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Dear All,

Many thanks again for allowing Sir Antony to participate the recent hearing, and for sharing the images of the Angel of the North.

As requested, please find attached these images with accompanying dates and locations. Please also find attached a summary of Sir Antony's contribution to the hearing as listed in the Action Points.

The second Word document attached contains Sir Antony's responses to the Deadline 8 Materials.

I hope that this format is sufficient, but please do let me know if you need this to be separated out into different documents.

Finally, could you please clarify if the hearing on the 14th July will take place?

A letter was published yesterday to say that an additional Issue Specific Hearing will be going ahead, but during the hearing of the 23rd June the Examiner stated that the additional dates were no longer needed.

Many thanks again for your help with this.

Very best wishes,

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Sir Antony Gormley and Antony Gormley Studio

Submission for Deadline 9 – 8th July 2020

Letter of the 24th June from the Examining Authority relating to a Site Inspection

We would like to reiterate our thanks for the Examining Authorities time undertaking a further Unaccompanied Site Inspection on Thursday 16 July 2020.

Sir Antony Gormley would like to request that the following locations or viewpoints are considered during this visit:

- North Dene Footbridge – pedestrian user
- A1 road user Northbound approach to the Angel of the North
- A1 road user Southbound approach to the Angel of the North
- The foot of the Angel of the North looking towards the North Dene Footbridge
- The foot of the Angel of the North looking along the A1 Northbound
- The foot of the Angel of the North looking along the A1 Southbound
- Durham Road Northbound and Southbound approach to the Angel of the North (to place the landscaping scheme in its wider context)

Highways England Responses to The Examiner’s Third Written Questions

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR010031/TR010031-001097-EXAD8002%20Applicant%E2%80%99s%20Response%20to%20ExA%E2%80%99s%20Third%20Written%20Questions.pdf>

3.6.1 We are pleased to hear that the Applicant will continue to discuss a coordinated Landscape Design Mitigation Scheme with Gateshead Council, and that ‘Option 3: Revealing the Angel’ will be used as the basis for these discussions.

3.6.3 a) Thank you for the further details on the consideration of single span gantries with support legs in the central reserve as an alternative to the superspan gantries. We are particularly concerned by the gantries planned for Chainage 13515 at Eighton Lodge. As stated before, we would be keen to explore alternative placements or designs at this chainage. We do not feel that the Applicant’s statement regarding the vegetation is relevant, as this vegetation will be partially removed as part of the Landscape Mitigation Design Scheme.

3.6.4 We are reassured to hear that the Applicant is open to the final design of signage and gantries to be subject to further consultation.

Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan TR0010031/APP/7.4

CH1 – Sir Antony welcomes the thinning of vegetation creating a less dense visual barrier and emphasises the need to work closely with Gateshead Council to develop a coherent scheme.

L7 – We are encouraged to hear that the Applicant intends to work to integrate their landscaping scheme with the wider landscaping scheme developed by Gateshead Council.

L8 – We would support the Applicant’s approach of scattered planting to allow greater awareness of the Angel of the North, however we would like further details on the proposed species of vegetation in each area.

L14 – Again, Sir Antony would support the thinning of vegetation to allow greater visibility of the Angel of the North.

B2 – As before, we feel that we need more information on the proposed species of trees, proposed locations, and confirmation that these species have been approved by an Ecologist.

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B21 – We feel that any replanting at Long Acre Wood should indeed be agreed with Gateshead Council.

B23 – We would support the reintroduction of native grassland to the site surrounding the Angel of the North and are encouraged to know that these plans will be developed in consultation with Gateshead Council.

PH3 – We would be grateful if the Applicant could continue to share information with Antony Gormley Studio throughout the detailed design phase as the locations and designs of the gantries are finalised.

Appendix 2.0C Schedule of Changes to the Outline CEMP Submitted D8

Again, Sir Antony is grateful for the opportunity for further consultation during the detailed design phase of the gantries and signage.

