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Assessment Viewpoint 25 : Someries Castle 3

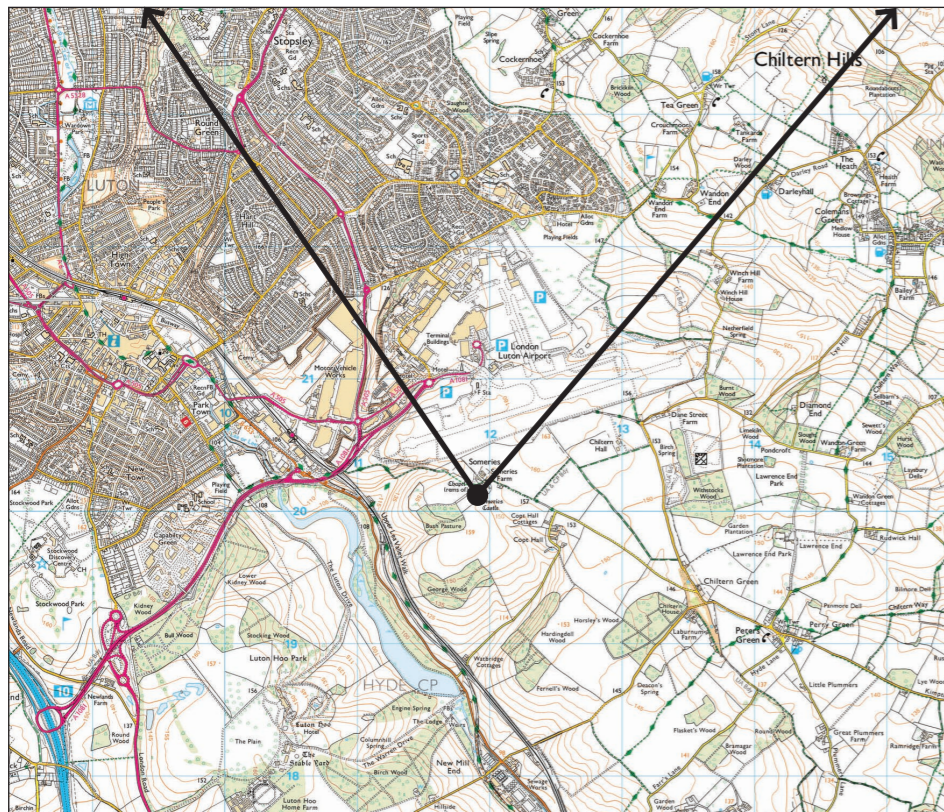
Winter Photograph

Left of View



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Date / Time: 19th December 2018 (12:13)
Weather Conditions / Visibility: Sunny / Good
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Horizontal Field of View: 75 °
Accurate Viewing Distance: 300mm

Location Plan



Baseline Description

This viewpoint is located within the grounds of Someries Castle, approximately 200m to the south of the Main Application Site. The view is orientated in a north easterly direction and is representative of the view experienced by visitors to Someries Castle and grounds.

The foreground of the view shows an area of scrubby pasture interspersed with farm machinery and equipment. The ruins of Someries Castle can be seen across the right of the view and Someries Farmhouse, beyond mature vegetation, in the centre part of the view. The Gulfstream and Tui hangars, hotels and office buildings on Percival Way and adjoining the junction of Airport Way and New Airport Way are visible to the far side of the runway in the far-left part of the view.

Anticipated Change to View

The Proposed Development would be almost entirely screened from this viewpoint by intervening vegetation or built form. Works 2b(01) and 2b(02) may however be discernible within the airfield in the centre part of this view from Phase 2a, and Works 2c(04) and 2h(02) may be discernible within the airfield in the centre part of this view from Phase 2b. Work 2d would also be discernible in the middle-distance from Phase 2b, beyond the castle and above the earth bund in the far-right part of this view.

Camera Location



Winter Photograph

Right of View



Assessment Viewpoint 25 : Someries Castle 3

Summer Photograph

Left of View



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Date / Time: 7th August 2018 (10:54)
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Accurate Viewing Distance: 300mm

