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## 1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 47 viewpoints have been identified across the study area as representative views towards the scheme. These are demonstrated by ES Figure 7.1 Visibility (ZTV no vehicles) and Viewpoints, ES Figure 7.2 Visibility (ZTV with vehicles) and Viewpoints, and ES Figure 7.10 Photosheets and Visualisations (all Document Reference 6.3).
- 1.1.2 Table 1-1 provides an analysis of the existing views and should be read in conjunction with ES Figure 7.10 Photosheets and Visualisations (Document Reference 6.3), which illustrate the existing summer and winter photography. Viewpoint locations were chosen as they provide an overview of the existing visual context and are considered representative viewpoints. All photographs were taken from publicly accessible locations, except for VP47 which is taken from National Star College.

## 2 Visual baseline

**Table 2-1 Viewpoint description table**

Viewpoint location	Description
<p>VP1 Roman Villa car park</p> <p>Grid reference: 51.829909, -2.1481919</p> <p>Elevation: 124.29mAOD</p> <p>Looking east</p> <p>Date and time of summer photography: 26 September 2019, 13:47</p>	<p>Taken from the English Heritage car park at the Roman Villa (ruins) looking east towards Crickley Hill.</p> <p>This is representative of users of the car park and Public Right of Way (PRoW) visiting the roman ruin.</p> <p>The view is framed by a clump of trees in the foreground, the rolling topography of the lower slopes of Coopers Hill looking out across arable fields in the vale and to the dip slope of the escarpment in the distance. The dip slope is well wooded with Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake visible on the horizon.</p> <p>There is a glimpsed long distance view of Cheltenham beyond a short section of the A417 which is visible. Views of the A417 are interrupted by a clump of trees along the lane in the foreground and lost as it climbs the escarpment.</p>
<p>VP2 Cotswold Way National Trail at Coopers Hill</p> <p>Grid Ref: 51.831723, -2.155013</p> <p>Elevation: 192.41mAOD</p> <p>Looking north</p> <p>Date and time of summer photography: 19 September 2019, 15:29</p>	<p>Taken from tractors bridleway, north of Grove Farm.</p> <p>Representative of residents on the eastern side of Coopers Hill, and recreational users of the Cotswold Way National Trail and PRoW on Coopers Hill heading south.</p> <p>The vast view consists of the elevated escarpment edge leading up to the Cotswolds and the low vale. There are long distance views to Crickley Hill, Barrow Wake, and beyond to Cheltenham. There are longer distance views also to Gloucester and Brockworth. Features in the view include heavily wooded slopes, Wycombe Reservoirs and dispersed houses. The A417 can be seen climbing the escarpment to Air Balloon roundabout. Upper sections of the A417 are screened by tree cover and woodland. Birdlip radio station and masts are visible on the wooded horizon. Mixed arable and pasture fields can be seen on the dip slopes and in the vale.</p>

Viewpoint location	Description
<p>VP3 Droy's Court</p> <p>Grid Ref: 51.835591, - 2.146790</p> <p>Elevation: 87.31mAOD</p> <p>Looking east</p> <p>Date and time of summer photography: 26 September 2019, 15:10</p>	<p>Taken from the road at Droy's Court looking east towards the escarpment.</p> <p>Representative of residents at Droy's Court and users of the PRow network in the vicinity of Droy's Court.</p> <p>A Long panoramic view of the escarpment and dip slope in the distance. The Peak, Barrow Wake and Crickley Hill are notable features along the skyline. The foreground is dominated by a large-scale regular arable field, bounded by tall dense hedgerows which obscure views to the middle distance. The heavily wooded vale beyond further limits views to other low-lying features. The A417 can be seen to the north but is not visible climbing the dip slope. The large white dome at Bentham Country Club is a prominent feature to the north.</p>
<p>VP4 A46 Painswick Road</p> <p>Grid ref: 51.839810, - 2.1527034</p> <p>Elevation: 76.215mAOD</p> <p>Looking east</p> <p>Date and time of summer photography: 26 September 2019, 15:24</p>	<p>Taken from the A46 Painswick Road looking east across the vale towards the escarpment.</p> <p>This is representative of road users of the A46 and residents situated along the A46.</p> <p>A partial and interrupted view through a gateway in the hedgerow which dominates the view in the foreground. The view through the gap in the hedgerow is looking across a large scale arable field. Beyond this, tree cover in the middle-distance obscures views across the low lying flat vale. The view rises to a high ridge in the background featuring the Peak, Barrow Wake and Crickley Hill. Birdlip radio station masts are visible beyond the skyline. There are no views of traffic along the A417 onto the escarpment. However, the area is locally disturbed by vehicular movement along Painswick road on which the view is taken.</p>