Sir Antony supports the Applicant working with Gateshead to create a coherent scheme – in both the landscaping and the design of the acoustic barrier.

Sir Antony agrees that the replanting of trees lost as a result of the widening of the A1 is essential and encourages a sensitive approach to this – mitigating any negative effects caused by the gantries and signage on views to the Angel of the North, and utilising planting to integrate the new structures such as the gantries and the replacement North Dene Footbridge into the landscape.

Statement of Common Ground with Gateshead Council – document reference

TR010031/7.5A

We are delighted to hear that the Applicant has agreed in principle to a unified Landscape Design Mitigation Scheme with Gateshead Council, and that they will continue to work with Gateshead Council to develop and realise this over the coming years.

We would like to provisionally state our interest in further consultation during the Detailed Design Phase, noted from this document as likely to commence late Autumn this year.

In response to the discussion of climate change considerations brought on by proposals to thin the vegetation, on page 18, we would like to make clear that Sir Antony is of course sensitive to the environmental concerns relating to tree clearance. Sir Antony supports the work that Gateshead Council is doing to make sure that the proposed landscaping scheme is environmentally and ecologically responsible. We welcome the reintroduction of native species to the area.

Likewise, we support the Applicant in their commitment to replant lost trees. Sir Antony suggests that to mitigate negative effects of the gantries, the replanting of trees with lower maturity heights and thinner crowns on the edges of the existing woodland is preferable.

In relation to **Table 3.2 Issues Relating to the Angel of the North, Environmental Statement, Chapter 6: Cultural Heritage: 6.8 – Potential Impacts:**

We second Gateshead Council's request for post construction views to aid the Landscape Design development.

In relation to **Chapter 7: Landscape and Visual: 7.4 – Method of Assessment:**

We second Gateshead Council's request for further photo montages of embankments and cutting around the Angel of the North.

Revised Gantry Details – Appendix 3.6.A

We are grateful to the Applicant for taking on board our request for open truss designs and lighter structures.

We would also like to thank Highways England for considering our proposed change in location for the Eighton Lodge gantry and appreciate that road safety must take precedence over the visual sensitivities.

We are thankful for the exploration of the possibility for single span gantries with foundations in the central reserve as an alternative option to the superspan gantries. We would be grateful if this option could be further interrogated. Sir Antony supports and is very appreciative of all the efforts to reduce the size and dominance of the gantries in the environs of the Angel of the North and is hopeful that light verge-supported gantries will be favoured in this part of the road improvement scheme. We would like to reiterate that our preferred design is a single span or verge mounted cantilever gantry. Any design

considerations that will create a lighter and less dominant structure in the nearby vicinity to the Angel of the North would be greatly appreciated.

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Appendix 3.0 A - Figure 1 AL - Site Compound Plan (WQ 3.0.2a)

We have no issue with the proposed location of the site compound to the North West in the nearby vicinity of the Allerdene Bridge.

We have some concerns over the proposed location of the compound to the South East of Low Eighton roundabout/junction and how this will affect the approach to the Angel of the North. As this is a temporary compound our concerns are not great, but we would appreciate further reassurance on the anticipated height of any temporary site buildings etc.

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Sir Antony Gormley contribution to the Issue Specific Hearing – Landscape and Visual,

23rd June 2020

Please find below a summary of Sir Antony Gormley's contribution to the Issue Specific Hearing – Landscape and Visual inserted into the Agenda:

1. Welcome, introductions and arrangements for the hearing

Firstly, Sir Antony Gormley would like to express his thanks to the Examining Authority for allowing him to participate in the Hearing. Sir Antony Gormley will be speaking on the Angel of the North and visibility.

Sir Antony provides a summary of the images he has submitted: The first image is a photo of the completed Artwork in 1998 in relationship to the mound. Followed by two images, one taken in 2011, and one taken a few days ago by Sir Antony Gormley. The final photographs show aerial views of the Angel of the North. These aerial views show the visual corridors from the A1 to the Angel of the North, and how these corridors appear when clear and when compromised.

