buildings adjacent to Countess Road are softened.

Sensitivity

- 7.6.212 The view is likely to be recognised at a local level and therefore the value is medium.
- 7.6.213 As the view is representative of people passing through the area the susceptibility is medium.
- 7.6.214 The combination of the medium value and medium susceptibility results in a **medium sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 33: View north-west from the Allington Track – Figure 7.46

- 7.6.215 The view is representative of recreational users, situated at approximately 130m AOD.

Winter

- 7.6.216 Views extend across a gently falling landform consisting of fields and vehicles on the existing A303, and the extensive development at Solstice Park.

Summer

- 7.6.217 The view remains similar to winter due to the open character of the landscape, with some softening to views of vehicles due to the intervening vegetation being in leaf.

Sensitivity

- 7.6.218 The view is likely to be recognised at a local level and therefore the value is medium.
- 7.6.219 As the view is representative of people passing through the area the susceptibility is medium.
- 7.6.220 The combination of the medium value and medium susceptibility results in a **medium sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 34: View west from Beacon Hill – Figure 7.47

- 7.6.221 The view is representative of recreational users, situated at approximately 175m AOD.

Winter

- 7.6.222 There are expansive panoramic views extending across large scale buildings in Solstice Park, woodland across the valley floor to the military buildings within Bulford Camp.

Summer

- 7.6.223 Similar to winter, but with the vegetation in leaf, there is increased softening to buildings in Amesbury, whilst the larger scale buildings in Solstice Park remain notable.

Sensitivity

- 7.6.224 The view is likely to be recognised at a local level and therefore the value is medium.
- 7.6.225 As the view is representative of people passing through the area the susceptibility is medium.
- 7.6.226 The combination of the medium value and medium susceptibility results in a **medium sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 35: View north-west from Permissive Path adjacent to Fargo Plantation – Figure 7.48

- 7.6.227 The receptor is in an elevated position at approximately 115m AOD.

Winter

- 7.6.228 Existing views extend across the north-west edge of the WHS, consisting of a falling landform of agricultural fields, the A360 and the Packway, parts of Rolleston Camp. Due to the elevated position of the receptor, views extend across to Salisbury Plain.

Summer

- 7.6.229 Views remain similar to winter, due to the open character of the landscape, however with the existing vegetation in leaf there is some softening of views of buildings. Views of the A360 remain.

Sensitivity

- 7.6.230 Whilst the view is across part of the WHS and a designated Special Landscape Area, as a permissive path it may not be a widely recognised view and therefore the value is medium.
- 7.6.231 As the receptor is passing through the area the susceptibility is medium.
- 7.6.232 The combination of the medium value and medium susceptibility results in a **medium sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Viewpoint 36: View south-east from residential property at Rollestone Junction – Figure 7.49

- 7.6.233 The residential property is orientated south-west to north-east, such that the main orientation of the view is away from the Scheme. There are views of the existing Rollestone Junction from the gable end of the property. The receptor is situated at approximately 120m AOD.

Winter

- 7.6.234 There are close range views of the existing junction of the A360 and The Packway. The view extends across agricultural fields consisting of flat and rising landform, to culminate in the wooded ridgeline of Fargo Plantation.

Summer

- 7.6.235 In the summer the composition of the view remains very similar to winter, due to the open character and close proximity of the road networks, as well as the open character of the fields.

Sensitivity

- 7.6.236 As the view is across part of the WHS and a Special Landscape Area the value is high.
- 7.6.237 As the view is open and is representative of a residential receptor, the susceptibility is high.
- 7.6.238 The combination of the high value and high susceptibility results in a **high sensitivity** to the Scheme.

Visual Receptors not covered by representative photographs

- 7.6.239 The following table outlines the sensitivity of visual receptors which are included within the assessment but for which no representative view is included.