<p>VP5 Little Wycombe PRow</p> <p>Grid ref: 51.839618, - 2.1278608</p> <p>Elevation: 89.158mAOD</p> <p>Looking east</p> <p>Date and time of summer photography: 09 September 2019, 17:18</p>	<p>Taken from the PRow at Little Witcombe looking east towards Crickley Hill.</p> <p>This is representative of users of the PRow and the community of Little Witcombe.</p> <p>The view is looking across a large-scale arable field, bounded by gappy hedgerow and mature hedgerow trees. Veteran field trees and low voltage wood poles are visible across the low lying flat vale. The view rises to a high ridge in the background featuring Crickley Hill and the Peak. The slopes of the ridge are heavily wooded.</p>
<p>VP6 Old Coach Road overbridge A417</p> <p>Grid Ref: 51.846368, - 2.1333895</p> <p>Elevation: 83.402mAOD</p> <p>Looking east</p> <p>Date and time of summer photography: 26 September 2019, 15:44</p>	<p>Taken from the Old Coach road overbridge crossing the A417 looking east.</p> <p>Representative of road users of the existing A417.</p> <p>An open view of the A417 road corridor dominates the foreground and into the middle distance. Tree cover and roadside vegetation obscure views of the A417 as it ascends the escarpment. The land rises to a high ridge in the distance with views of Barrow Wake, Crickley Hill and the Peak forming notable features along the skyline. The ridge and dip slope is densely wooded south of the Peak, with calcareous grassland along the ridge and dip slope at Barrow Wake towards Crickley Hill. Views of the scheme would be unlikely to be visible. (Note: not standard 160cm viewing height due to safety barrier.)</p>

Viewpoint location	Description
<p>VP7 The Peak</p> <p>Grid ref: 51.834721, - 2.114010</p> <p>Elevation: 255.81mAOD</p> <p>Looking north</p> <p>Date and time of summer photography: 19 September 2019, 16:23</p>	<p>Taken from the Cotswold Way National Trail at a local clearing at the Peak looking north towards Crickley Hill.</p> <p>This is representative of users of the Cotswold Way National Trail in the vicinity of the Peak.</p> <p>The main view is south orientated and framed by over grown scrub and trees looking along the wooded escarpment and down over the wooded dip slope. There are far reaching slot views looking west looking out over the low lying vales towards Coopers Hill, a notable feature in the middle distance, and towards Forest of Dean in the far distance. Views north are obscured by overgrown shrub and ash with a glimpsed view of the top of Crickley Hill in the middle distance.</p>
<p>VP8 Cotswold Way National Trail/Gustav Holst Way west of Barrow Wake</p> <p>Grid ref: 51.835293, - 2.1048903</p> <p>Elevation: 275.092mAOD</p> <p>Looking north</p> <p>Date and time of summer photography: 19 September 2019, 16:41</p>	<p>Taken from the Cotswold Way National Trail and Gustav Holst Way PRoW looking north towards Barrow Wake and Crickley Hill.</p> <p>This is representative of users of the Cotswold Way National Trail and Gustav Holst local PRoW in the vicinity of Barrow Wake and the Peak.</p> <p>The escarpment slope drops dramatically in the foreground, with calcareous grassland and scrubby tree belts on the upper slopes and pastoral fields grazed by cows on the dip slope. The view looks over to Crickley Hill, a notable feature in the middle distance, and opens to the west of Crickley Hill to provide far reaching views across the low lying vales towards the Malvern Hills, which are visible on the horizon. Tree cover on the dip slopes obscures views of the existing A417 as it descends the escarpment but then becomes visible in the low lying vales.</p>
<p>VP9 Cotswold Way National Trail at Barrow Wake</p> <p>Grid Ref: 51.836641, - 2.101860</p> <p>Elevation: 277.807mAOD</p> <p>Looking north-west</p> <p>Date and time of summer photography: 19 September 2019, 15:09</p> <p>Date and time of winter photography: 28 January 2020, 15:15</p>	<p>Taken from Cotswold Way National Trail in front of the Barrow Wake carpark.</p> <p>Representative of visitors to Barrow Wake and recreational users of the Cotswold Way heading north towards Crickley Hill along the escarpment slope.</p> <p>The view in the foreground consists of the escarpment with rough grass and scrub on steep slopes. Grazed fields on slackened slopes in the midground, lead to vast open views to the east. Woodland can be seen on top of hills and into the valleys. There are filtered views of the A417 through roadside vegetation and the A417 is audibly noticeable. Crickley Hill is visible across the valley to the north.</p>