Many thanks to the Examining Authority and the Applicant for accepting the late submission of images of the Angel of the North. They will be submitted formally at Deadline 9.

2. Brief update and summary of positions since Deadline 8 (including any recent discussions between parties)

No change in Sir Antony's position.

3. Gantry signs

a) Impacts of the proposed gantry signs

Sir Antony agrees with Gateshead Council that the visual material supplied by the Applicant is insufficient to effectively assess the cumulative effect of the multiple gantries.

Sir Antony agrees with Gateshead Council that the massing of several gantries will have a sequential and cumulative negative impact on the views and experience of the Angel of the North.

Sir Antony is most concerned by the gantries at Eighton Lodge roundabout in the immediate approach to the Angel of the North.

b) Justification for the number, location and size of the proposed gantries

Sir Antony expresses his gratitude for the ongoing cooperation between the Applicant and Gateshead Council.

Sir Antony of course accepts that gantries may be necessary for road safety and that the safety of road users must take precedence.

However, Sir Antony would like to reinforce his belief that there will be undeniable formal impacts of the proposed gantries on the Angel of the North.

Sir Antony would like to draw attention to the fact that the superspan gantry proposed at Eighton Lodge would be more than 1.5 times the width of the Angel of the North.

Sir Antony agrees with the Applicant that the visual interference caused by the gantries will be temporary, in contrast to the more lasting shielding of views caused by the overgrown vegetation. Should the Applicant go ahead with a landscaping scheme in line with the plans developed by Gateshead Council, some of these trees will be thinned, and the gantries will become even more visible and have more of a relationship with the Angel of the North.

Any mitigation against the massing of multiple gantries would be beneficial.

We must interrogate the process for the justification of the number and location of these gantries and ask how closely the scheme has been designed to respond to the local environment.

c) Potential use of alternative sign designs

Sir Antony would support the most pragmatic and least visually impactful design.

We would support the possible replacement of superspan gantries with central reserve or verge mounted gantries.

d) The Applicant's proposal for a 'Final Sign Strategy' to be submitted for subsequent approval via a Requirement

As stated in our previous submission, we would be grateful to be consulted throughout the detailed design phase and the finalisation phase.

4. Impacts from and design of the replacement North Dene Footbridge

a) Including consideration of design flexibility and the proposal for future approval of details

Again, we would favour an open lightweight structure for the North Dene Footbridge, as least visually imposing as possible.

5. Landscaping proposals in the vicinity of the Angel of the North

a) Consideration of the Southern Green Report – Options Appraisal for Managing and Enhancing the Angel, including weight to be given to this document.

Sir Antony feels that great weight should be afforded to the Southern Green Report.

The returning of the fell to its natural state would make it available to the public. The linkage between the fell that is on the other side of the by-road to Gateshead, gives a high viewpoint down back from the North-East side of the Angel of the North revealing a wonderful opening of collective space. The enhanced visibility that Scheme 3 allows, would reveal this linkage of both sides of that by-road. I think it has enormous social and cultural positive effects.

In response to the Applicant, Sir Antony would like to qualify the Applicant's assertion that the current vegetation cover is the result of a natural process – it is not. Immediately after having the commission granted, a scheme of planting was undertaken, and it is the planting scheme that we are looking at now.

- b) Has agreement been reached on the proposed landscaping scheme in the context of its impact upon views and the setting of the Angel of the North? If not, what further amendments and/or mitigation are sought? (Reference will be made to the revised landscape mitigation plan [REP5-005]).**

Sir Antony's main interest is that the mound should be visible, and any vegetation that remains along any of the key views of the Angel of the North should be shrub-like and therefore low lying.

- c) The effects of proposed tree removal.**

Sir Antony describes the images shared via Powerpoint:

First Image: Here is the Angel of the North as it was completed. It is very important to me that the mound that it sits on is part of the work, and it is the mound that the Angel of the North shares with the visitor. You can see a visitor here, above that lamppost, making it clear that it is an animated site. You can see the relationship between the wing and the curvature of the mound.