Summer Photograph

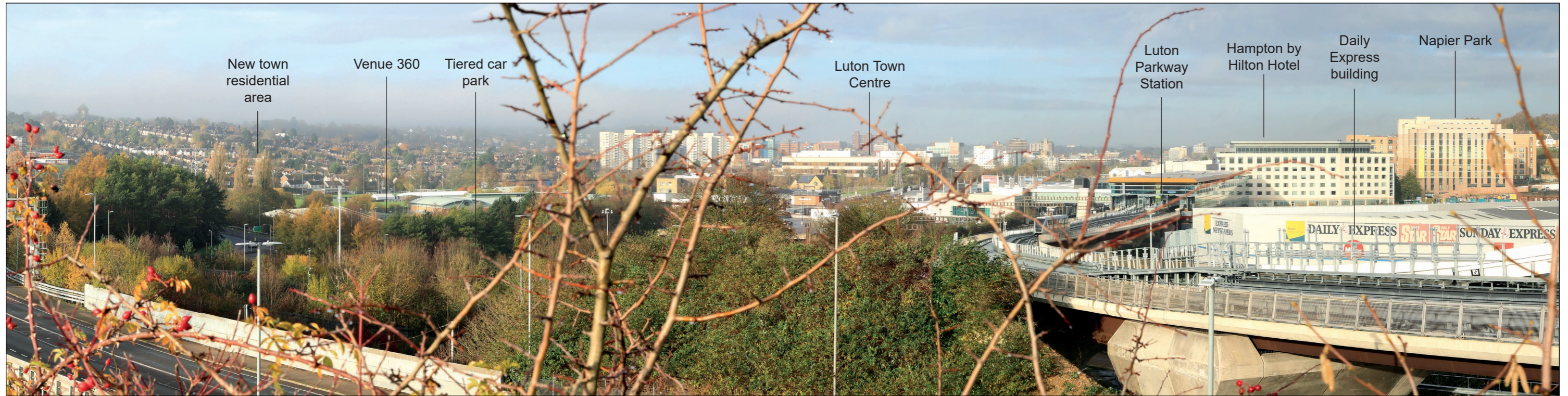
Right of View



Assessment Viewpoint 26 : Footpath (Hyde 4B)

Winter Photograph

Left of View



National Grid Reference: 510903.974, 220303.147, 137.21aod
Date / Time: 28th November 2022 (09:55)
Weather Conditions / Visibility: Sunny / Good
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Horizontal Field of View: 75 °
Accurate Viewing Distance: 300mm

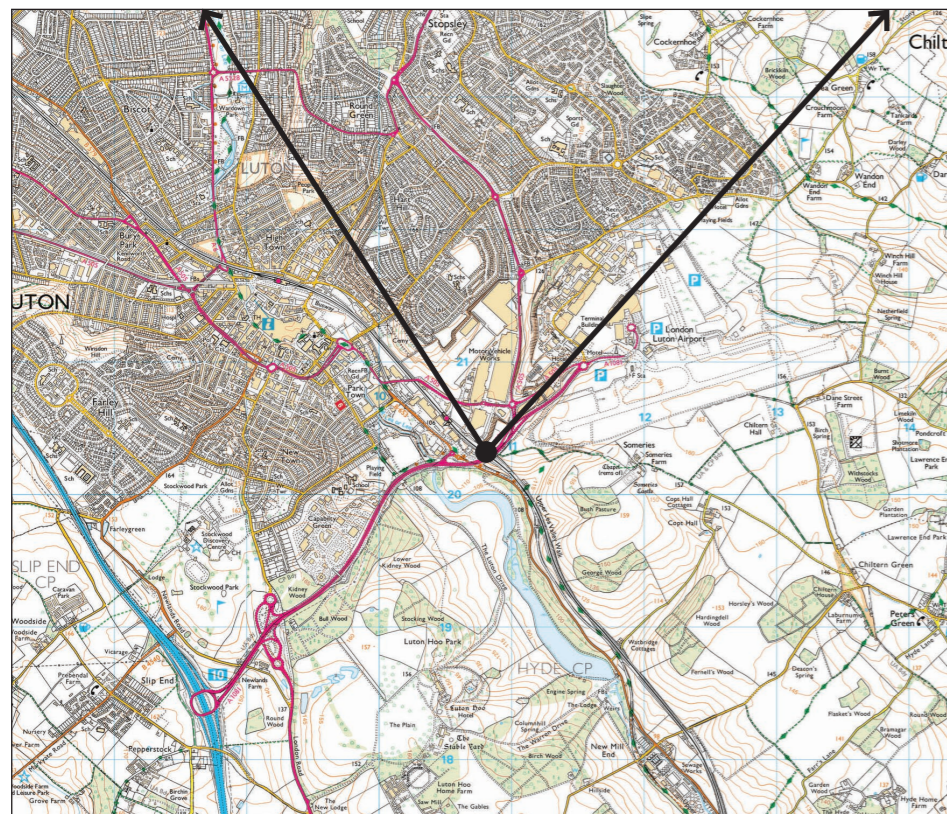
Baseline Description

This viewpoint is located in an elevated position adjoining the Main Application Site on public footpath Hyde 4B, at the top of the steps leading to New Airport Way and near the western end of the airport runway. The view is orientated in a northerly direction and is representative of the view experienced by users of public footpath Hyde 4B, west of Someries Castle and users of New Airport Way.

