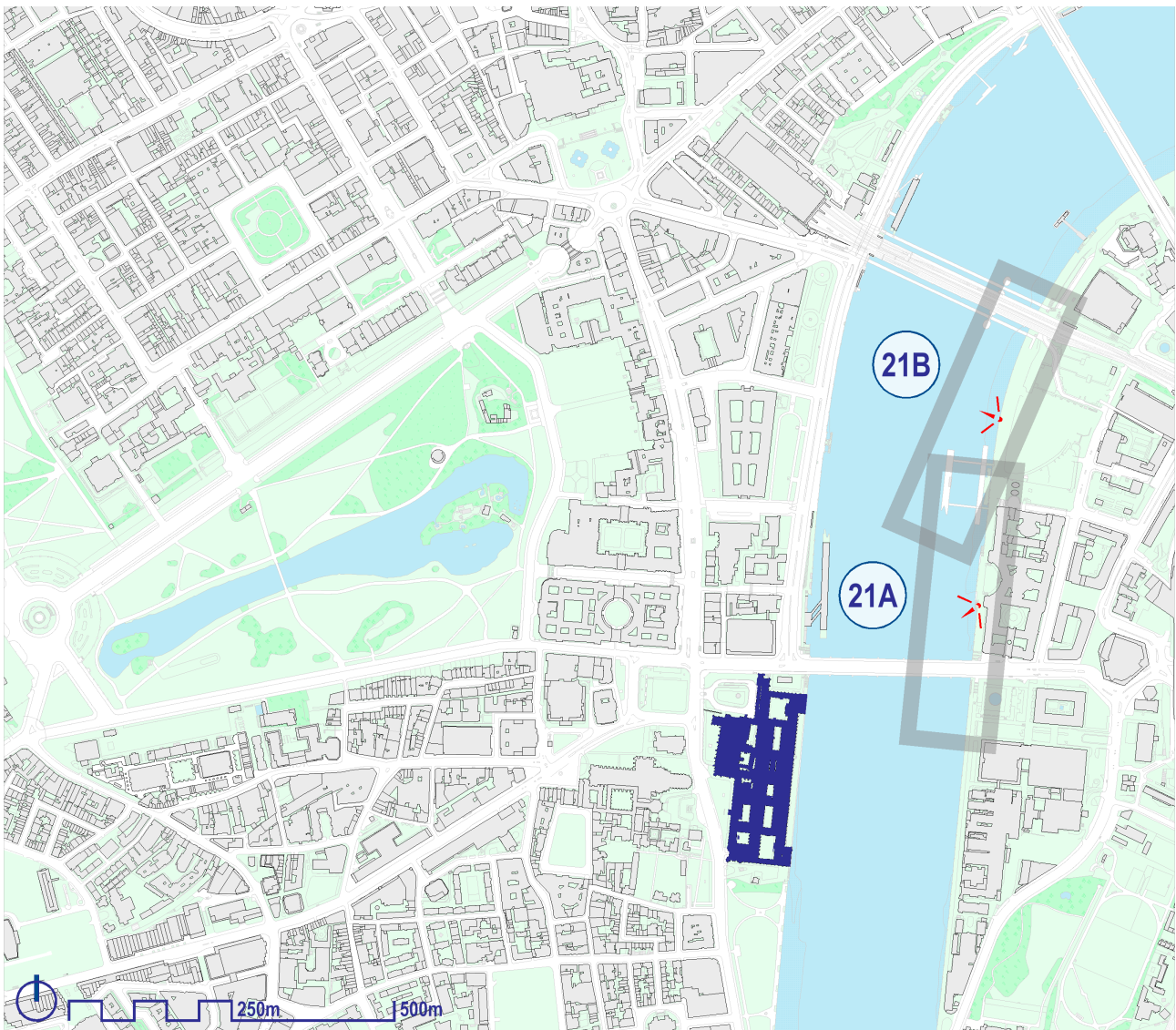
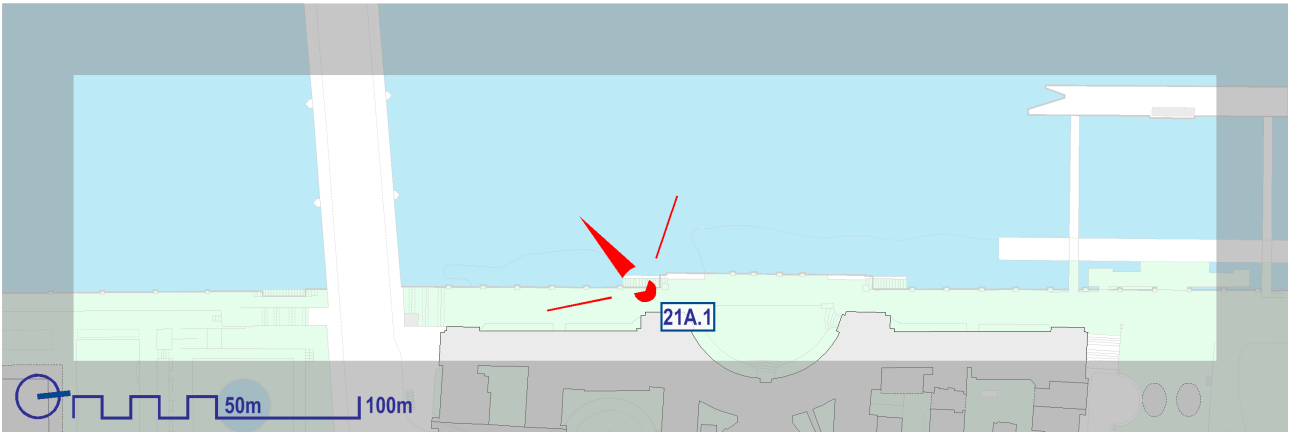


