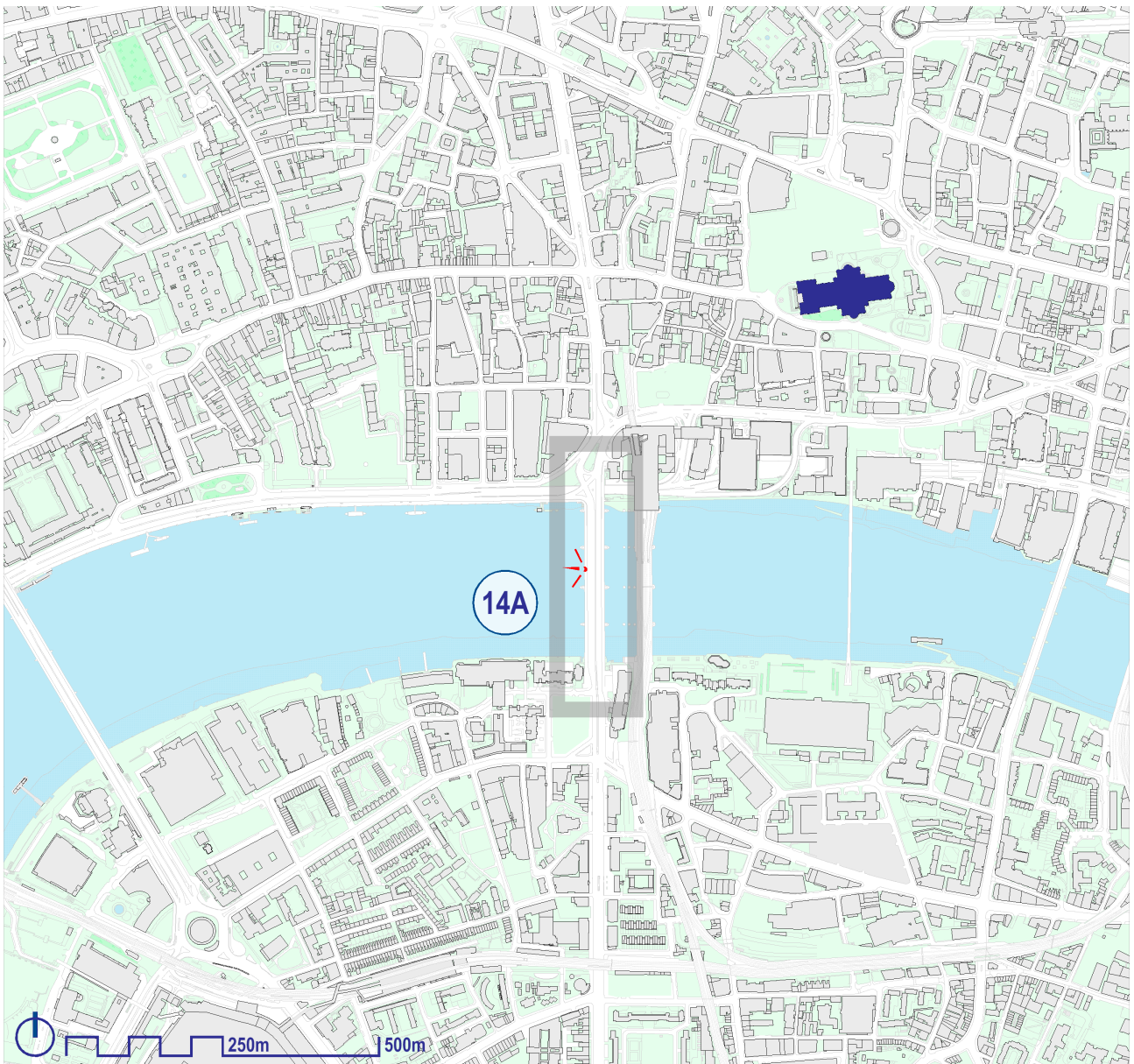
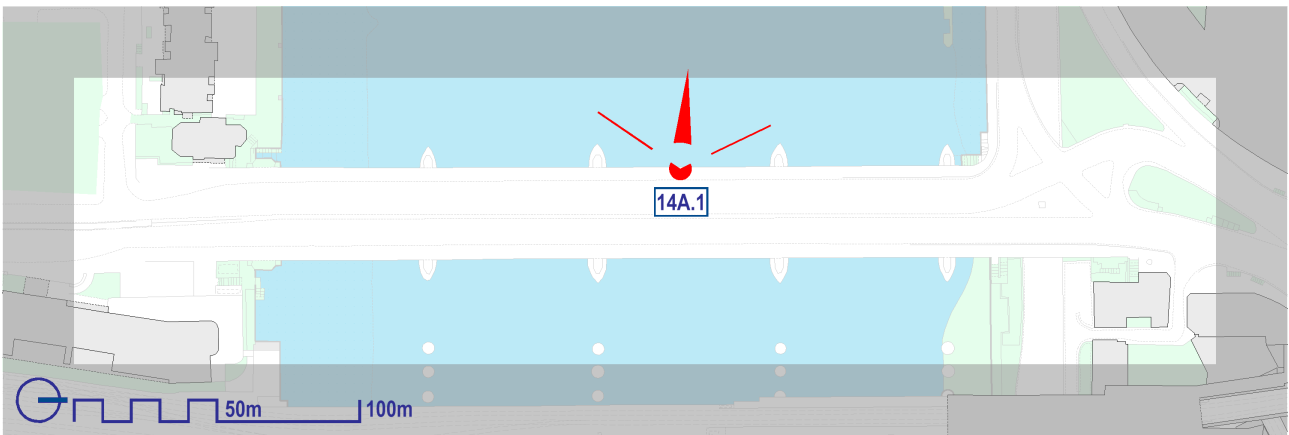


