

Appendix 12.4 – Viewpoint Selections

Following the site visit and reconnaissance of the study area, some photographed views were not carried forward as part of the viewpoint assessments. Table A 12.4-1 below lists the context views and reasons why they were not carried forward. Locations suggested by MTCBC are prefixed with the letters MC.

Table A 12.4-1 Context view details and reasons why they were not carried forward as viewpoints for assessment

Context view Ref	Location	Distance from site (km)	Receptors represented	Reasons why the views were not carried forward for assessment.
MC A	Robert and Lucy Thomas Fountain	850m from Snow Centre building	Visitors to Merthyr Tydfil town centre	Although the view is located on a listed structure, within a Conservation Area and in a Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest, the existing view towards the site is mostly screened by mature trees and vegetation located in the nearby St Tydfil's Old Parish Church churchyard and nearby large buildings, see Figure LA. 12.8-1. Views towards the site are tunnelled between buildings above a busy local road with foreground features forming the focal point of the view.
B	Castle Yard/ Castle Street car park, Merthyr Tydfil	1.4km from Snow Centre building	Visitors to Merthyr Tydfil town centre	Although the view is located within a Conservation Area, close to several listed buildings, and is within a Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest, the existing view towards the site is mostly screened by large buildings close to the view location, see Figure LA. 12.8-1. Viewpoint MC06 is located close to Context View B, close to listed structures, and is located within the Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest.
C	Cyfarthfa Castle	2.4km from Snow Centre building	Visitors to Cyfarthfa Castle and Park	Viewpoint MC08 provides a more open view towards the site from within Cyfarthyr Castle and Park. Views towards the site from the location of context view C is partially screened by trees and vegetation that backdrop the car park, see Figure LA 12.8-2.

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MC D	Merthyr Tydfil Golf Club	4.3km from Snow Centre building	Users of the access land, bridleway, and users of the golf course.	Viewpoint 10 was carried forward for assessment instead of context view MC D. Viewpoint 10 is located close to MC D and also includes receptors visiting the Brecon Beacons National Park. Viewpoint 10 is from a more elevated location with fewer detracting foreground features that represents more of a 'worst case scenario'. See Figure LA 12.8-2 for context view.
E	Dowlais Road, Ffos-y-frân	2.9km from Snow Centre building	Users of the access land (Merthyr Common)	Viewpoint 15 was carried forward for assessment and provides a more elevated view towards the site from within Merthyr Common. Viewpoint 15 is also located close to Scheduled Monuments and is a popular walking destination. See Figure LA 12.8-3 for context view.
F	National Cycle Route 477, Pentrebach	1.8km from Snow Centre building	Users of the NCR	Viewpoint 14 was carried forward for assessment to represent views for users of NCR 477 in Pentrebach as well as nearby residential receptors. See Figure LA 12.8-3 for context view.
MC G	Minor road at Penddeugae	5.0km from Snow Centre building	Road users and walkers	Views towards the site are distant and viewpoints 14, 15, and 16 represent views towards the site from the southeast for sensitive receptors. See Figure LA 12.8-4 for context view.
MC H	A4060 road bridge over Gethin Street and the River Taff, west of Pentrebach	2.15km from Snow Centre building	Road users	Views towards the site are oblique and would be a very short in duration of several seconds for road users. Viewpoint 14 represents views to the southeast of the site for sensitive receptors. See Figure LA.12.8-4 for context view.
MC I	Goat Mill Road, just west of the A4060 and Bogey Road	1.9km from Snow Centre building	Residents, pedestrians, road users	Safe places to take photographs from the A4060 were unavailable. Goat Mill Road is the nearest available location to the A4060.

Context view Ref	Location	Distance from site (km)	Receptors represented	Reasons why the views were not carried forward for assessment.
				Views towards the site are mostly screened and filtered by near buildings and vegetation. See Figure LA.12.8-5 for context view.