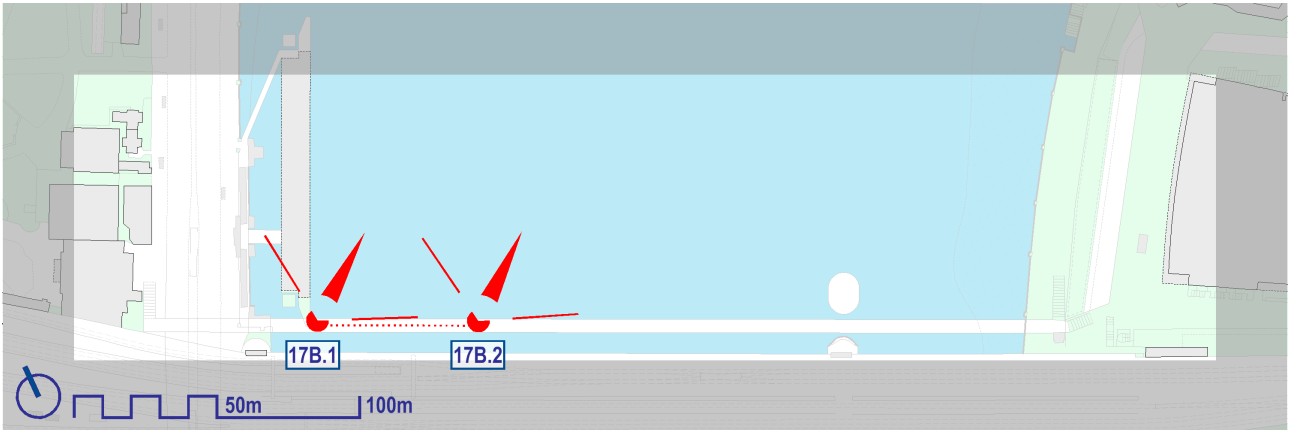


Viewing Location 17B Golden Jubilee/Hungerford Footbridges: downstream



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Panorama from Assessment Point 17B.1 Golden Jubilee/Hungerford Footbridges: downstream – crossing the Westminster bank



Panorama from Assessment Point 17B.2 Golden Jubilee/Hungerford Footbridges: downstream – close to the Westminster bank

Description of the View

- 298 The footbridge provides enhanced views east towards the City of London owing to its elevated position. Two Assessment Points are located on the downstream side, 17B.1 and 17B.2.
- 299 The riverside buildings, such as Shell Mex House, to the left, and the Royal Festival Hall to the right, frame the view. The dominant element in this view is the expanse of the river, which forms a very wide foreground and middle ground. Waterloo Bridge, and trees on the Embankment, are significant elements of horizontality. The Embankment, Festival Piers and the permanently moored boats in the foreground reinforce the character of the Thames as a working river, and contribute to a rich foreground.
- 300 St Paul's Cathedral and its western towers rise above the general townscape, although recent development reduces the quality of its setting in the view from the south-east side of the bridge. Either side of the Cathedral are the east and northern clusters of tall buildings in the City of London. The spire of St Brides and the dome of the Old Bailey are distinctive vertical elements seen against the sky. The curve of the river emphasises the more solid mass of buildings on the South Bank, which acts as a pivot to the sweep of buildings along the Victoria Embankment.

Landmarks include:

St Paul's Cathedral (I) †
 Cleopatra's Needle (I)
 Somerset House (I)
 Waterloo Bridge (II*)
 St Bride's Church (I)
 Royal National Theatre (II*)
 Royal Festival Hall (I)
 The Shard

Also in the views:

Shell Mex House
 Brettenham House
 Fleche of the Royal Courts of Justice (I)
 Barbican Towers (II)
 Dome of the Old Bailey (II*)
 Tower 42
 30 St Mary Axe
 IPC Tower
 Heron Tower

() Grade of Listed Building

† Strategically Important Landmark

Visual Management Guidance

- 301 The setting of St Paul's Cathedral within the view, as the singular most important structure, should be preserved or enhanced.



View from Assessment Point 17B.1 Golden Jubilee/Hungerford Footbridges: downstream – crossing the Westminster bank (Crossing Westminster Bank). 530470.6E 180325.7N. Camera height 13.58m AOD. Aiming at St Bride's Church (Centre of steeple; tip of steeple). Bearing 53.1°, distance 1.3km.



- 302 New development should strengthen the composition of the existing clusters of tall buildings. Buildings near Somerset House should utilise the highest standards of architecture and materials, and relate positively to the landmark building.

Foreground and Middle Ground

- 303 The intensification of river activity will be welcomed as a counterpoint to the distinct middle ground of Waterloo Bridge.

Background

- 304 There are opportunities for additional development in the background if it is of a high quality, and if it makes a contribution to the existing characteristics and composition of the view. In particular, proposals for tall buildings in the Waterloo Opportunity Area should be designed to relate to and strengthen the composition of the group of buildings in the middle ground on the South Bank without overpowering other elements of the view or harming the setting of the Royal Festival Hall or the National Theatre.
- 305 High buildings seen in relation to St Paul's Cathedral should be grouped with either the eastern or northern cluster of tall buildings in the City.

Management of the Viewing Location

- 306 Viewing plaques should be added and positioned to relate to the Assessment Points.



View from Assessment Point 17B.2 Golden Jubilee/Hungerford Footbridges: downstream – close to the Westminster bank (One span towards Westminster bank from centre of bridge, above navigation lights). 530521.7E 180301.9N. Camera height 13.64m AOD. Aiming at St Bride's Church (Centre of steeple; tip of steeple). Bearing 50.9°, distance 1.3km.