238 Blackfriars Bridge runs in a north south orientation. Designed by Joseph Cubitt and H. Carr it was opened in 1869 and widened on the west side in 1907-10. It is now the widest river bridge in central London. To the west, buildings in Westminster rise beyond Temple Gardens. To the north and east, the view is becoming dominated by the new development of Blackfriars. Thameslink Station and the top of the dome of St Paul's Cathedral is only just visible. To the southwest there are views to the South Bank.



239 There is one Viewing Location at Blackfriars Bridge 14A which looks upstream.

Viewing Location 14A Blackfriars Bridge: upstream



N.B for key to symbols refer to image 1



Panorama from Assessment Point 14A.1 Blackfriars Bridge: upstream – at the centre of the bridge

Description of the Views

- 240 Looking upstream, the expanse of the River Thames is impressive. A single Assessment Point (14A.1) is located at the centre of the bridge.
- 241 To the north, foreground development on the Victoria Embankment has a fine historic grain, varied materials and a skyline including spires and other roof top elements. Mature trees, especially at Temple Gardens, are an underlying feature. The elegant arches of Waterloo Bridge link two important historic buildings – the National Theatre, on the south side of the river, and Somerset House on the north.
- 242 The larger-scale, predominantly 20th Century elements on the South Bank create an unequal balance to the prospect. Waterloo Bridge forms a middle ground threshold. Beyond it there are some of central London’s principal riverside buildings, such as Shell Mex House, the Savoy Hotel, and Embankment Place, combining to create a strong silhouette against the sky, terminating with the finials and spires of Whitehall Court.

Landmarks include:

The London Eye
 Whitehall Court (II*)
 Waterloo Bridge (II*)
 Somerset House (I)

Also in the views:

IPC Tower
 Sea Containers House
 Oxo Tower
 ITV Tower
 Shell Mex House (II)
 Centre Point (II)
 Temple Gardens (I)
 BT Tower (II)
 Fleche of the Royal Courts of Justice (I)
 Former City of London School for Boys (II)

() Grade of Listed Building

Visual Management Guidance

Foreground and Middle Ground

- 243 New development in the foreground and middle ground should not obscure the landmarks in this view, and their scale, form, orientation and materials should reference the scale and orientation of the river and the associated landscape.



View from Assessment Point 14A.1 Blackfriars Bridge: upstream – at the centre of the bridge (Approximate centreline of bridge). 531629.0E 180698.4N. Camera height 14.50m AOD. Aiming at Somerset House (Flag pole on dome at centre of southern range; top of dome). Bearing 274.4°, distance 0.9km.



Background

- 244 There are opportunities to develop sites on and behind the river frontages in views from this location. Any such development should be mindful of the contribution made by the prominent buildings within the view, their prevailing scale and height, and their relationship with the river. It should also contribute to the richness of the skyline. It should not dominate the relationship that buildings have with the river.

Management of the Viewing Location

- 245 Consideration should be given to provision of an appropriate viewing plaque.