<p>VP10 Barrow Wake viewpoint</p> <p>Grid ref: 51.836683, - 2.1014692</p> <p>Elevation: 280.307mAOD</p> <p>Looking west</p> <p>Date and time of summer</p>	<p>Taken from the promoted viewpoint at Barrow Wake along the Cotswold Way National Trail looking west towards Gloucester.</p> <p>This is representative of walkers on the Cotswold Way National Trail and people visiting the car park and promoted viewpoint.</p> <p>A Long and expansive panoramic view to the Malvern Hills and the Forest of Dean. In the middle distance is a view across the escarpment to Crickley Hill</p>

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<p>photography: 19 September 2019, 15:05</p>	<p>and the Peak, which frame the view down and across the Vales and Gloucester, with Coopers Hill a notable feature across the valley. There are filtered views of the existing A417.</p>
<p>VP11 Barrow Wake car park</p> <p>Grid Ref: 51.838561, - 2.1001107</p> <p>Elevation: 269.622mAOB</p> <p>Looking north-west</p> <p>Date and time of summer photography: 19 September 2019, 15:46</p>	<p>Taken from Barrow Wake at the northern end of the carpark.</p> <p>This is representative of walkers on the Cotswold Way National Trail and people visiting the car park and promoted viewpoint.</p> <p>A Long and expansive panoramic view to the Malvern Hills and the Forest of Dean. In the middle distance is a view across the escarpment to Crickley Hill and the Peak, which frame the view down and across the Vales and Gloucester, with Coopers Hill a notable feature across the valley. There are filtered views of the existing A417.</p>
<p>VP12 Grove Farm</p> <p>Grid Ref: 51.840825, - 2.1022769</p> <p>Elevation: 190.902mAOB</p> <p>Looking north-east</p> <p>Date and time of summer photography: 19 September 2019, 15:29</p>	<p>Taken from tractors bridleway north of Grove Farm.</p> <p>Representative of residents at Grove Farm and recreational users of the bridleway.</p> <p>The view is very enclosed with a steep wooded escarpment to the north and woodland associated with the tractor site to the south. In the midground, there are filtered views to the A417 through dense, mature roadside vegetation. The A417 is very audible in the landscape.</p>
<p>VP13</p> <p>Cold Slad Lane junction with A417</p> <p>Grid Ref: 51.841282, - 2.1036203</p> <p>Elevation: 194.17mAOB</p> <p>Looking east</p> <p>Date and time of summer photography: 09 September 2019, 09:33</p>	<p>Taken from Cold Slad Lane facing east into the A417 road corridor.</p> <p>This is representative of recreational users of Cold Slad Lane and road users.</p> <p>The A417 road corridor dominates the view running east to west. The entrance to Grove Farm, Pinewood and Grove Lodge is visible to the south of the road and slopes out of view. Mixed mature roadside vegetation on both sides of the road limit further views to the midground and background. Constant traffic and loud noise further disrupt the view.</p>
<p>VP14 Cold Slad Lane</p> <p>Grid Ref: 51.840974, - 2.1060625</p> <p>Elevation: 186.4mAOB</p> <p>Looking south</p> <p>Date and time of summer photography: 09 September 2019, 09:19</p>	<p>Taken from Cold Slad Lane, near properties facing Barrow Wake.</p> <p>This is representative of residents of properties along Cold Slad Lane.</p> <p>The view consists of small permanent pasture fields bounded by post and pale fencing and mature roadside vegetation of the A417 that screens further low-lying features. The land rises to the escarpment slope of Barrow Wake and treed skyline of the Peak. The A417 is not visible from this location but is apparent due to the noise.</p>

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<p>VP15 Crickley Hill camp scheduled monument</p> <p>Grid Ref: 51.842409, 2.105351 Elevation: 251.137mAO Looking south-east Date and time of summer photography: 09 September 2019, 12.01</p>	<p>Taken from the remnant hillfort just off the Cotswold Way National Trail looking south-east towards Barrow Wake.</p> <p>This is representative of users of the Cotswold Way National Trail in the vicinity of Crickley Hill Country Park and visitors to the Neolithic settlement and hill fort at Crickley Hill.</p> <p>This is an open view across the escarpment to Barrow Wake. Cars parked at Barrow Wake are visible along the escarpment. The mast at Birdlip radio station is visible on the wooded skyline.</p>
<p>VP16 Crickley Hill on Cotswold Way National Trail</p> <p>Grid Ref: 51.843152, - 2.1086884 Elevation: 260.23mAO Looking south Date and time of summer photography: 09 September 2019, 12:18</p>	<p>Taken from the Cotswold Way National Trail at Crickley Hill looking south towards Barrow Wake and the Peak.</p> <p>This is representative of users of the Cotswold Way at Crickley Hill and visitors to Crickley Hill Camp, a remnant hill fort at Crickley Hill Country park.</p> <p>This is an open view across to Barrow Wake in the middle distance. Cars parked at Barrow Wake are visible along the escarpment. The mast at Birdlip radio station is visible on the wooded horizon as is the farm on the dip slope at Air Balloon roundabout. The A417 becomes visible in the distance on the approach to the Air Balloon roundabout from the A436 but views of the road are obscured by woodland as it descends the escarpment. The view opens up to the south-west with bike trails visible on the dip slope of the escarpment in the middle distance and views over arable fields in the lower vales across to Coopers Hill a notable feature in the distance.</p>
