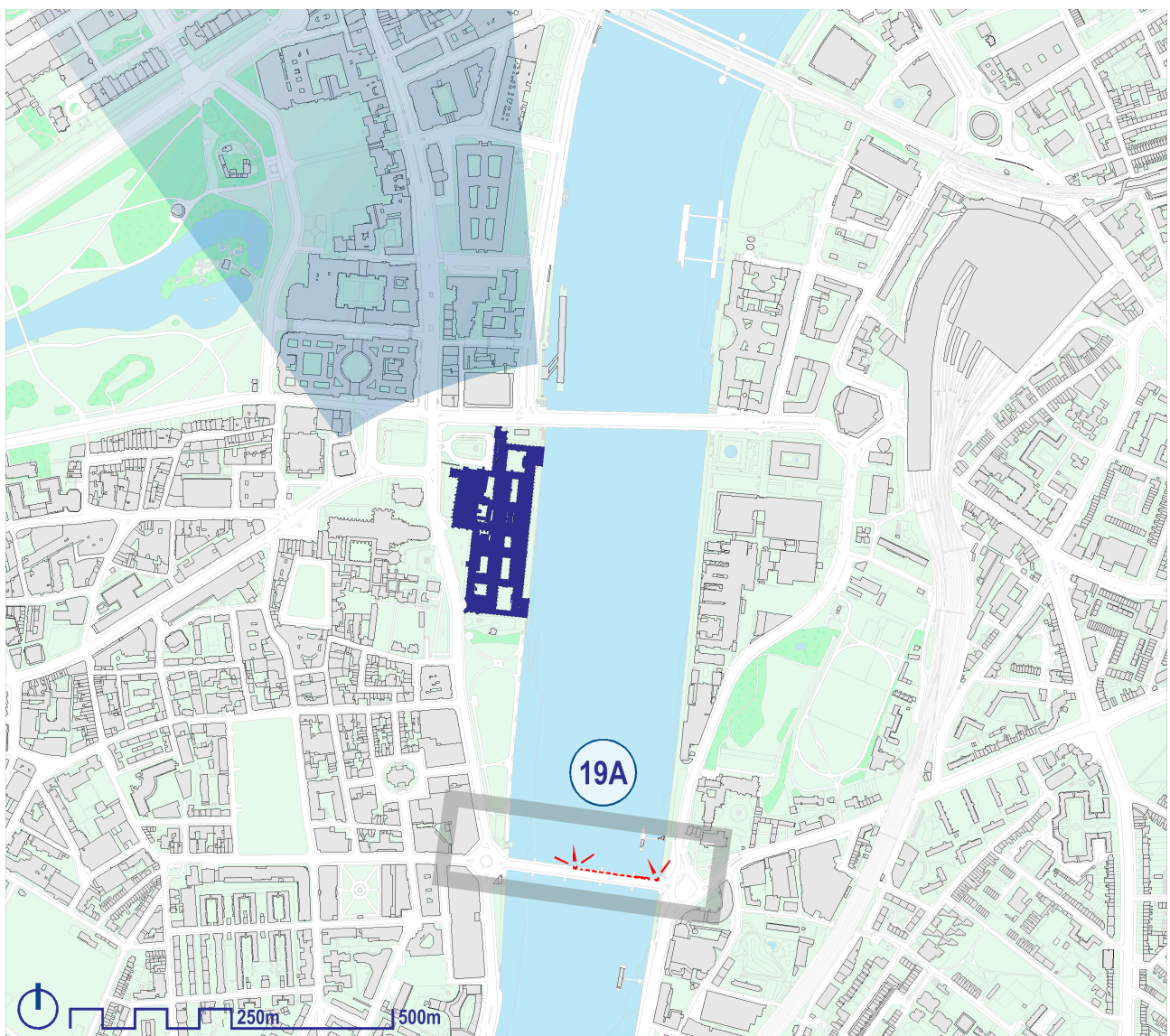
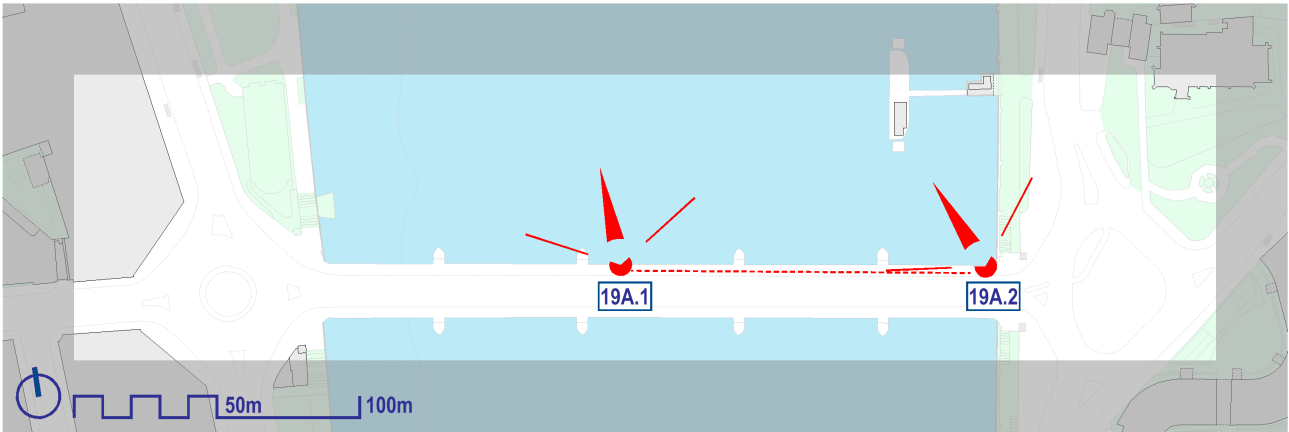