Camera Location



Location Plan



The DART bridge dominates views from this location. Beyond the bridge is the industrial townscape of southeast Luton with Luton Town Centre visible to the left of the view and the residential areas of New town and Hart Hill visible to the far left and centre of view respectively. New Airport Way is visible in the foreground to the right of the view; the Daily Express warehouse and lorry trailer park evident in the centre of the view. The bridge of the Luton DART (installed in 2019 and leading from Luton Airport Parkway Station to the existing airport terminal building) crosses over New Airport Way in the foreground of this view, to the nearside of the lorry trailer park. The Hampton by Hilton Hotel, Napier Park and Luton Airport Parkway station and lighting columns are visible in the middle-distance to the left of the view. The Vauxhall car park and Dairyborn Escarpment, atop which can be seen existing airport hangars and office buildings, are also visible in the middle-distance to the right of the view.

Anticipated Change to View

The Proposed Development would be almost entirely screened from this viewpoint in Phase 1, with only highway works potentially discernible. Site clearance activities and Works 4h, 4g, and 6a(02) would however be evident across the centre, left and right parts of the view respectively from Phase 2a. Work to restore the landscape following construction of the Airport Access Road (Work 5a) would also be evident in the far right part of this view from Phase 2a.

Winter Photograph

Right of View



National Grid Reference: 510903.974, 220303.147, 137.21aod
Date / Time: 28th November 2022 (09:55)
Weather Conditions / Visibility: Sunny / Good
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Accurate Viewing Distance: 300mm

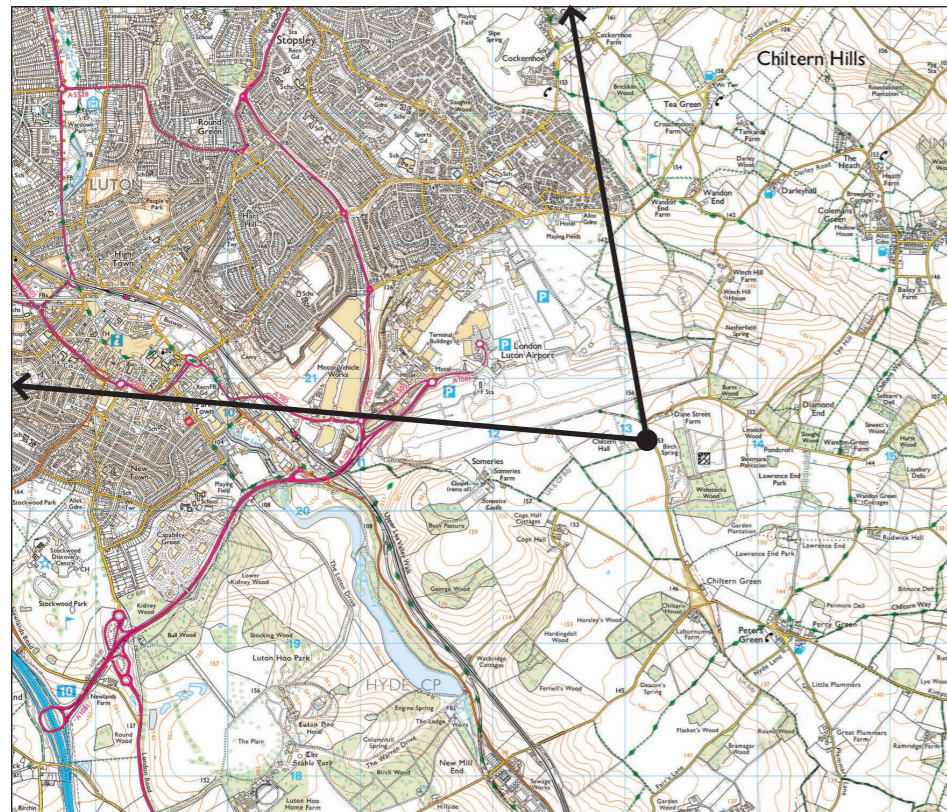
Assessment Viewpoint 27 : Bridleway (Hyde 3A)

Winter Photograph



National Grid Reference: 513197.655, 220494.455, 155.21aod
Date / Time: 19th December 2018 (11:41)
Weather Conditions / Visibility: Sunny / Good
Camera & Lens: Canon EOS 5D MKII 50mm lens
Horizontal Field of View: 75 °
Accurate Viewing Distance: 300mm

Location Plan



Baseline Description

This viewpoint is located on public bridleway Hyde 3A near Chiltern Green Road, approximately 200m south of the Main Application Site. The view is orientated in a north westerly direction and is representative of the view experienced by users of this right of way to the south of LTN.

The view overlooks an area of grazed pasture in the foreground, which extends, in the right part of the view, up to a hedgerow and, in the left part of the view, the airport boundary fence. The airport control tower and the uppermost part of the Tui hangar are discernible beyond the fence line in the left part of the view. The buildings of Chiltern Hall are visible in the far-left part of the view.

Anticipated Change to View

The Proposed Development would be largely screened from this viewpoint. It is anticipated however that Works 2b(02), 3b(01) and 3c(01) would be visible to the far side of the hedgerow and beyond intervening vegetation within the right part of the view.

Additional Mitigation

The additional mitigation measures (Work 5e) would restore the hedgerow in the foreground, in filling the existing gaps and reducing visibility towards the Proposed Development, particularly during summer months.