Second Image: This is the Angel of the North as it was 10 years ago.

Third Image: This is the Angel of the North as it was 4 days ago.

Fourth Image: This is a further view of the Angel of the North as it was when it was built.

Fifth Image: This shows you the Highways England planting scheme and the forest that was planted, called the Great Northern Forest at the time, has not begun, you can see the motorway side or byroad planting has already begun. At this point you can see the site is clear and the mound is still clear.

Sixth Image: This image was taken almost ten years ago, and you can now see what has happened as a result of all of those plantings growing up, and there is great occlusion.

Seventh Image: You can see how all of that planting, everything that we are discussing today, is now obscuring the Angel of the North from the A1.

Eighth Image: This image was taken from a passing car at the time of the installation.

- d) Any requirement for replacement planting in other locations to offset the loss of trees and vegetation.**

6. Other landscape and visual matters

a) Replacement Allerdene Bridge

No further comments on the Allerdene Bridge.

b) Any outstanding matters regarding Longacre Wood

No further comments

c) Habitat Calculation Update (referred to in Table 3.4 of the Deadline 8 Statement of Common Ground with Gateshead Council)

No further comments

d) Any other matters

No further comments

7. Any other business relevant to the Agenda Note: In circumstances where the ExA has been made aware of any technical difficulties around participation, it will provide an opportunity for persons who could not be heard on earlier agenda items to participate as necessary and appropriate.

No further comments

8. Actions arising (including any procedural decisions if required) and next steps

Sir Antony Gormley and Antony Gormley Studio will submit the Powerpoint, including dates and locations at Deadline 9th July.

Again, we are very grateful to the Examining Authority and the Planning Team for accepting the late submission of these images for discussion during the Hearing.

9. Closing (it is anticipated that the Hearing will close by 12 noon)

Sir Antony Gormley would again like to thank the Examining Authority and the Planning team for allowing him to participate in the Hearing.

Additional Summary of Current Position

Sir Antony Gormley has always been concerned by the visual impact of the scheme on the experience of the Angel of the North. We seek further reassurance that everything possible will be done to minimise the negative impacts of the scheme.

We feel that the Landscape Mitigation Design is now the best way to ensure that any negative impacts of the scheme are countered in the vegetation management plan. The types and locations of trees can play an important role in this, thus we need further details and reassurance on this.

We hope that the strategic removal of trees will create improved visual corridors – opening up of the views to the Angel of the North and revealing the relationship between the Angel and the mound. Therefore, Sir Antony's preferred locations for re-planting – include the opposite roadside verge to the Angel of the North and at the edges of existing woodland.

Sir Antony is of course aware of the sensitivity surrounding tree removal and supports the tree replacement initiative. Sir Antony is eager to encourage the return of native grassland, wildflowers, shrubs, and other smaller tree species.



VIEWPOINT

View of the front face of the Angel of the North heading North on the A1 just beyond the J66 Eighton Lodge Roundabout. 1.587742 Photo taken at the time of installation 1998. Location circled on the map to the right, c. 54.912438, -The Angel of the North is indicated by the red pin.

COMMENTARY

The Angel of the North and the mound on which it sits are one Work. The relationship between the curvature of the mound and the horizontal of the wings is the interface between the Work and world. This is the zone in which scale becomes active.

Without a clear view of the mound and the visitors on the mound the Angel of the North cannot function.

Sir Antony Gormley would like to draw attention to the new planting on the access road bank.