Table 7.6.1: Visual receptors without representative viewpoint

Visual Receptor	Description of Existing View	Sensitivity
04A Residents in Cherry Lodge	The receptor is located at approximately 105m AOD. The residential part of Cherry Lodge is positioned at the southern edge of the building layout and is adjacent to mature trees, such that views are generally screened. In winter, with the vegetation not in leaf, the extent of vegetation still largely screens views of the fields to the east of Parsonage Down NNR.	As the view is across a Special Landscape Area the value of the view is likely to be recognised at a local level and therefore the value is assessed as medium. Whilst a residential property the views are heavily screened by the proximity of mature trees and therefore on balance the susceptibility is medium. The combination of the medium value and medium susceptibility results in a medium sensitivity to the Scheme.
04B Community Groups in Cherry Lodge Grounds	The receptor is located at approximately 105m AOD. There is a field to the east of the main buildings within Cherry Lodge which is used by Community Groups, with views across the fields to the east of Parsonage Down NNR, as well as the B3083 and undulating land to the east of the River Till. Existing views are also likely to include the A303 across Oatlands Hill.	As the view is across a Special Landscape Area the value is medium. As the receptors views are likely to be partially screened or filtered by the existing boundary vegetation there susceptibility is medium. The combination of the medium value and medium susceptibility results in a medium sensitivity to the Scheme.
04C Motorists on Cherry Loge Lane	The receptor is located at 100m AOD. There are elevated and open views across the land to the east of Parsonage Down NNR to the woodland bordering Scotland Lodge. The view also includes vehicles on the B3083 and the A303 across Berwick Down.	As the view is across a Special Landscape Area the value of the view is medium. As the receptor represents motorist who are passing through the area the susceptibility is low. The combination of the low value and medium susceptibility results in a low sensitivity to the Scheme.
06A Residents at the southern edge of Shrewton / Rollestone	The receptors are located at approximately 90m AOD. There are close range views of the River Till and fields bordering the properties, but longer distance are screened by the existing vegetation and landform.	As the view is across a Special Landscape Area the value of the view is medium. Whilst a residential property the views are screened such that the susceptibility is low. The combination of the medium value and low susceptibility results in a medium sensitivity to the Scheme.
06B Motorists on the A360	The receptors are located at around 105m AOD; however views are predominately channelled along the A360 and screened in relation to the wider landscape by the roadside hedgerows.	As the view is across a Special Landscape Area the value of the view is medium. As the receptor represents motorist who the susceptibility is low. The combination of the medium value and low susceptibility results in a low sensitivity to the Scheme.
07A Foredown Barn	The receptor is in a relatively low lying position at 80m AOD within the River Till valley. There are views to the north and south of the barn, across the rolling River Till valley sides. Views to the west are generally screened by woodland in close proximity.	As the view is across a Special Landscape Area the value of the view is medium. As the receptor is representative of people working such that the susceptibility is low. The combination of the medium value and low susceptibility results in a medium sensitivity to the Scheme.

Visual Receptor	Description of Existing View	Sensitivity
07B Recreational users of Byway WST 04	The receptor is in a relatively low lying position at 75m AOD within the River Till valley floor. There are views of the valley floodplain and valley sides.	As the view is across a Special Landscape Area and valley landform the value of the view is high. As the receptor is representative of recreational use but passing through the area, the susceptibility is medium. The combination of the high value and medium susceptibility results in a high sensitivity to the Scheme.
08A Foredown House	The receptor is in a relatively low lying position at 75m AOD on the River Till valley floor. The property is orientated north to south, such that there are views westwards across the B3083 and parts of the land to the east of Parsonage Down NNR and eastwards across the River Till valley; albeit these views are slightly truncated and channelled by the proximity of farm buildings and existing vegetation.	As the view is across a Special Landscape Area and the River Till the value of the view is high. As the receptor is representative of residents with open views the susceptibility is high. The combination of the high value and high susceptibility results in a high sensitivity to the Scheme.
08B High Down View Residents, including no.1 at the corner of the existing A303 and the B3083, Winterbourne Stoke	The receptor is in a relatively low lying position at 75m AOD adjacent to the existing A303 at the western edge of Winterbourne Stoke. The receptors are orientated west to east, such that views to the south include close range views of the existing A303, whilst views to the north include the rising landform across the upper parts of the River Till valley and the land to the east of Parsonage Down NNR and the B3083.	As the view is across a Special Landscape Area the value of the view is medium. As the receptor is representative of residents with open views the susceptibility is high. The combination of the medium value and high susceptibility results in a high sensitivity to the Scheme.
08C Scotland Lodge including the grounds of the property	The receptor is located at 98m AOD. The extent of existing tree belts (including evergreen trees) to the north of the property largely screens views, although there are oblique views to the north-east across paddocks from the property. There are open views from the northern edge of the property grounds across East Parsonage Down.	As the view is across a Special Landscape Area the value of the view is medium. As the view is representative of residents the susceptibility is high. The combination of the medium value and high susceptibility results in a high sensitivity to the Scheme.
08D Residents to the south of the A303 in Winterbourne Stoke including the Manor House	The receptor is located at approximately 72m AOD in a relatively low lying position within the valley floor. Views from upper floor windows are channelled across the existing A303 and residential properties to the elevated River Till valley sides, including the B3083 and the land to the east of Parsonage Down NNR.	As the view is across a Special Landscape Area the value of the view is medium. As the receptor is representative of residents but where views are channelled through existing properties and the A303, the susceptibility is medium. The combination of the medium value and medium susceptibility results in a medium sensitivity to the Scheme.
10A Hill Farm Cottages nos. 1 - 4	The receptor is located in an elevated position at approximately 115m AOD. The receptors are orientated west to east, such that the main orientation of the view relative to the Scheme are northwards, across a rolling agricultural landscape. Higher sided vehicles on the existing A303 are visible above the roadside hedgerows in the	As the view is across a Special Landscape Area the value of the view is medium. As the receptor is representative of residents with open views the susceptibility is high. The combination of the medium value and high susceptibility results in a high sensitivity to the Scheme.