Camera Location



Summer Photograph



National Grid Reference: 513197.655, 220494.455, 155.21aod
Date / Time: 7th August 2018 (09:39)
Weather Conditions / Visibility: Sunny / Good
Camera & Lens: Canon EOS 5D MKII 50mm lens
Horizontal Field of View: 75 °
Accurate Viewing Distance: 300mm

Assessment Viewpoint 28 : Footpath (Kings Walden 43)

Winter Photograph



National Grid Reference: 513714.244, 221661.595, 135.84aod
Date / Time: 30th November 2018 (11:17)
Weather Conditions / Visibility: Sunny / Good
Camera & Lens: Canon EOS 5D MKII 50mm lens
Horizontal Field of View: 75 °
Accurate Viewing Distance: 300mm

Baseline Description

This viewpoint is located on public footpath Kings Walden 043 within the Main Application Site and adjoining Winch Hill Lane. The view is orientated in a westerly direction and is representative of the view experienced by users of footpath Kings Walden 043 within the Main Application Site, users of Winch Hill Lane and, following the replacement of the open space, visitors to Wigmore Valley Park.

The view overlooks gently sloping arable farmland intersected by gappy hedgerows, scrub vegetation and occasional trees. Winch Hill Wood, an area of ancient woodland, is visible in the middle-distance to the far left of the view and a mature hedgerow that follows the airport boundary and south eastern boundary of Wigmore Valley Park can be seen in the distance across the centre and right part of the view. The airport control tower and hangars adjoining Percival Way and President Way are notable on the horizon across the right part of the view.

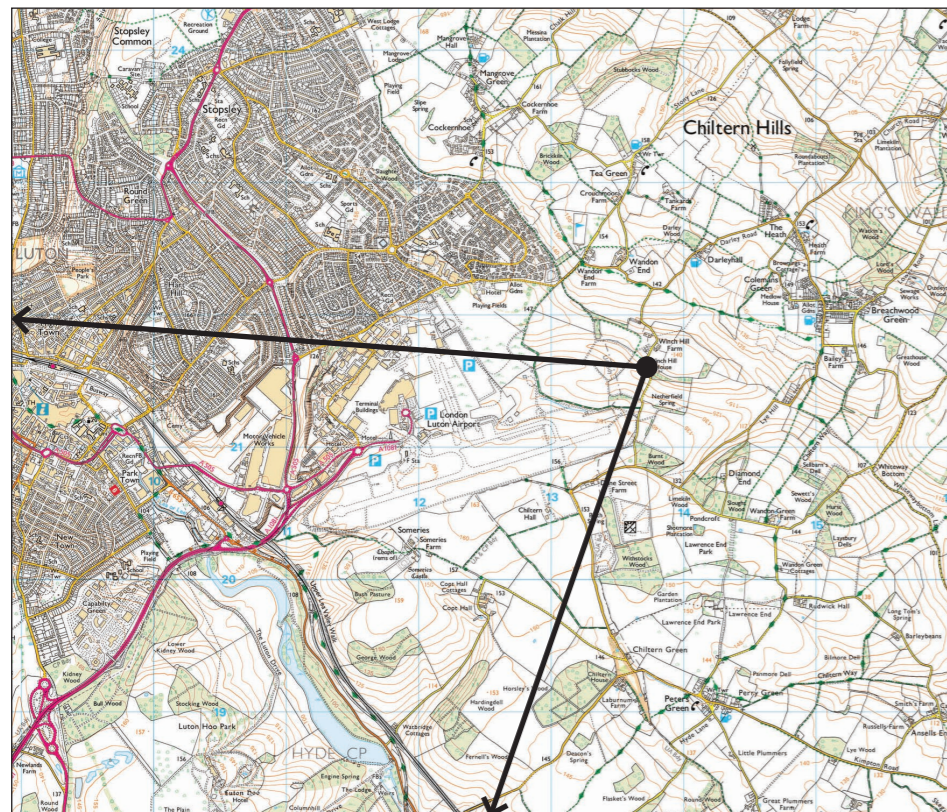
Anticipated Change to View

This viewpoint would be located within the area of Replacement Open Space (Work 5b(02)) to be delivered as part of the Proposed Development in Phase 1; embedded into which is the planting of a new hedgerow and hedgerow trees across the foreground of this view. This change would be seen in combination with distant and partial views to site clearance activities and Works 1a, 1b, 2a and 2e in this phase.

The embedded landscape mitigation within the Replacement Open Space (Work 5b(02)) would establish to partially screen the Proposed Development by Phase 2a. Earthworks activities (including the stripping of soils and storage of excavated material), the further clearance of existing vegetation, and glimpsed views of Works 2f, 3b(01), 3c(01), 4c(01), 4d, 4f, 4p(01) and 4v are however considered to remain discernible across this view.

