



DEADLINE 7 RESPONSE

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National Highways Deadline 6 Submission - 6.2 Environmental Statement Figure 7.19 - Photomontages from Viewpoint S-11 within the Kent Downs Winter Year 1 and Summer Year 15

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In Sheets 1 of 6 and 4 of 6 (left hand view) there is little change to the view arising from the Project Change at both Year 1 winter and Year 15 summer views.

In Sheets 2 of 6 and 5 of 6 (central view), at Year 1 winter view, the loss of mature trees in Cobham Park and newly formed bank is readily apparent, altering the existing composition of the view. The entrance to the HS1 tunnel under Brewers Road roundabout is opened up into view. While planting has reduced the impact slightly at Year 15 (summer), the loss of mature parkland trees and opening up of the views of the entrance to the tunnel are still keenly felt. While existing views of the overbridge are removed by the project, the presence of the replacement bridge would still be felt by the elevated lighting columns serving it.

In sheets 3 and 6 of 6 (right hand view), highway infrastructure in the form of gantries and signs are introduced into a small part of the view where there is currently none. As would be expected, this is more noticeable in Year 1 winter views, but is still apparent in Year 15 - Summer 15 views, but more filtered by existing vegetation.

Overall, it is considered that from this viewpoint, the photo montages support the AONB Unit's assertion that the Magnitude of Effect remains moderate at Design year 15, resulting in a large adverse significance of effect.

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