<p>VP17 Bridleway off Cotswold Way National Trail</p> <p>Grid ref: 51.852345, - 2.095487 Elevation: 254.15mAO Looking south Date and time of summer photography: 09 September 2019, 10:29</p>	<p>Taken from a PRow just off the Cotswold Way National Trail looking south towards Birdlip radio station.</p> <p>This is representative of users of the Cotswold Way National Trail in the vicinity of Crippet's Wood round barrows.</p> <p>The view is looking across a large-scale arable field bounded by a post and wire fence in disrepair and scrub. The far end of the field, Short wood, is visible and beyond this is Ullen Wood, providing a well wooded view and giving some enclosure. Traffic along Leckhampton Hill is visible through a gap in the trees. Birdlip radio station is visible on the horizon.</p>
<p>VP18 Leckhampton Hill – visitor information board</p> <p>Grid ref: 51.858625, - 2.079827 Elevation: 264.67mAO Looking south-west Date and time of summer photography: 19 September 2019, 09:58 Date and time of winter photography: 28 November 2019, 10:18</p>	<p>Taken from the Cotswold Way National Trail at Leckhampton Hill looking south-west.</p> <p>This is representative of users of the Cotswold Way National Trail in the vicinity of Leckhampton Hill.</p> <p>This is an open view with calcareous grassland in the foreground which rolls away to a steep valley. The landform in the foreground is partially obscured by woodland, with views beyond this towards Ullen Wood, which covers much of the view in the middle distance. Emma's Grove is visible to the west of Ullen Wood and here, the A417 becomes visible through breaks in the tree cover. An avenue of Lime trees along the skyline form a distinctive landscape feature as do the clump of trees at Cuckoopen Farm. The top of the plantation at</p>



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	<p>Rushwood Kennels is also visible on the skyline. The mast at Birdlip radio station forms a prominent feature in the landscape with additional clutter in the way of electricity pylons and overhead cables central in the view. The trees at Shab Hill would be removed, changing the wooded skyline and the scheme would be visible cutting through arable fields.</p>
<p>VP19 Leckhampton camp and tumulus at trig point</p> <p>Grid ref: 51.864043, - 2.0757160 Elevation: 292.965mAO Looking south Date and time of summer photography: 19 September 2019, 10:24 Date and time of winter photography: 28 November 2019, 10:04</p>	<p>Taken from trig point at Leckhampton Camp just off the Cotswold Way National Trail looking south.</p> <p>This is representative of users of the Cotswold Way National Trail in the vicinity of Leckhampton Hill and visitors to Leckhampton camp and tumulus.</p> <p>This is a panoramic view which looks across to the wold. In the foreground, the hillfort is evidenced in the landscape by the mound and elevated footpath and forms the boundary to several large-scale arable fields. The landform drops away in the middle distance and Ullen Wood is visible on the facing slope in the distance. Emma's Grove is visible to the west of Ullen Wood and here, the A417 becomes just visible through a break in the tree cover.</p> <p>The avenue of Lime trees is visible along the skyline as is the mast at Birdlip radio station. There are also several pylons and overhead electricity cables breaking the skyline across the view.</p> <p>The scheme would likely be visible in the centre of the view in front of the radio mast.</p>
<p>VP20 Ochala Wood Crickley Hill Country Park</p> <p>Grid Ref: 51.846312, - 2.094902 Elevation: 235.43mAO Looking south Date and time of summer photography: 09 September 2019, 11:04 Date and time of winter photography: 21 November 2019, 10:19</p>	<p>Taken from the PRow north of Leckhampton Road looking south.</p> <p>This is representative of users of the PRow and visitors to Crickley Hill Country Park on the eastern edge.</p> <p>The view consists of rolling landform with mature woodland on ridges in midground. The Leckhampton Road crosses the foreground and the junction of the Crickley Hill Country Park access road crosses the view to the north. Irregular medium scale fields are bounded by post and wire fencing, scrubby hedgerow and mature woodland. A wood pole electricity line crosses the view in the foreground. Two radio masts are visible on the ridge to the west. The peaceful view is disrupted with loud constant traffic.</p>
