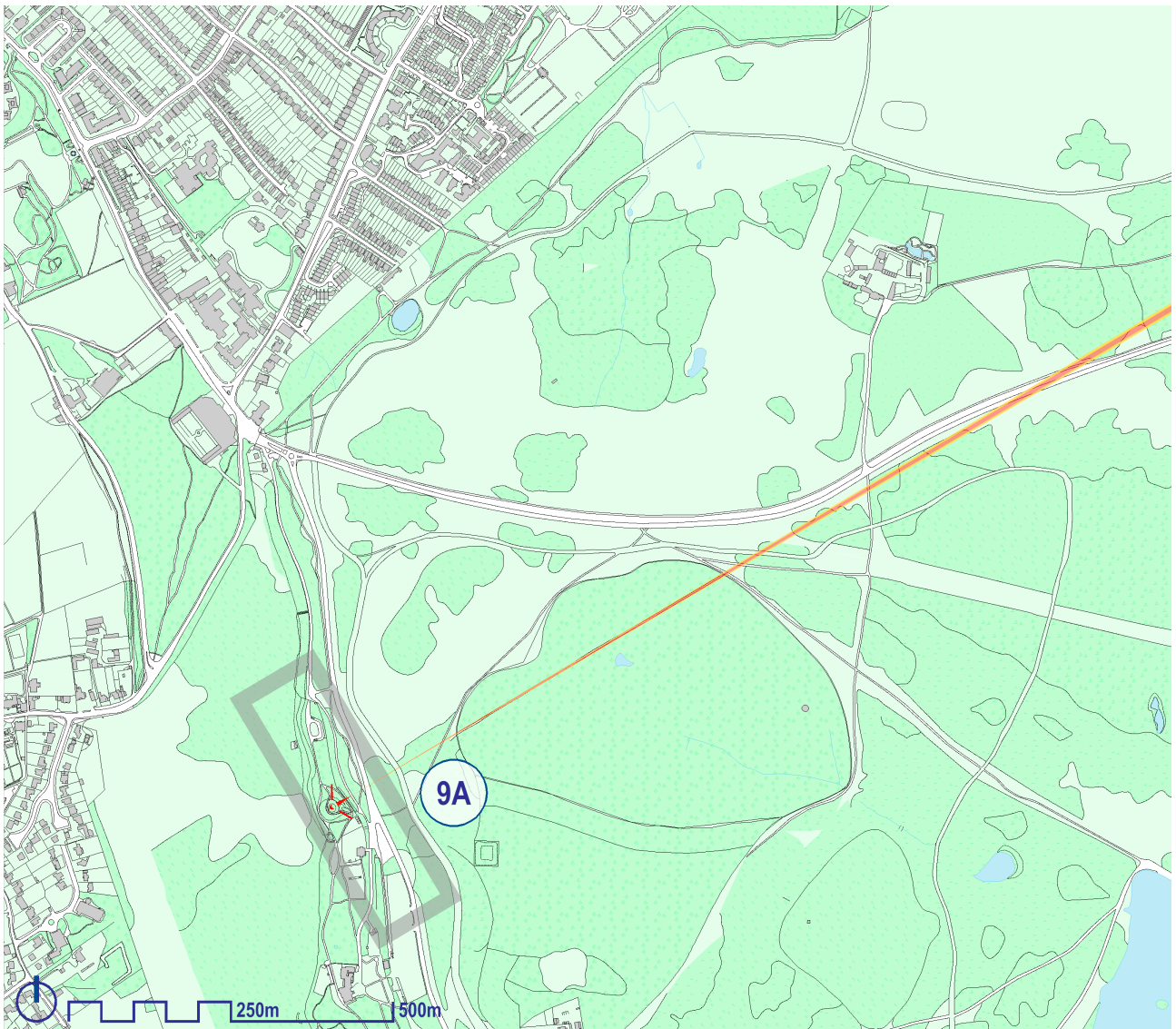
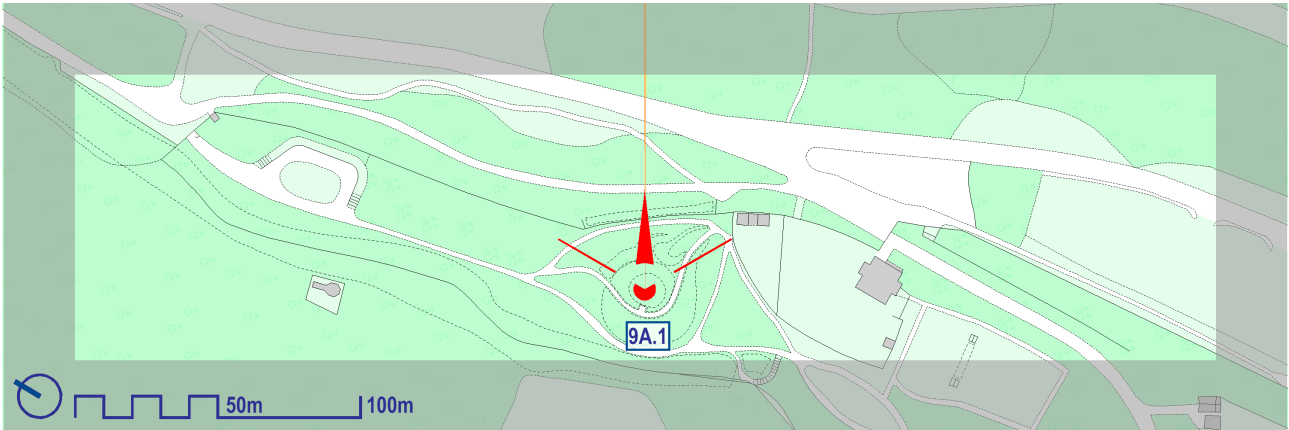