The embedded landscape mitigation measures should have further established by Phase 2b to provide a good level of screening from this viewpoint. Some further clearance activities and Works 2c, 2g, 3b(02), 3c(02), 4a and 5c(02) may however remain discernible to some extent during this period, particularly during winter months.

Location Plan



Camera Location



Summer Photograph



National Grid Reference: 513714.244, 221661.595, 135.84aod
Date / Time: 26th July 2018 (13:28)
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Accurate Viewing Distance: 300mm

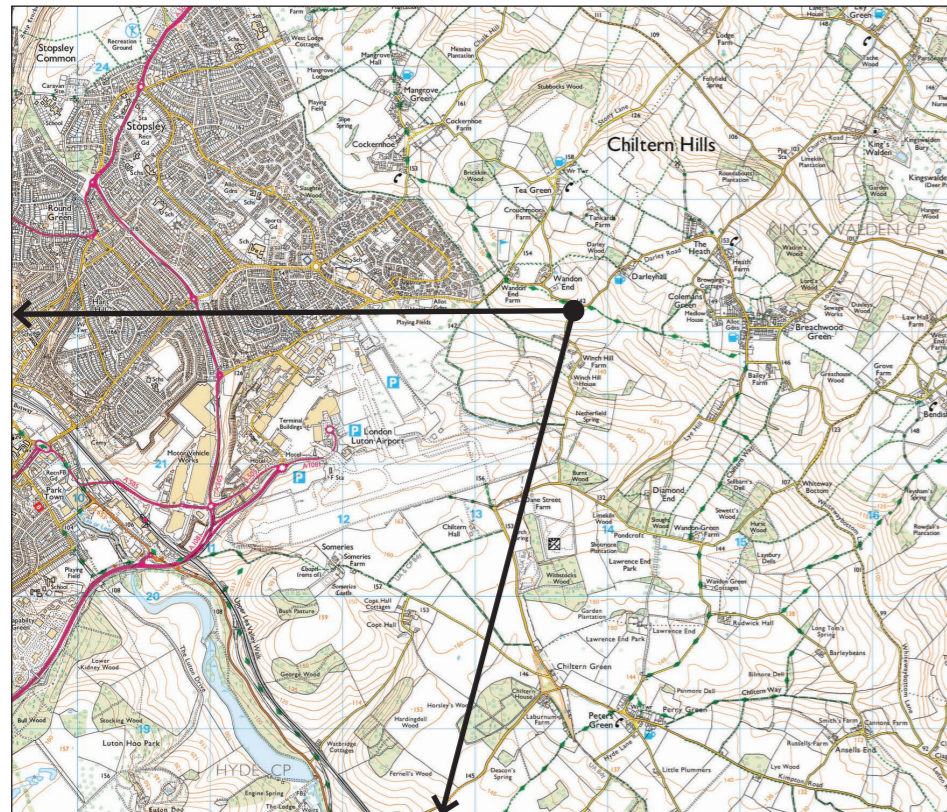
Assessment Viewpoint 29 : Footpath (Kings Walden 41)

Winter Photograph



National Grid Reference: 513758.543, 222200.602, 144.73aod
Date / Time: 30th November 2018 (11:07)
Weather Conditions / Visibility: Sunny / Good
Camera & Lens: Canon EOS 5D MKII 50mm lens
Horizontal Field of View: 75 °
Accurate Viewing Distance: 300mm

Location Plan



Baseline Description

This viewpoint is located on public footpath Kings Walden 041, where forming part of the Chiltern Way long distance footpath, near the junction of Darley Road and Winch Hill Lane and within the Main Application Site. The view is orientated in a westerly direction and is representative of the view experienced by users of Darley Road, users of Winch Hill Lane, residents of Wandon End, users of the Chiltern Way long distance footpath and, following the replacement of the open space, visitors to Wigmore Valley Park.

The view overlooks an area of arable farmland that descends into a valley in the middle-distance before rising to meet the mature hedgerow that follows the ridgeline of Winch Hill. The mature hedgerow that adjoins the airport boundary and southeast boundary of Wigmore Valley Park is visible in the distance, beyond vegetation on Winch Hill, within the far-left and far-right parts of the view. The airport control tower and hangars are discernible on the horizon in the centre-right and right parts of the view and the airport runway is discernible beyond intervening vegetation in the left of the view.

Anticipated Change to View

This viewpoint would be located within the area of Replacement Open Space (Works 5b(02)) to be delivered as part of the Proposed Development in Phase 1; embedded into which is the planting of a new areas of woodland, new hedgerows and hedgerow trees; part of which would be evident across the foreground of this view. The embedded landscape mitigation within the Replacement Open Space would establish to largely screen proposed works in Phases 2a and 2b. Glimpsed views of some elements, notably Works 1a, 2f, 2g, 3b, 3c, 3i, 4a and 4b, may however remain discernible, particularly during winter months.