<p>VP21 Entrance to Crickley Hill Country Park</p> <p>Grid ref: 51.845558, - 2.094271 Elevation: 227.853mAO Looking south-west Date and time of summer photography: 09 September 2019, 11:21</p>	<p>Taken from Leckhampton Hill minor road at the entrance to Crickley Hill Country Park looking south-west.</p> <p>This is representative of road users of Leckhampton Hill minor road.</p> <p>The view is an open view looking down Leckhampton Hill road. A large-scale arable field dominates the foreground. Mature hedgerow obscures views into Crickley Hill Country Park, with a glimpsed view of the parkland at the entrance to the country park. The view is shortened by the rolling landform and Ullen Wood. Mature hedgerow trees bounding the roadside partially screen Air Balloon roundabout. Beyond these hedgerow trees, there is narrow view to the middle distance framed by Ullen Wood where the mast at Birdlip radio station is visible on the skyline.</p>

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<p>VP22 Crickley Hill Country Park drive</p> <p>Grid ref: 51.845656, - 2.097689</p> <p>Elevation: 250.715mAOD</p> <p>Looking south</p> <p>Date and time of summer photography: 09 September 2019, 11:32</p>	<p>Taken from the access track to Crickley Hill Country Park looking south.</p> <p>This is representative of visitors at Crickley Hill Country Park and users of the PRoW.</p> <p>An open view of the rolling landform drops towards the road and rises to a high ridge in the middle distance. Mature and veteran parkland trees in the foreground obscure views, with a glimpsed view of traffic at the Air Balloon roundabout. Traffic along the A417 is visible along the high ridge in the middle distance with two radio masts visible on skyline.</p>
<p>VP23 Gloucestershire Way on A417 at Air Balloon</p> <p>Grid Ref: 51.841615, - 2.0974874</p> <p>Elevation: 247.285mAOD</p> <p>Looking north</p> <p>Date and time of summer photography: 05 September 2019, 14.51</p>	<p>Taken from the Gloucestershire Way long distance footpath at the junction of the A417 just off Air Balloon roundabout. The footpath forms part of the promoted Crickley Hill walking route.</p> <p>Representative of recreational users of the Gloucestershire Way long distance footpath and transport users of the A417 heading north towards the roundabout.</p> <p>The A427 corridor dominates the view and is further disrupted by continuous traffic and the associated noise. The Air Balloon public house is the focus of the view beyond the road and traffic. Wider views are screened by landform and vegetation behind the roadside vegetation to the west. There are glimpsed views north over the roundabout to the north side of Crickley Hill.</p>
<p>VP24 Bridleway south of Ullen Wood</p> <p>Grid Ref: 51.841570, - 2.087552</p> <p>Elevation: 265.688mAOD</p> <p>Looking south</p> <p>Date and time of summer photography: 09 September 2019, 15:27</p>	<p>Taken from the bridleway south of Ullen Wood.</p> <p>Representative of recreational users of the bridleway.</p> <p>The view consists of a rolling large scale agricultural field bounded by Ullen Wood Ancient Woodland. The landform dips to Ullen Wood to the north and east. The Ancient Woodland creates a solid visual barrier, screening further views to the north. To the south, low woodland and two radio masts define the skyline in the midground where the land falls away out of view.</p>
<p>VP25 Gloucestershire Way at Shab Hill</p> <p>Grid Ref: 51.839791, - 2.091121</p> <p>Elevation: 276.027mAOD</p> <p>Looking south-east</p> <p>Date and time of summer photography: 05 September 2019, 15:11</p>	<p>Taken from the Gloucestershire Way long distance footpath north of the Kennels.</p> <p>Representative of recreational users of the Gloucestershire Way long distance footpath between Emma's Grove and Rushwood Kennels.</p> <p>The view consists of medium scale permanent pasture fields bounded by dense mixed woodland and overgrown hedgerows. Calley Hill plantation is visible to the south-east and a dense coniferous belt of woodland in the midground screens the kennels. Continuous barking and heavy traffic sounds disrupt a relatively peaceful location. Pylons to the east on the high ridge are visible on the skyline.</p>
<p>VP26 Cuckoopen Farm</p> <p>Grid Ref: 51.840479, - 2.0793128</p>	<p>Taken from Cuckoopen farm facing Stockwell.</p> <p>Representative of residents at Cuckoopen Farm and recreational users of the PRoW.</p>

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Elevation: 276.273mAOD Looking south-west Date and time of summer photography: 09 September 2019, 15:47	The view consists of large scale arable fields in the foreground with Cuckoopen Farm to the west of the view. The landform drops in the midground to a wooded valley, named Coldwell Bottom. Land rises beyond to a distinctive skyline featuring a mature tree avenue to the south where Stockwell farm is visible. Intermittent blocks of trees to the south-west of the view allow a slot view to the kennels in the midground.