Visual Receptor	Description of Existing View	Sensitivity
	<p>foreground of the view. There are views eastwards from the gable end of receptor across agricultural fields and the western part of the WHS, as well as the existing Longbarrow Roundabout.</p>	<p>sensitivity to the Scheme.</p>
<p>10B Recreational users on restricted byway BSJA9</p>	<p>The receptor is in an elevated position at approximately 115m AOD, before the byway falls towards the A360. There are open views to the north-east of the existing Longbarrow Roundabout on the western part of the WHS.</p>	<p>As the view is across a Special Landscape Area with features of interest, the value of the view is high. As the receptor is recreational and moving through the area the susceptibility is medium. The combination of the high value and medium susceptibility results in a high sensitivity to the Scheme.</p>
<p>29A Residential properties adjacent to Countess Road west nos. 61 to 145</p>	<p>The receptor is in a relatively low position at approximately 80m AOD. There are a mixture of open and largely filtered views from rear elevation and principally upper storey windows, across a rising landform of agricultural fields, parts of the Nile Clumps, pylons and the A303 roadside vegetation. The properties are set back from Countess Road, such that any views of Countess Roundabout are very oblique.</p>	<p>As the view is across a Special Landscape Area and part of the WHS, the value is high. As residential receptors where views are partially screened the susceptibility is medium. The combination of the high value and medium susceptibility results in a high sensitivity to the Scheme.</p>
<p>29B Residential properties adjacent to the A345 (Countess Road) west nos. 23 to 59 Including Tollgate Close)</p>	<p>The receptor is in a relatively low position at approximately 80m AOD. There are a mixture of open and largely filtered views from rear elevation and principally upper storey windows, across a rising landform of agricultural fields, parts of the Nile Clumps, pylons and the A303 roadside vegetation. The properties are set back from Countess Road, such that any views of Countess Roundabout are very oblique.</p>	<p>As the view is across a Special Landscape Area and part of the WHS, the value is high. As residential receptors where views are partially screened the susceptibility is medium. The combination of the high value and medium susceptibility results in a high sensitivity to the Scheme.</p>
<p>30A Countess Farm</p>	<p>The receptor is in a relatively low lying position at approximately 70m AOD, at the same relative level as Countess Roundabout. There are views of vehicles on the existing A303, including signage and lighting columns from the south elevation of the property, as well as more oblique views of Countess Roundabout from the eastern elevation. Views from the south elevation are partially filtered in winter by the existing vegetation and largely screened in summer. Views from the east elevation are open.</p>	<p>The view is likely to be appreciated by the receptor and therefore the value is medium. As a residential receptor with views where views are open from the east façade the susceptibility is high. The combination of the medium value and high susceptibility results in a high sensitivity to the Scheme.</p>

Visual Receptor	Description of Existing View	Sensitivity
<p>30B Residential properties east of Countess Road</p>	<p>The receptor is in a relatively low position at approximately 80m AOD. There are a mixture of open and largely filtered views from rear elevation and principally upper storey windows, across gently falling landform consisting of large scale arable fields bordered by mature woodland.</p>	<p>There are features of interest within the view, including woodland, such that it is valued by the community and at the local level, therefore the value is medium. As the receptors are residents with views towards the Scheme, the susceptibility is medium. The combination of the medium value and low susceptibility results in a medium sensitivity.</p>
<p>31A Residential Properties adjacent to Lords Walk</p>	<p>There are short range views from upper storey rear windows across a linear park bordered by mature individual trees and woodland, forming part of Lords Walk.</p>	<p>The view is likely to be recognised at a community level and therefore the medium value. As the receptor is a resident but longer range views are partially screened by the woodland the susceptibility is medium. The combination of the medium value and medium susceptibility results in a medium sensitivity to the Scheme.</p>
<p>31B Bowles Hatches Amesbury Abbey</p>	<p>The receptor is in a relatively low lying position, at approximately 70m AOD. There are largely filtered views of vehicles on the A303 from within the grounds of the property during winter.</p>	<p>Whilst the view is across part of a Registered Historic Park and Garden the view does not contain the key features of the designation and therefore the value is medium. As the view largely filtered the susceptibility is medium. The combination of the medium value and medium susceptibility results in a medium sensitivity to the Scheme.</p>
<p>32A Ratfyn Farm</p>	<p>The receptor is located in a low lying position, at approximately 80m AOD. There are views across the valley floor however the existing A303 is screened by the intervening vegetation.</p>	<p>There are features of interest within the view, including woodland, such that it is valued by the community and at the local level, therefore the value is medium. As the receptors are residents with glimpsed views towards the Scheme, the susceptibility is low. The combination of the medium value and low susceptibility results in a medium sensitivity.</p>

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