Camera Location



Summer Photograph



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Date / Time: 26th July 2018 (13:12)
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Accurate Viewing Distance: 300mm

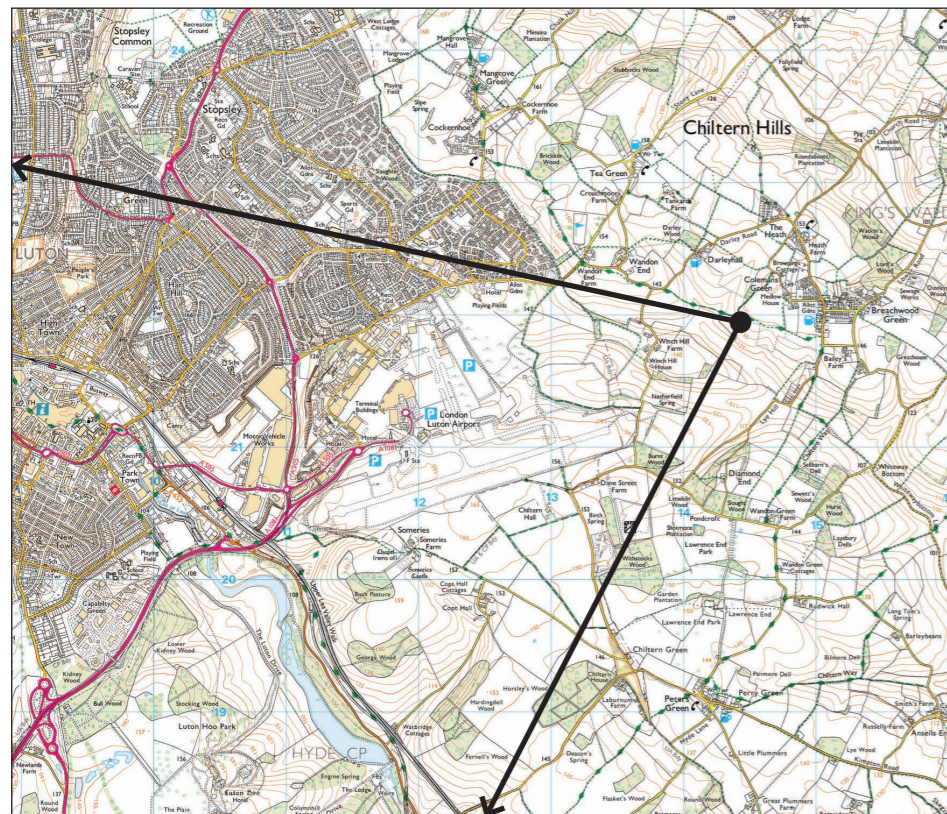
Assessment Viewpoint 30 : Footpath (Kings Walden 52)

Winter Photograph



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Date / Time: 30th November 2018 (10:32)
Weather Conditions / Visibility: Sunny / Good
Camera & Lens: Canon EOS 5D MKII 50mm lens
Horizontal Field of View: 75 °
Accurate Viewing Distance: 300mm

Location Plan



Baseline Description

This viewpoint is located on public bridleway Kings Walden 052, near the junction with public footpath Kings Walden 006 and where it forms part of the Chiltern Way long distance footpath. The view is orientated in a westerly direction and is representative of the view experienced by users of the Chiltern Way long distance footpath.

The view overlooks an area of gently rolling arable farmland broken hedgerows and occasional hedgerow trees, which extends into the middle-distance. A farm building, adjacent to Winch Hill Lane and atop Winch Hill, is visible in the centre-right part the view. Beyond and to the right of this farm building are the existing airport buildings, including the control tower and some hangars, which are discernible beyond intervening vegetation on the horizon. The runway and Winch Hill Wood are also visible in the distance in the left and centre-left parts of the view respectively.

Anticipated Change to View

The Proposed Development would introduce additional built form in Phases 2a and 2b, notably Works 3b, 3c, 2f and 2g, which would be visible beyond Winch Hill and to the nearside of the existing airport building above intervening vegetation and on the horizon across most of the centre and right part of the view, extending from the edge of Winch Hill Wood to above Winch Hill Cottages.

Additional Mitigation

The additional mitigation measures would restore existing field boundaries and convert to pasture several of the existing arable fields visible in the foreground and middle-distance (Work 5d). The proposed measures would also introduce a new section of hedgerow with hedgerow trees into the immediate foreground of this view (Work 5e) that would establish to largely reduce visibility to the Proposed Development, particularly during summer months.

