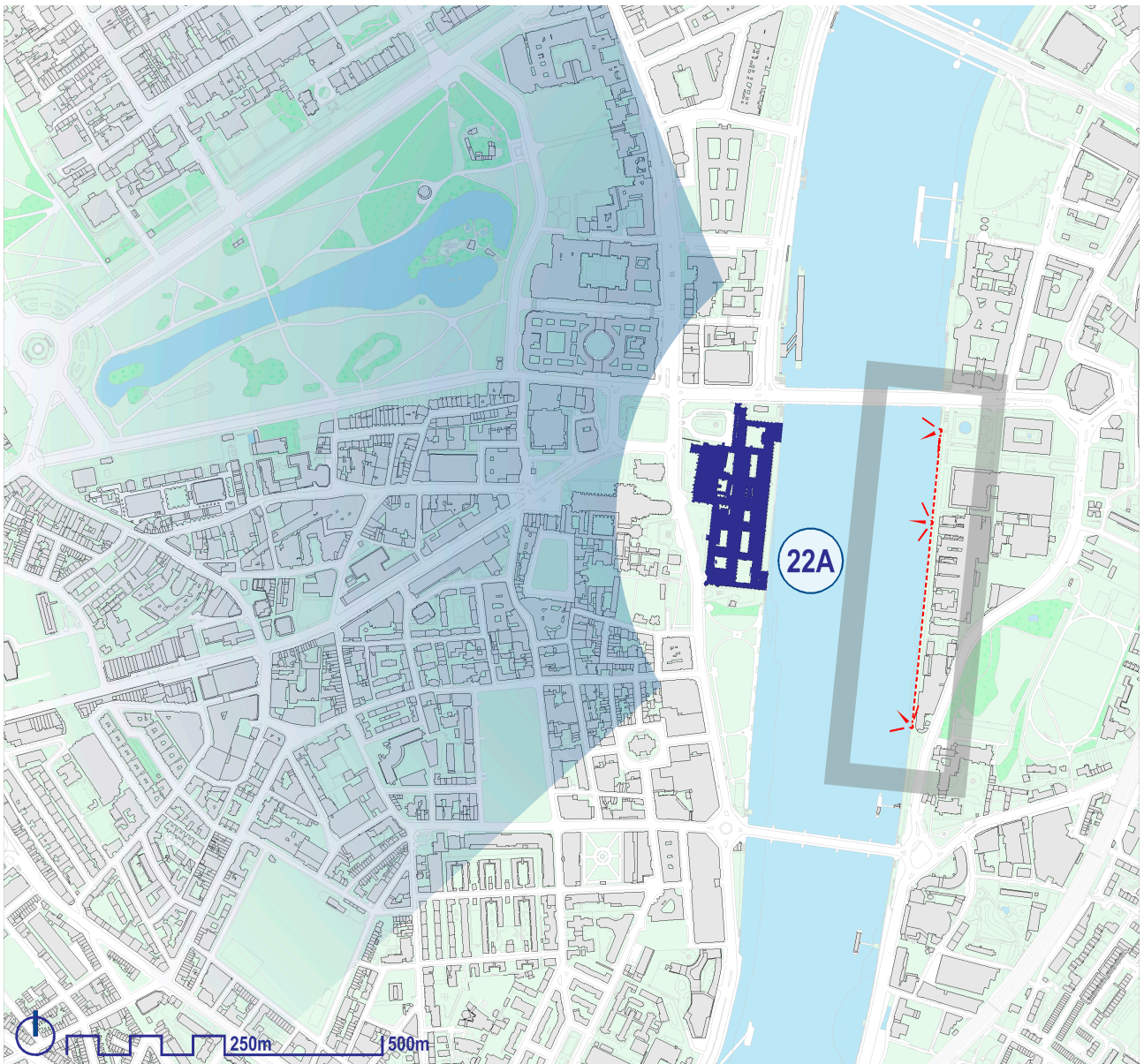
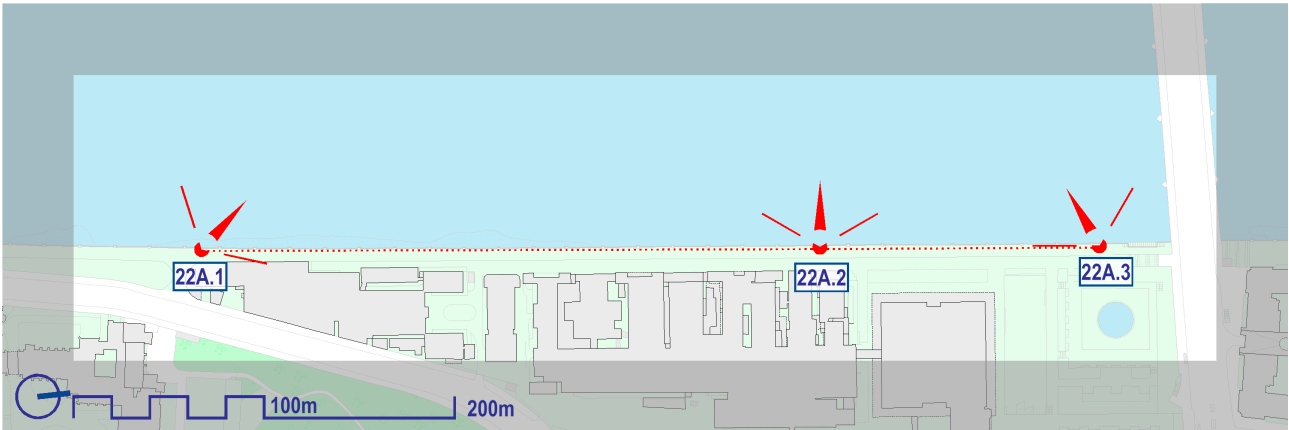