- 328 Lambeth Bridge is the furthest upstream of the bridges from which River Prospects have been designated. It crosses a straight section of the Thames that runs north south, passing the Palace of Westminster. On the Westminster side of the river, the bridge allows access into the heart of SW1, while on the Lambeth side is Lambeth Palace, the official London residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury since 1207.
- 329 There is one Viewing Location at Lambeth Bridge, 19A. It is located on the downstream side of the bridge.



Viewing Location 19A Lambeth Bridge: downstream



N.B for key to symbols refer to image 1



Panorama from Assessment Point 19A.1 Lambeth Bridge: downstream – at the centre of the bridge



Panorama from Assessment Point 19A.2 Lambeth Bridge: downstream – close to the Lambeth bank

Description of the View

- 330 The downstream pavement Viewing Location provides important views to the northwest and towards the Palace of Westminster. Two Assessment Points (19A.1 and 19A.2) have been identified. A Protected Silhouette of the Palace of Westminster is applied between Assessment Points 19A.1 and 19A.2.
- 331 The river dominates the foreground and middle ground of the view, with the Palace of Westminster forming the focus. Other important elements in the view are the mature trees on both sides of the river. The intensity of riverside buildings north of Westminster Bridge and east into the City of London, is secondary in this view to the visually 'semi-pastoral' setting of the World Heritage Site. No development crowds in close to the World Heritage Site, with only the towers of Westminster Abbey interacting with it to the left of the view (the roof of the Abbey also being visible through the trees in winter).
- 332 A group of prominent, similarly sized buildings on the riverfront, which includes Whitehall Court, Embankment Place, Adelphi House and Shell Mex House, can also be seen in this view. These are underscored by Westminster Bridge, while other prominent buildings – including the London Eye, the former County Hall, St Thomas's Hospital are seen on the Lambeth side of the river.
- 333 To the far north-east is the City of London, including Tower 42 and 30 St Mary Axe ('The Gherkin'), making this a Viewing Location with some exceptionally deep views. Centre Point and the BT Tower become visible in the backdrop of the Palace of Westminster in views from certain angles across the bridge.

Landmarks:

The Palace of Westminster (I) †
 Towers of Westminster Abbey (I)
 Whitehall Court (II*)
 The London Eye
 Lambeth Palace (I)
 Westminster Bridge (II*)
 Victoria Tower Gardens

Also in the views:

BT Tower (II)
 Centre Point (II)
 Embankment Place
 Shell Mex House (II)
 County Hall (II*)
 St Thomas's Hospital (Victorian section) (II)
 30 St Mary Axe
 Tower 42

() Grade of Listed Building

† Strategically Important Landmark

Visual Management Guidance

- 334 Development in the background of the buildings on the river must respond positively to their characteristics and enhance the composition of the view. The visual effect of new development on landmarks should not diminish their status in the view.
- 335 The setting of the Palace of Westminster is largely unaffected by modern development when seen in views from Lambeth Bridge. The qualities of this setting must remain in order that the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage Site, in townscape and visual terms, can be recognised and appreciated by the viewer.
- 336 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 19A.1 Lambeth Bridge: downstream – at the centre of the bridge (northern side of bridge, just west of the centre, looking straight downstream.). 530382.3E 178970.2N. Camera height 13.16m AOD. Aiming at Palace of Westminster (NE finial on northern most tower of river frontage). Bearing 355.7°, distance 0.7km.



Foreground and Middle Ground

- 337 Each landmark should remain visible and able to be appreciated by the viewer.

Background

- 338 It should be noted that a new tall buildings might emerge at the Waterloo Opportunity Area. These should be of high quality, contribute to the formation of a cluster of tall buildings, respect the historic environment, and should contribute positively to views from Lambeth Bridge. The incremental consolidation of the cluster of tall buildings at the City of London is also anticipated.
- 339 The Protected Silhouette should not be altered by development appearing in its background at or between Assessment Points 19A.1 and 19A.2.



View from Assessment Point 19A.2 Lambeth Bridge: downstream – close to the Lambeth bank (Entering bridge from Lambeth Bank). 530508.9E 178952.1N. Camera height 9.68m AOD. Aiming at Palace of Westminster (The Central Tower, above the lobby crossing). Bearing 335.6°, distance 0.6km.

Management of the Viewing Location

- 340 The Viewing Location consists of a relatively narrow pavement on a heavily trafficked bridge. Viewers would benefit from a reduction in noise and an improvement in general cleanliness at the location.