21 River Prospect: Jubilee Gardens and Thames side in front of County Hall

- 355 The views are appreciated along the whole stretch of the Queen’s Walk between Westminster Bridge and the Hungerford Bridge on the South Bank. This is a popular public space, with the London Eye and other attractions encouraging visitors, and the Hungerford footbridges allowing excellent access to the place.
- 356 There are two Viewing Locations on the Queen’s Walk. The first, 21A, is south of The London Eye in front of the former County Hall. The second, 21B, is further north, in front of Jubilee Gardens.



Viewing Location 21A Thames side in front of County Hall



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Panorama from Assessment Point 21A.1 Thames side in front of County Hall – close to Westminster Bridge

Description of the View

- 357 A single Assessment Point (21A.1) is located close to the river wall, in front of the former County Hall.
- 358 Views from this place are orientated towards the Westminster bank of the Thames, and in particular to the Palace of Westminster, which is underlined in the view by Westminster Bridge. The Clock Tower of the Palace of Westminster is the most prominent feature, and the towers of Westminster Abbey combine with the composition in a harmonious way. Buildings on the far side of Parliament Square provide a sense of depth, including the Methodist Central Hall behind the trees.
- 359 Beyond Westminster Bridge, the Millbank Tower provides a landmark of high quality design marking a continuation of the city further south. Lambeth Bridge is visible under the eastern most arch of Westminster Bridge.
- 360 The buildings on the Victoria Embankment are prominent in the view. They are generally of seven or eight storeys and set behind mature trees. They are generally individual objects with glimpses between to Whitehall beyond.

Landmarks include:

Palace of Westminster (I) †
Towers of Westminster Abbey (I)
Westminster Bridge (II*)

Also in the views:

Canary Wharf
Millbank Tower (II)
Methodist Central Hall (II*)
Portcullis House
Norman Shaw North (I) & South (II*)
(Formerly Old & New Scotland Yard)
Ministry of Defence

() Grade of Listed Building

† Strategically Important Landmark

Visual Management Guidance

- 361 Development proposals likely to affect the World Heritage Site should pay regard to the guidance set out in the Westminster World Heritage Site Management Plan. It is recommended that English Heritage is consulted on all relevant proposals at an early stage.



View from Assessment Point 21A.1 Thames side in front of County Hall – close to Westminster Bridge (Just West of ticket office outside County Hall, against river wall.). 530597.8E 179758.1N. Camera height 6.70m AOD. Aiming at Westminster Bridge (Top of streetlamp to east of central upstream span i.e. 5th from Westminster Bank). Bearing 234.4°, distance 0.1km.



Foreground and Middle Ground

- 362 Built elements, or elements moored on the river, should not be allowed to compromise this clear view towards the Palace of Westminster.

