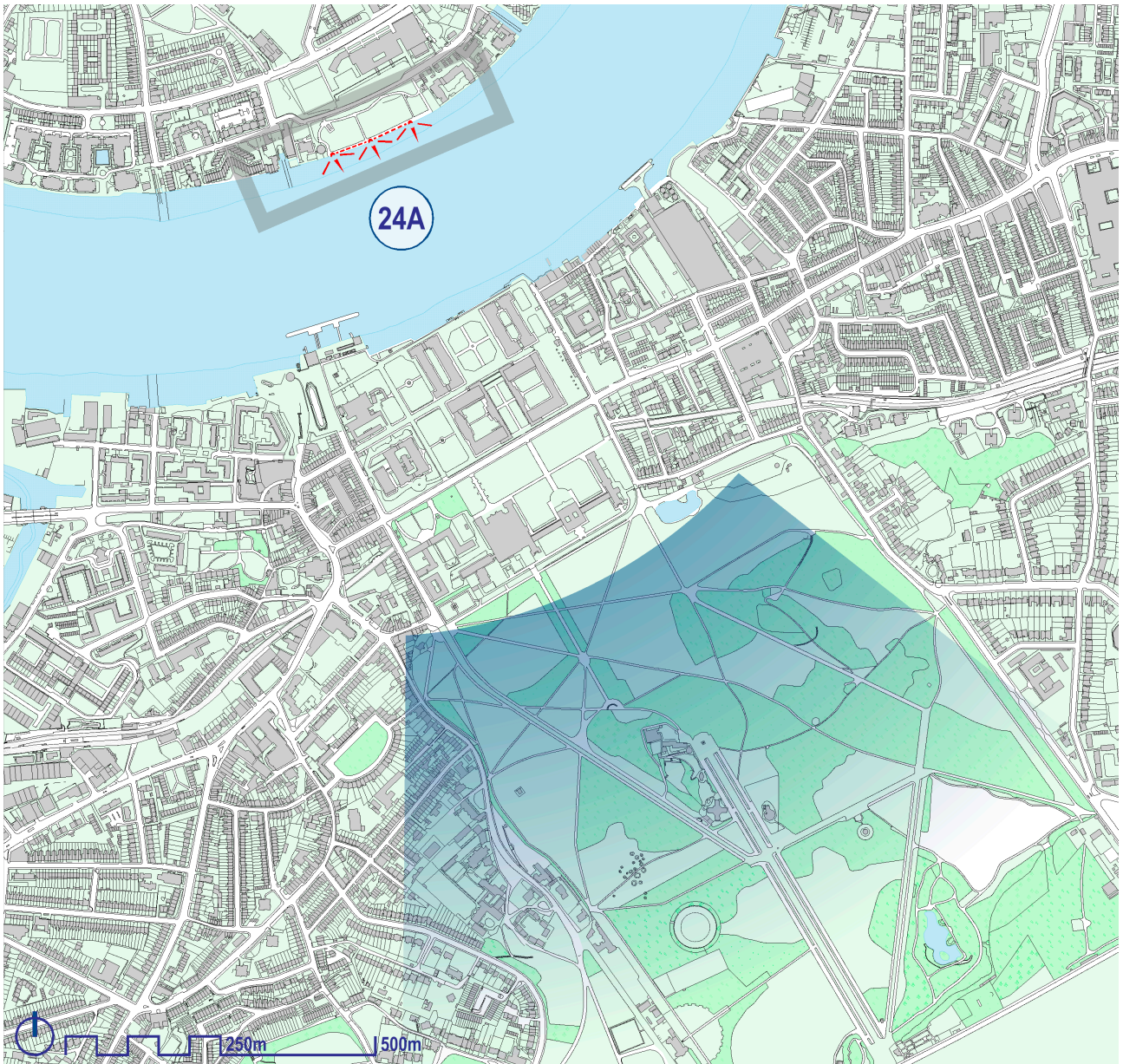


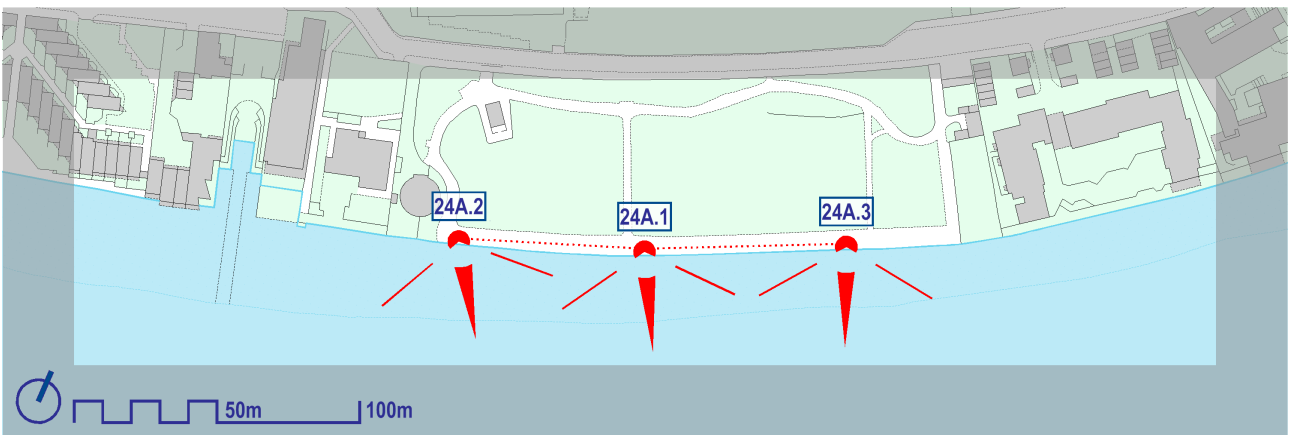
24 Townscape View: Island Gardens, Isle of Dogs to Royal Naval College