VP27 Gloucestershire Way at Rushwood Kennels  Grid ref: 51.838192, - 2.087277 Elevation: 275.883mAOD Looking west Date and time of summer photography: 05 September 2019, 14:31	Taken from an unnamed lane leading to Rushwood Kennels looking west.  This is representative of walkers on the Gloucestershire Way long distance footpath in the vicinity of Rushwood Kennels and residents at Rushwood Kennels.  The view is enclosed by ash trees in the hedgerow, bounding the lane, and shortened by a row of conifer trees along the field's far boundary. The field in the foreground is grazed by sheep and bounded with post and wire fencing along the lane.
VP28 Gloucestershire Way at Coldwell Bottom  Grid Ref: 51.839140, - 2.0664382 Elevation: 225.96mAOD Looking south-west Date and time of summer photography: 19 September 2019, 11:55	Taken from Gloucestershire Way long distance footpath at the east end of Coldwell Bottom.  Representative of recreational users of the Gloucestershire Way long distance footpath heading towards Coldwell Bottom from South Coberley.  The view consists of a small valley with medium scale regular fields bounded by post and wire fencing, evergreen shelter belts and scrubby vegetation. Cuckoopen Bank plantation can be seen on the north side of the valley.  **Unlikely to gain views of the scheme from this location in the dry valley. Tranquillity within Coldwell Bottom will be affected by Shab Hill junction and new road alignment despite not being visible.
VP29 Upper Coberley Byway  Grid ref: 51.836695, - 2.0377064 Elevation: 269.073mAOD Looking west Date and time of summer photography: 19 September 2019, 11:15	Taken from a bridleway south of Upper Coberley looking west over the wold.  This is representative of users of the bridleway and road users travelling south from Upper Coberley.  The view is an open rolling view, typical of the Cotswolds high wold landscape. It is predominantly arable with some rough pasture within field trees and hedgerow trees. The mast at Birdlip radio station is visible on the skyline as is the existing A417. The new Shab Hill junction would likely be visible as would the associated earthworks which fill in the head of the valley.
VP30 Coldwell Bottom permissive path  Grid Ref: 51.834185, - 2.078583 Elevation: 225.63mAOD Looking south	Taken from the permissive path within Coldwell Bottom facing Shab Hill.  Representative of recreational users of the Gloucestershire Way long distance footpath, heading west within Coldwell Bottom.  The view is enclosed by steep landform to the north, south and west making up Coldwell Bottom. Mature ash trees are scattered in the bottom of the valley. The mature woods of Calley Hill Plantation to the north screen further views to the

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<p>Date and time of summer photography: 19 September 2019, 12:31</p>	<p>midground and background. A slot view to Shab Hill is seen along the valley, visible by mature trees. No traffic noise can be heard, resulting in a very serene, quiet landscape.</p> <p>Shab Hill Junction would be visible with clumps of trees removed. Manmade earthworks would extend towards the view, shortening the valley. Existing high tranquillity would be significantly affected.</p>
<p>VP31 Shab Hill permissive path</p> <p>Grid Ref: 51.833149, - 2.0855141 Elevation: 275.833mAOD Looking south Date and time of summer photography: 19 September 2019, 12:52</p>	<p>Taken from the permissive path at Shab Hill.</p> <p>Representative of recreational users of the permissive path.</p> <p>The view consists of a large-scale arable field bounded by a mix of degraded stone walls, post and wire fencing and mature woodland. The view is enclosed by field boundary vegetation and the landform of the field. The view is tranquil with distant road noise.</p> <p>*Shab hill junction would be visible in the foreground near the horizon.</p>
<p>VP32 PRoW Shab Hill</p> <p>Grid Ref: 51.832496, - 2.088563 Elevation: 284.547mAOD Looking north Date and time of summer photography: 19 September 2019, 13:12</p>	<p>Taken from a footpath south of Shab Hill.</p> <p>Representative of recreational users of the footpath.</p> <p>Foreground consists of undulating landform to the north, terminating at the kennels. Birdlip radio station is visible through the trees to the north-west with the radio mast on the skyline. Deciduous woodland defines the skyline to the north in the midground that screens further views. The existing A417 is clear to the west with passing traffic seen through roadside vegetation. Barrow Wake junction is perceptible in the view.</p> <p>*The scheme would remove woodland adjacent to the kennels.</p>
<p>VP33 PRoW west of Shab Hill</p> <p>Grid Ref: 51.833200, - 2.0979810 Elevation: 287.413mAOD Looking east Date and time of summer photography: 19 September 2019, 14:17</p>	<p>Taken from the footpath between Barrow Wake and Shab Hill farm.</p> <p>Representative of recreational users of the footpath to and from Barrow Wake.</p> <p>The view consists of undulating arable farmland adjacent to the existing A417. The large fields are bounded by a mix of mostly post and wire fences and scrappy vegetation. Beech trees at Shab hill and Shab Hill farm are visible on the skyline. The view is disrupted by traffic noise from the A417.</p> <p>*Shab Hill junction and the B4070 Birdlip link road would be visible.</p>