9 Linear View: King Henry VIII's Mound, Richmond to St Paul's Cathedral

172 Richmond Park was first enclosed by Charles I and is the largest of London's Royal Parks. King Henry VIII's Mound is reputedly a Bronze Age barrow, much altered. It provides magnificent views across the Thames to Twickenham and the North Downs to the west. To the east, the dome and peristyle of St Paul's Cathedral can be seen through an avenue of trees both from the mound and from the footpath in front. This avenue was planted in the early 18th Century in order to create a 'keyhole' view of the then newly completed Cathedral. The avenue has been maintained for this purpose since then, and is pruned regularly.



Viewing Location 9A: King Henry VIII's Mound



N.B for key to symbols refer to image 1



Panorama from Assessment Point 9A.1 King Henry VIII's Mound – the viewing point

Description of the View

- 173 Although the Viewing Location is far removed from central London, it offers a truly unique view of one of London's best-known landmarks, ten miles away. The view is experienced from Assessment Point 9A.1, and a Protected Vista is also included from that point.
- 174 The view of St Paul's Cathedral from King Henry's Mound is fully framed by trees, the aperture changing in size and form owing to the seasons and pruning management. Very little intervening development can be seen in the foreground. Development around Broadgate and Liverpool Street Station can be seen in the background beneath the springing level of the dome. Also in the background, partially hidden by trees on the left but discernible by the viewer, is the vertical edge of the recently completed Broadgate Tower.

Landmarks include:

St Paul's Cathedral (I) †

Also in the view:

Broadgate Tower

() Grade of Listed Building

† Strategically Important Landmark

Visual Management Guidance

Foreground and Middle Ground

- 175 A Protected Vista has been defined between the Assessment Point and St Paul's Cathedral. Development that exceeds the threshold plane of the Landmark Viewing Corridor should be refused. Development that exceeds the threshold plane of the Wider Setting Consultation Area of the Protected Vista in the foreground and middle ground should not compromise the viewer's ability to recognise and appreciate the Cathedral. It should not dominate the landmark, or cause a canyon effect.



View from Assessment Point 9A.1 King Henry VIII's Mound – the viewing point (Looking through the gap in the hedge). 518605.8E 173150.4N. Camera height 59.09m AOD. Aiming at St Paul's Cathedral (Central axis of the dome, at the base of the drum). Bearing 59.3°, distance 15.6km.



Background

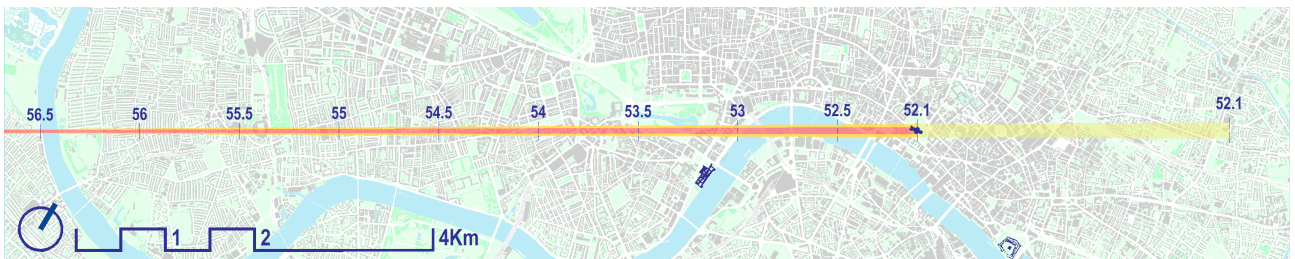
- 176 Development that exceeds the threshold plane of the Wider Setting Consultation Area of the Protected Vista in the background should preserve or enhance the viewer's ability to recognise and appreciate the dome of the Cathedral. In determining applications, it is essential that development in the background of the view is subordinate to the Cathedral and that the clear sky background profile of the upper part of the dome remains.

Management of the Viewing Location

- 177 Trees should be pruned in order to preserve the existing narrow view of St Paul's Cathedral, while also obscuring the existing tall buildings in the City of London.



Telephoto view of Protected Vista from Assessment Point 9A.1 to St Paul's Cathedral



Annotated map of Protected Vista from Assessment Point 9A.1 to St Paul's Cathedral