396 Island Gardens are at the southern tip of the Isle of Dogs, opposite the Greenwich Maritime World Heritage Site. The gardens were purchased by Greenwich Hospital for the purpose of providing a public view to the Royal Naval College. Island Gardens make a generous area for this purpose and provide an axial view through the two Royal Naval College buildings to the Queen’s House, with a backdrop of Greenwich Park. Canaletto’s painting of 1751 captured this view.



397 There is one Viewing Location on the Isle of Dogs: 24A, on the north bank of the River Thames at Island Gardens.

Viewing Location 24A Island Gardens: opposite the Royal Naval College



N.B for key to symbols refer to image 1



Panorama from Assessment Point 24A.1 Island Gardens: opposite the Royal Naval College – at the orientation board



Panorama from Assessment Point 24A.2 Island Gardens: opposite the Royal Naval College – western end of gardens



Panorama from Assessment Point 24A.3 Island Gardens: opposite the Royal Naval College – eastern end of gardens

Description of the View

- 398 Three Assessment Points (24A.1, 24A.2 and 24A.3) are located within the Viewing Location, and encompass almost the full length of Island Gardens. A Protected Silhouette is applied to the Royal Naval College between Assessment Points 24A.2 and 24A.3.
- 399 The formal composition, set in the foreground of the steeply sloping Royal Park, includes Inigo Jones's Palladian centrepiece – The Queen's House – seen between the Baroque King William and Queen Anne wings, by Christopher Wren and Nicholas Hawksmoor.
- 400 The Old Royal Observatory, on higher ground in the park and off axis, is an historical building in its own right. It is visible from points east of the axial view. The building represents British pre-eminence in science during the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, culminating in the adoption in 1884, of the Greenwich Meridian and Greenwich Mean Time as a world standard.
- 401 Trees frame the composition of the Old Royal Naval College. In the background large domestic properties on the ridge are visible through gaps in the trees. To the east the riverfront mostly consists of Georgian and Victorian buildings including the Trafalgar Tavern public house. The 19th Century power station is clearly visible. To the west, the dominant features are St Alfege's church tower and the Greenwich town hall clock tower. The Cutty Sark will also be prominent, once it is repaired.

Landmarks include:

Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site (I, II*, II)
 (Cutty Sark – when rebuilt)
 Greenwich Observatory (II)
 Greenwich Park

Also in the views:

London Transport Power Station
 Trafalgar Tavern (II)
 Church of St Alfege (I)
 Former Greenwich Town Hall Tower (II)

() Grade of Listed Building

Visual Management Guidance

- 402 Greenwich Maritime's status as a World Heritage Site means that its setting must be managed with sensitivity to its Outstanding Universal Value. Permanent structures or infrastructure in the view should preserve or enhance the setting of the World Heritage Site. Consideration should be given to advice set out in the Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site Management Plan.
- 403 Applicants will be required to demonstrate that proposed development will not damage the setting of the World Heritage Site or other landmarks in the view. Development at the Deptford Creek / Greenwich Opportunity Area in the right of the view should contribute to the view as a whole.



View from Assessment Point 24A.1 Island Gardens: opposite the Royal Naval College – at the orientation board (In front of orientation board). 538392.1E 178295.2N. Camera height 6.70m AOD. Aiming at The Queen's House (Central axis of the house; roof ridge line). Bearing 151.8°, distance 0.7km.



Foreground and Middle Ground

- 404 Other landmarks make important contributions to wider views from Island Gardens. New development should be designed so as not to impact on the viewer's ability to recognise and appreciate these landmarks.



View from Assessment Point 24A.2 Island Gardens: opposite the Royal Naval College – western end of gardens (At rivers edge). 538331.0E 178272.7N. Camera height 6.78m AOD. Aiming at The Queen's House (Central axis of the house; roof ridge line). Bearing 146.6°, distance 0.7km.

Background

- 405 Development that affects the silhouette of the Greenwich Maritime World Heritage Site will have a negative impact on the setting of the landmark. The Protected Silhouette should not be altered by development appearing in its background from any position at or between 24A.2 and 24A.3.

Management of the Viewing Location

406 The location should continue to be well managed and accessible.



View from Assessment Point 24A.3 Island Gardens: opposite the Royal Naval College – eastern end of gardens (At rivers edge). 538456.3E 178324.9N. Camera height 6.63m AOD. Aiming at The Queen's House (Central axis of the house; roof ridge line). Bearing 157.5°, distance 0.7km.