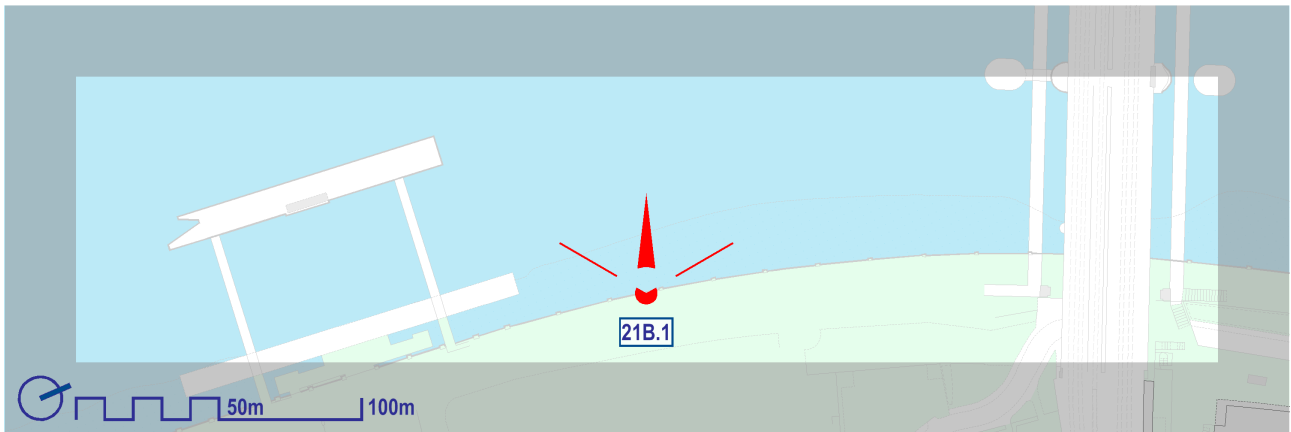
Background

- 363 Background development that breaches the roofline of the Palace of Westminster should be refused.
- 364 Other development within the background of the view should enhance the composition of the view and the relationship between landscape elements and landmarks. It should also be of exceptional architectural quality and execution and should not compromise a viewer's ability to appreciate the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage Site. The assessment should also consider viewing positions in the Viewing Location, such as where the towers of the Abbey are seen in the gap between the Clock Tower and Portcullis House.

Management of the Viewing Location

- 365 The quality of the viewing environment is varied. A high number of visitors move through the location and there is a daily accumulation of rubbish. Management schemes should mitigate the impact of these problems on the amenity of the Viewing Location.

Viewing Location 21B Jubilee Gardens



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Panorama from Assessment Point 21B.1 Jubilee Gardens – opposite Whitehall Court

Landmarks include:

Whitehall Court (II*)
Golden Jubilee/Hungerford Bridge
Victoria Tower Gardens
Victoria Embankment and lamps (II)

Also in the views:

Ministry of Defence
Embankment Place
Shell Mex House (II)

Description of the View

- 366 A single Assessment Point (21B.1) is located opposite Whitehall Court.
- 367 The river dominates the foreground of views from this location, and there is constant riverboat activity enlivening the scene. The Victoria Embankment treescape forms an important middle ground, partially screening the buildings. The views are relatively shallow, extending only to the buildings on the riverside. There are limited glimpses between them towards the townscape immediately beyond.
- 368 Whitehall Court is a worthy focus of views from this place. Its spires are reflected in the pylons of the Hungerford Footbridges to the right of the view, while its scale, height and architectural form are reflected in the adjacent, and less exuberant, Ministry of Defence building.

Visual Management Guidance

Foreground and Middle Ground

- 369 The dominance of the river, river-oriented activities and the backdrop of trees are important elements of the view that should not be compromised.

Background

- 370 New development in the backdrop should be designed sensitively and should not dominate the riverside buildings, or undermine their relationship with the river.



View from Assessment Point 21B.1 Jubilee Gardens – opposite Whitehall Court (Northern end of London Eye). 530630.5E 180044.5N. Camera height 7.00m AOD. Aiming at Whitehall Court (Centre of east façade). Bearing 293.6°, distance 0.4km.

Management of the Viewing Location

- 371 This location should continue to be well maintained and clean.