<p>VP34 Byway west of Hill Barn</p> <p>Grid ref: 51.830363, - 2.0734441 Elevation: 279.888mAOD Looking north-west Date and time of summer photography: 09 September 2019, 16:40</p>	<p>Taken from a byway west of Hill Barn looking north-west towards Shab Hill.</p> <p>The is representative of road users of the byway.</p> <p>An open view across the wold with rolling landform which falls to the north at Coldwell Bottom and rises to the two radio masts on the skyline, which are clearly visible. A pylon line crosses the background on the skyline to the north-east. The solid belt of coniferous woodland at Rushwood Kennels is visible to the north-east. There is a slot view in the distance to passing traffic.</p>

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<p>VP35 View to Shab Hill from footpath north of Stockwell farm</p> <p>Grid Ref: 51.829062, - 2.0834970 Elevation: 278.713mAO Looking north Date and time of summer photography: 09 September 2019, 16:31</p>	<p>Taken from the footpath north of Stockwell Farm.</p> <p>Representative of users of the footpath</p> <p>The view consists of a large-scale arable field, bounded by dry stone walls and post and wire fencing. The top of two radio masts are visible beyond the high midground skyline. Scrubby hedgerow trees to the west filter views of Stockwell Farm.</p>
<p>VP37 PRoW north of Stockwell</p> <p>Grid Ref: 51.829587, - 2.087556 Elevation: 280.342mAO Looking north Date and time of summer photography: 19 September 2019, 14:36</p>	<p>Taken from the junction of three PRoW north of Stockwell.</p> <p>Representative of recreational users of the PRoW network north of Stockwell.</p> <p>The view consists of a large-scale arable field bounded by hedgerows, occasional small hedgerow trees and post and wire fencing. A very open view, the landform rises to the north to the midground and further elements are screened from view. Road noise is slightly audible, lowering the tranquillity of the view.</p> <p>*Enclosed views of the scheme would be visible along the top of the hill field patterns and boundaries would be disrupted.</p>
<p>VP38 Byway at Stockwell</p> <p>Grid ref: 51.827633, - 2.0856106 Elevation: 271.703mAO Looking east Date and time of summer photography: 26 September 2019, 09:47</p>	<p>Taken from a restricted byway east of Stockwell, facing east.</p> <p>This is representative of users of the byway in the vicinity of Stockwell and residents at Stockwell.</p> <p>A shortened view by the rising landform and the coniferous shelterbelt along the field boundary. The view is dominated by a large-scale arable field in the foreground with post and wire fencing delineating the byway and neighbouring field. To the south, the existing A417 is visible on the distant horizon. Views to the east are enclosed by the trees bounding the lane and overgrown field boundaries.</p>
<p>VP39 Birdlip</p> <p>Grid Ref: 51.825927, - 2.1011280 Elevation: 278.158mAO Looking north Date and time of summer photography: 26 September 2019, 13:47</p>	<p>Taken from a secluded spot along a rural de-trunked section of road east of Birdlip, facing north towards the existing A417.</p> <p>Representative of the community at Birdlip and road users.</p> <p>A near view over a large-scale arable field bounded by post and wire fence. The view is enclosed by a line of mature trees lining the existing A417. Embankments of the road are visible through small gaps in the trees.</p>
<p>VP40 PRoW north of Birdlip Quarry</p> <p>Grid Ref: 51.823886, - 2.0768666</p>	<p>Taken from the junction of a bridleway and PRoW north of Birdlip quarry, looking west.</p> <p>Representative of users of the bridleway and PRoW.</p>



Viewpoint location	Description
Elevation: 273.815mAOD Looking west Date and time of summer photography: 26 September 2019, 09:59	The view overlooks rolling pasture farmland at the head of a dry valley. Fields are bounded by broken hedges, with some removed completely. Other fields are marked by post and wire fencing. Mature deciduous trees on the near horizon enclose the view and prevent wider views west, screening parts of the A417. There are partial and glimpsed views of the A417 with movement of vehicles visible.
VP41 Golden Heart Inn Grid ref: 51.822076, - 2.084408 Elevation: 253.485mAoD Looking north Date and time of summer photography: 05 September 2019, 14:06	Taken from the car park at the Golden Heart Inn along the existing A417, facing north.  This is representative of residents and visitors to the Golden Heart Inn and road users of the existing A417.  An enclosed view with road infrastructure and the public house car park dominating the foreground. Mature trees at Birdlip quarry shorten the view but there are glimpsed views through the gappy hedgerow and trees bounding the road to pastoral fields beyond.