IMAGE CAPTION

ANGEL OF THE NORTH, 1998

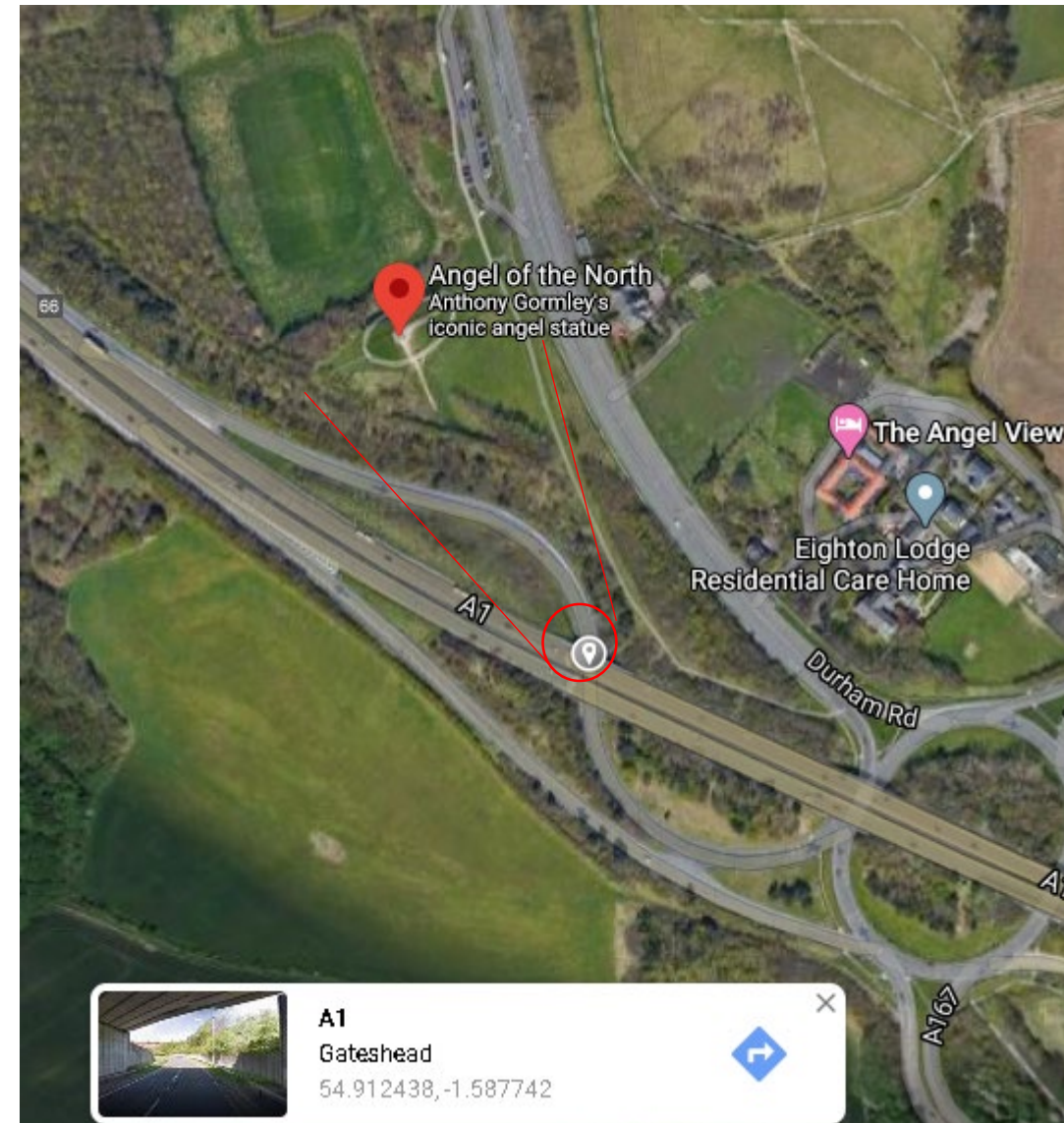
Steel

20 x 54 x 2.20 m

Permanent installation Gateshead, England

Commissioned by Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council, Gateshead, England

Photograph by Sally Ann Norman, 1998





VIEWPOINT

Similar view towards the front face of the Angel of the North, looking across the motorway heading North in 2010.

Again, photo taken from just beyond the J66 Eighton Lodge Roundabout, in close proximity to the A167 Newcastle Bank Exit. Location circled on the map to the right, c. 54.911823, -1.585725. The Angel of the North is indicated by the red pin.