22 River Prospect: Albert Embankment between Westminster and Lambeth Bridges along Thames path near St Thomas' Hospital

- 372 The Embankment was built in 1866-69 by the engineer Sir Joseph Bazalgette to accommodate the southern low-level sewer from Putney. Here the Thames flows past in direct relationship to the Palace of Westminster World Heritage Site.
- 373 There is one Viewing Location at Albert Embankment, 22A, consisting of a significant stretch of Albert Embankment.



Viewing Location 22A Albert Embankment: opposite the Palace of Westminster



N.B for key to symbols refer to image 1



Panorama from Assessment Point 22A.1 Albert Embankment: opposite the Palace of Westminster – approaching from Lambeth Palace



Panorama from Assessment Point 22A.2 Albert Embankment: opposite the Palace of Westminster – axial to the Central Lobby



Panorama from Assessment Point 22A.3 Albert Embankment: opposite the Palace of Westminster – at the foot of the steps onto Westminster Bridge

Description of the View

- 374 Three Assessment Points (22A.1, 22A.2 and 22A.3) are located on Albert Embankment. The entire length of the Viewing Location provides primary views of the Palace of Westminster. The angle of view changes as the viewer moves along Albert Embankment, allowing an appreciation of the architecture both on axis and from several angles. A Protected Silhouette to the Palace of Westminster is applied between Assessment Points 22A.1 and 22A.3.
- 375 The foreground is the river, while the viewer's eye is drawn to the fine architectural detail of the monument. Trees along the Embankment to either side of the Palace of Westminster form an important element in the views, partially screening riverside buildings. The prominence of the Palace of Westminster is maintained by the generally limited height of the riverside buildings to its north.
- 376 There is no visual intrusion above the Strategically Important Landmark close to the axial position other than the towers of Westminster Abbey. Distant tall buildings, such as Centre Point, can be seen in the background of views from certain angles from further south along the Embankment.

Landmarks include:

The Palace of Westminster (I) †
 Towers of Westminster Abbey (I)
 Westminster Bridge (II*)
 Victoria Tower Gardens

Also in the views:

Portcullis House
 Ministry of Defence
 Embankment Place
 Centre Point (II)

() Grade of Listed Building
 † Strategically Important Landmark

Visual Management Guidance

- 377 The existing qualities of the setting of the Palace of Westminster 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.
- 378 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 22A.1 Albert Embankment: opposite the Palace of Westminster – approaching from Lambeth Palace (At Orientation board just east of Lambeth Pier). 530538.5E 179140.7N. Camera height 6.17m AOD. Aiming at Palace of Westminster (ventilation tower to south of Central Tower). Bearing 318.1°, distance 0.4km.



Foreground and Middle Ground

- 379 No development or fixed items should be added to the foreground. The temporary structures on the terrace to Parliament should be kept in good order and should not be prominent in the view.

Background

- 380 The existing skyline of the Palace of Westminster from Albert Embankment, as seen in this view, should not be altered. Development of high quality, which does not dominate the Strategically Important Landmark and that conforms to the prevailing composition of the view, may be acceptable in the areas north of the Strategically Important Landmark. To the south, development should not dominate the tree line of Victoria Tower Gardens, which, from all of the views in this Viewing Place, visually co-join the Strategically Important Landmark.



381 The Protected Silhouette should not be altered by development appearing in its background any position between Assessment Points 22A.1, 22A.2 and 22A.3.



View from Assessment Point 22A.2 Albert Embankment: opposite the Palace of Westminster – axial to the Central Lobby (On axis of Houses of Parliament). 530570.0E 179463.7N. Camera height 6.10m AOD. Aiming at Palace of Westminster (The Central Tower, above the lobby crossing). Bearing 275.8°, distance 0.3km.



Management of the Viewing Location

382 The Viewing Place is well managed, but the north end, where the Viewing Place is accessed through the pedestrian sub-way under Westminster Bridge, should, in particular, be kept clean and accessible.



View from Assessment Point 22A.3 Albert Embankment: opposite the Palace of Westminster – at the foot of the steps onto Westminster Bridge (Axial to St Stephens Tower, at embankment wall, in line with steps to Westminster Bridge). 530584.1E 179609.7N. Camera height 6.06m AOD. Aiming at Palace of Westminster (ventilation tower to south of Central Tower). Bearing 245.7°, distance 0.4km.