VP42 Rural lane west of Cowley Wood Grid ref: 51.819245, - 2.072096 Elevation: 263.302mAOD Looking west Date and time of summer photography: 26 September 2019, 10:21	Taken from a rural lane west of Cowley wood, facing west towards Cowley roundabout.  This is representative of users of the PRow and road users.  The view is enclosed by landform, with the foreground dominated by a large-scale pastoral field. Field boundaries are a mix of post and wire fences, dry stone walling and scrappy hedgerow with some mature ash trees in field boundaries. Mature trees at Cowley roundabout obscure the traffic, however road infrastructure including lighting columns are clearly visible in the view.
VP43 Brimpsfield Grid Ref: 51.815067, - 2.087925 Elevation: 264.522mAOD Looking north-east Date and time of summer photography: 26 September 2019, 12:04	Taken from side of road, north of Brimpsfield looking north-east.  Representative of road users and the community of Brimpsfield. The view consists of a rolling wooded landscape to the north and shallow valley in the middle distance where Watercombe Farm is located but not visible. The foreground is dominated by a pastoral field bounded by post and wire fencing and drystone walling to the far boundary. Hedgerow field boundaries and trees enclose the view. Passing traffic can be seen on the A417 on the far side of the valley but Cowley roundabout is obscured by tree cover. A pylon line can be seen past the skyline and isolated properties on elevated land can be seen to the east.
VP44 View north of Brimpsfield Grid ref: 51.816380, - 2.0885932 Elevation: 258.143mAOD Looking north Date and time of summer photography: 26 September 2019, 11:52	Taken from the PRow north of Brimpsfield looking north towards Cowley roundabout.  This is representative of users of the PRow and the community at Brimpsfield.  A partial and interrupted view through a gateway in the hedgerow, which dominates the view in the foreground.  The view through the gap in the hedgerow is looking across a pastoral field. Beyond this the land rolls away into the valley. A network of small irregular fields enclosed with mature hedgerow and mixed woodland copse line the facing slope. Traffic along the exiting A417 is visible through gaps in the tree coverage along the ridge of the facing valley.

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<p>VP45 Bridleway at Blacklains Farm</p> <p>Grid Ref: 51.817961, - 2.1038175 Elevation: 280.677m AOD Looking east Date and time of summer photography: 26 September 2019, 12:31</p>	<p>Taken from the footpath south of Blacklains Farm.</p> <p>Representative of elevated residential properties west of Hawcote Hill.</p> <p>The view consists of a rolling valley that rises to a localised high point, Hawcote Hill. The A417 follows the skyline and behind Hawcote Hill, with passing traffic making the road more perceptible in the view. To the north, green dual carriageway signs are visible through roadside trees. Hawcote copse screens sections of the A417. Nettleton is barely visible to the east. A pylon line is visible beyond the skyline and a wood pole line crosses the view in the foreground. It is a peaceful view due to little noise disturbance.</p>
<p>VP46 Bridleway west of Elkstone</p> <p>Grid Ref: 51.808662, - 2.062276 Elevation: 258.155m AOD Looking north-west Date and time of summer photography: 26 September 2019, 10:55</p>	<p>Taken from an un-named local road looking north-west towards Highgate Farm.</p> <p>Representative of users of the existing A417, south of the scheme.</p> <p>An open view looking down the road with scrappy hedgerow flanking either side of the road. There is a slot view along the A417 road corridor and cutting slopes to a wooded skyline. Cowley roundabout is not visible. The land rises to the north, with undulating large-scale arable fields with little tree cover and bounded by drystone walls. Highgate farm and another residential property are visible on the skyline in the middle distance. Electricity poles are visible from east to west.</p> <p>Cowley roundabout is not visible, although the start of the new A417 would likely be visible on the skyline.</p>
<p>VP47 National Star College grounds at glamping site</p> <p>Grid Ref: 51.849475, - 2.086781 Elevation: 230m AOD Looking south-west Date and time of summer photography: 22 September 2020, 13:56</p>	<p>Taken from the National Star College grounds at the glamping site, looking towards the existing Air Balloon roundabout.</p> <p>Representative of residents within the National Star College.</p> <p>A partially enclosed view where Leckampton Hill Road and mature roadside trees are visible on the right of the view. The land rises to the south to a thickly wooded ridge, indicating Ullen Wood. Air Balloon roundabout is not visible. Although the view is screened by intervening vegetation within the college grounds, in winter the view is likely more distant towards the roundabout.</p>