COMMENTARY

This image shows the Angel of the North as it was 10 years' ago from the perspective of an A1 road user.

IMAGE CAPTION

ANGEL OF THE NORTH, 1998

Steel

20 x 54 x 2.20 m

Permanent installation Gateshead, England

Commissioned by Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council, Gateshead, England

Photograph by Jerry Hardman Jones, 2010





VIEWPOINT

Similar view, looking across the motorway, taken from the perspective of an A1 road user in 2020.

Again, photo taken from just beyond the J66 Eighton Lodge Roundabout, in close proximity to the A167 Newcastle Bank Exit. Location circled on the map to the right, c. 54.911823, -1.585725 . The Angel of the North is indicated by the red pin.

COMMENTARY

This image shows the Angel of the North , again from the perspective of an A1 road user. The photograph was taken in June 2020 and thus reflects the current view towards the Angel of the North.

IMAGE CAPTION

ANGEL OF THE NORTH, 1998

Steel

20 x 54 x 2.20 m

Permanent installation Gateshead, England

Commissioned by Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council, Gateshead, England

Photograph by Sir Antony Gormley, 2020





VIEWPOINT

Similar view, looking across the motorway in 1998.

Again, photo taken from just beyond the J66 Eighton Lodge Roundabout, in close proximity to the A167 Newcastle Bank Exit. Location circled on the map to the right, c. 54.911823, -1.585725 . The Angel of the North is indicated by the red pin.

COMMENTARY

This is a further view of the Angel of the North as it was when first built. The viewpoint demonstrates the relationship between the Angel of the North and the fell landscape.

IMAGE CAPTION

ANGEL OF THE NORTH, 1998

Steel

20 x 54 x 2.20 m

Permanent installation Gateshead, England

Commissioned by Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council, Gateshead, England

Photograph by Colin Cuthbert, 1998





VIEWPOINT

Aerial view showing the Angel of the North at the time of installation in 1998.

Photograph taken near the Lamesley Durham Road Junction Location circled on the map to the right c.54.911683, -1.586748. The Angel of the North is indicated by the red pin.

All of the previous images were taken roughly where the white and orange vans are positioned to the bottom right-hand corner of this photograph, near the location circled in red on this satellite image.

COMMENTARY

This image shows you the Highways England planting scheme and the forest that was planted, called the Great Northern Forest at the time, has not begun, you can see the motorway side or byroad planting has already begun. At this point you can see the site is clear and the mound is still clear.