Camera Location



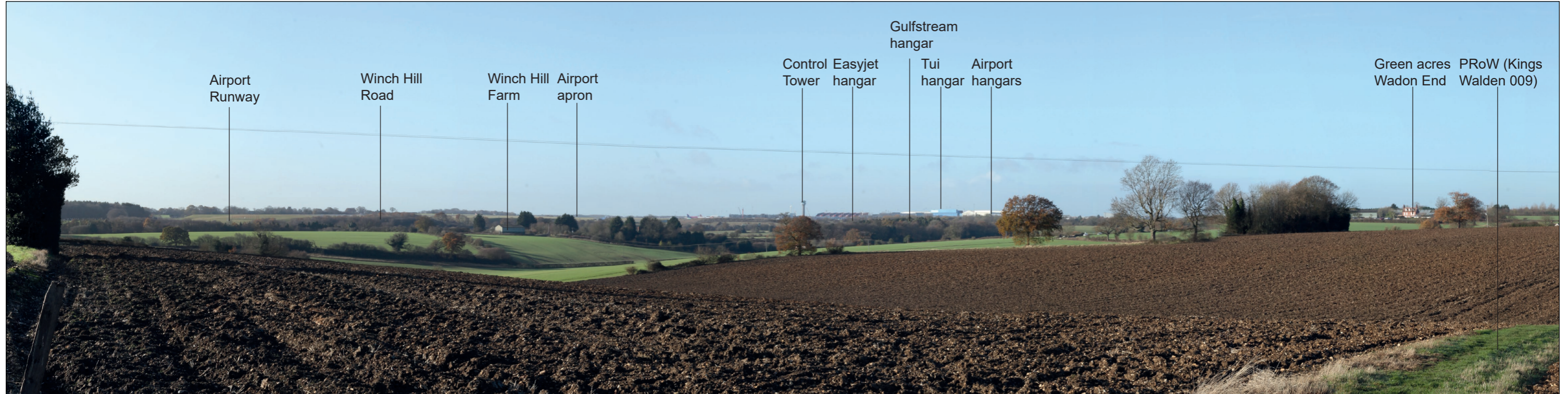
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Accurate Viewing Distance: 300mm

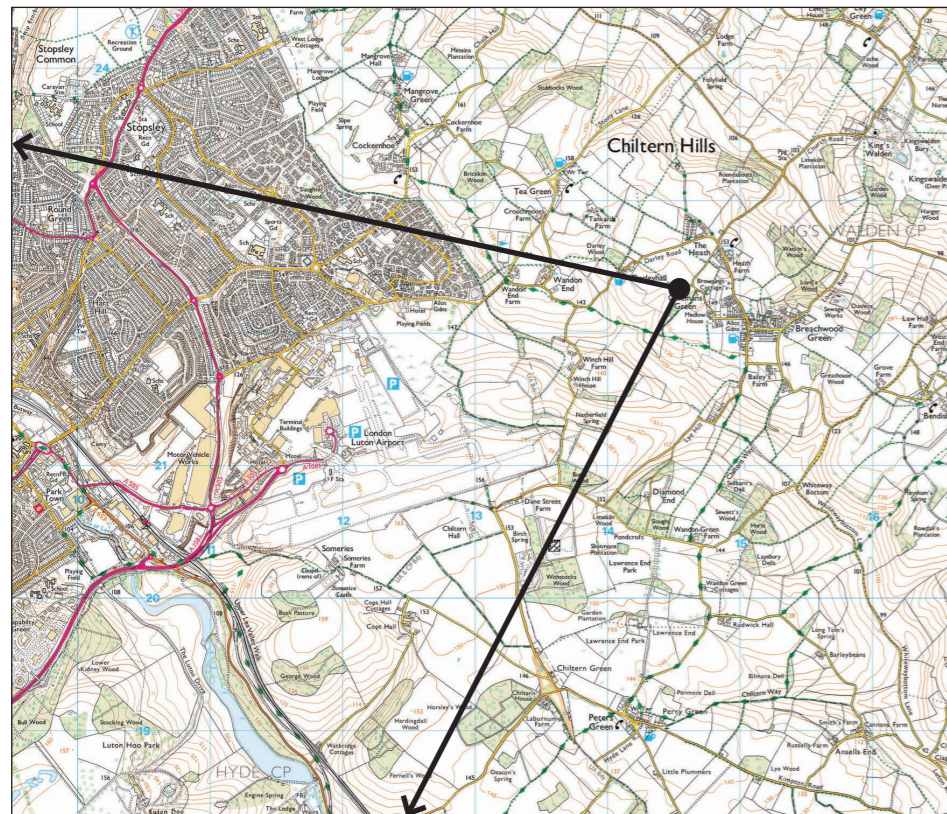
Assessment Viewpoint 31 : Footpath (Kings Walden 09)

Winter Photograph



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Date / Time: 30th November 2018 (10:11)
Weather Conditions / Visibility: Sunny / Good
Camera & Lens: Canon EOS 5D MKII 50mm lens
Horizontal Field of View: 75 °
Accurate Viewing Distance: 300mm

Location Plan



Baseline Description

This viewpoint is located on public footpath Kings Walden 009, between Darleyhall and Breachwood Green, and approximately 800m east of the Main Application Site. The view is orientated in a south westerly direction and is representative of the view experienced by users of PRow to the west of Breachwood Green.

The view overlooks an area of gently rolling arable farmland with broken hedgerows and occasional hedgerow trees, which extends into middle-distance. The mature hedgerow that aligns the ridge of Winch Hill is visible in the middle-distance in the centre-right part of the view, with the airport control tower and existing airport hangars visible beyond it. The existing airport runway and apron is visible beyond intervening vegetation and on the horizon across much of the left part of the view.

Anticipated Change to View

The Proposed Development would introduce additional built form at Phase 2a and Phase 2b that would be visible above intervening vegetation, and to the nearside of the existing apron and airport buildings, on the horizon across the centre part of the view.

Additional Mitigation

The additional mitigation measures would restore existing field boundaries and change to meadow or pasture the fields visible in the middle-distance across the centre and left part of the view (Work 5d).

The proposed measures would also introduce a new section of hedgerow with hedgerow trees into the immediate foreground (Work 5e) that would establish to direct views away from the airport and to reduce visibility to the proposed built form, particularly during summer months.

Camera Location



Summer Photograph



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Accurate Viewing Distance: 300mm

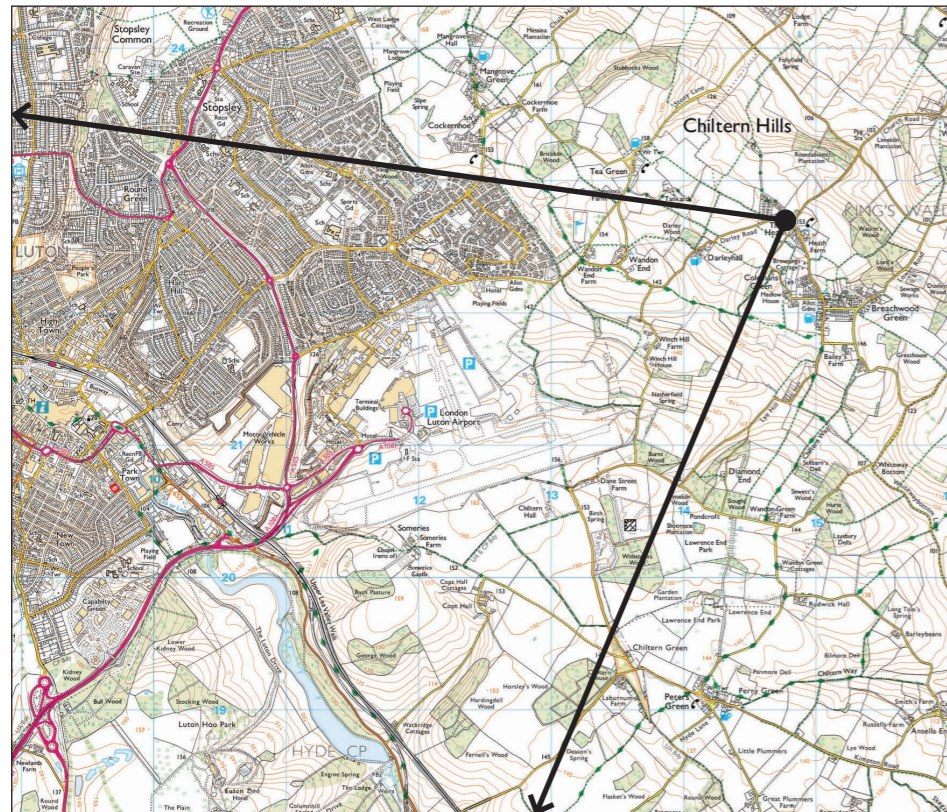
Assessment Viewpoint 32 : Darley Road, near Breachwood Green

Winter Photograph



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Date / Time: 30th November 2018 (10:50)
Weather Conditions / Visibility: Sunny / Good
Camera & Lens: Canon EOS 5D MKII 50mm lens
Horizontal Field of View: 75 °
Accurate Viewing Distance: 300mm

Location Plan



Baseline Description

This viewpoint is located on The Heath, near to the settlements of Breachwood Green and The Heath, approximately 1.2km northeast of the Main Application Site. The view is orientated in a south westerly direction and is representative of the view experienced by users of Darley Road and people in Breachwood Green, The Heath and Lye Hill.

The view overlooks an area of gently rolling arable farmland with occasional hedgerow vegetation and field trees. Properties and associated planting at Darleyhall and The Heath are discernible in the right of the view, with the edge of Breachwood Green visible in the far-left part of the frame. The airport control tower and hangars are visible in the distance and on the horizon within the centre-right part of the view and the airport runway can be seen in the centre-left of the view.

Anticipated Change to View

The Proposed Development would introduce additional built form at Phase 2a and Phase 2b that would be visible in the distance above intervening vegetation and to the nearside of the existing airport buildings and runway, across the centre part of the view.

Additional Mitigation

The additional mitigation measures would restore existing field boundaries and introduce additional hedgerow trees into the middle-distance (Work 5e) that would establish to largely screen the existing airport and Proposed Development from this viewpoint, particularly during summer months.

Camera Location



Summer Photograph



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Horizontal Field of View: 75 °
Accurate Viewing Distance: 300mm