IMAGE CAPTION

ANGEL OF THE NORTH, 1998

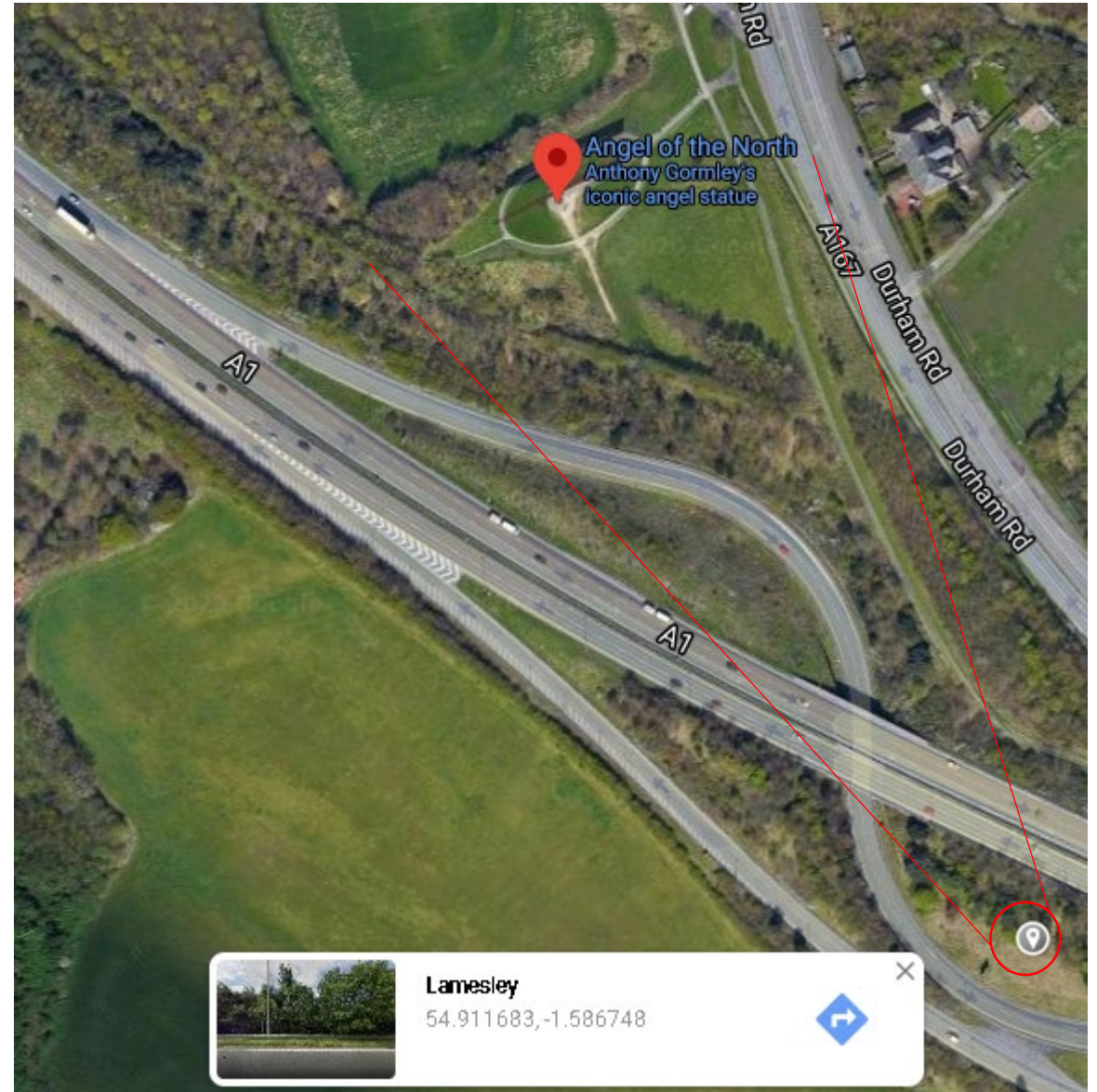
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Permanent installation Gateshead, England

Commissioned by Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council, Gateshead, England

Colin Cuthbert, 1998





VIEWPOINT

Aerial view showing the Angel of the North in 2011, showing how the planting has grown and the effect on views across the motorway.

This is an aerial view taken looking North from just beyond the Eighton Lodge Junction. Location is circled on the map to the right c.

54.912302, -1.589542. The Angel of the North is indicated by the red pin.

COMMENTARY

This image was taken almost ten years ago, and you can now see what has happened as a result of the planting scheme maturing, and there is great occlusion.

IMAGE CAPTION

ANGEL OF THE NORTH, 1998

Steel

20 x 54 x 2.20 m

Permanent installation Gateshead, England

Commissioned by Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council, Gateshead, England

Photograph by Ian Scott, 2011





VIEWPOINT

Aerial view of the Angel of the North, showing how the planting has obscured all long views towards the Artwork.

This aerial view was taken looking South towards the back of the Angel of the North. In the bottom right-hand corner of the image you can see a portion of the football pitch North of the Angel of the North and towards the top centre of the image you can see the Eighton Lodge Roundabout to the South of the Angel of the North. Location circled on the map to the right c. Low Fell 54.914469, -1.593173. The Angel of the North is indicated by the red pin.

COMMENTARY

You can see how all of that planting, everything that we are discussing today, is now obscuring the Angel of the North from the A1.

IMAGE CAPTION

ANGEL OF THE NORTH, 1998

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Photograph by Ian Scott, 2011

