



Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power

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1. Viewpoints

1.1 Executive Summary

- 1.1.1 This technical appendix accompanies **Chapter 15: Landscape and Visual Amenity (EN010166/APP/6.2.15)**. It identifies a list of representative viewpoints considered for assessment of the likely significant effects of the Proposed Development on visual amenity. Representative viewpoints are taken from publicly accessible locations and follow guidance given within Guidelines for Landscape & Visual Impact Assessment (Third Edition) – Landscape Institute, 2013, and good practice.
- 1.1.2 **Table 1** below provides the name and location of the viewpoint selection, receptor type, coordinates, and a short description of the baseline view. 15 of these views have been identified for inclusion in **Chapter 15: Landscape and Visual Amenity (EN010166/APP/6.2.15)**.
- 1.1.3 Viewpoints were initially identified by letter at the scoping stage (A – P). Representative views taken forward for consideration in the landscape and visual amenity assessment for the Proposed Development are identified by numbers (1 - 15). Refer to **Figure 15-6: Representative Viewpoint Locations (EN010166/APP/6.3)**.

Table 1: Description of Representative Viewpoints

ES Viewpoint Number	Name & Location	Receptor Type	Grid Reference	View Description
1	Thurstaston Common, Thurstaston, Wirral	Recreational	324445, 384709	<p>Long-distance, open view across the Dee Estuary to the south-east from within Thurstaston Common Park (Wirral FP57). This view is representative of long-distance views across the Estuary from west Wirral.</p> <p>Night-time: No direct light sources are present at this location. A sky glow from the existing Connah's Quay Power Station and other urban areas in the vicinity is visible in the distance, located on the adjacent shoreline. Overall, there are low levels of night-time lighting at this location.</p>
2	Wirral Country Park, Caldy, Wirral	Recreational	323894, 383154	<p>Long distance, open view across the Dee Estuary from the country park coastal footpath (Wirral permissive footpath 44510614) in proximity to a network of local Public Rights of Way (PRoW). Viewpoint representative of long-distance views from north-west of the Main Development Area.</p> <p>Night-time: No direct light sources are present at this location. A sky glow from Connah's Quay urban area and road network is present on the adjacent shoreline. Overall, there are low levels of night-time lighting at this location.</p>
3	Marine Drive, Heswall, Wirral	Residential	325911, 380959	<p>An open view across the Dee Estuary towards Flintshire and the existing Connah's Quay Power Station on the southern shore. Representative of long-distance open views from the north of the Proposed Development.</p>

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				<p>Night-time: No direct light sources are present at this location. Overspill from adjacent street and residential lighting. A sky glow from Connah's Quay urban area is visible on the far shoreline. Overall, there are low levels of night-time lighting at this location.</p>
4	The Parade, Parkgate, Neston, Cheshire West, and Chester	Residential, employment, road users	<p>327922, 378087 (Winter Image)</p> <p>327920, 378086 (Summer Image)</p>	<p>Long-distance, open view across the Dee Estuary towards the existing Connah's Quay Power Station. Representative long-distance view from north of the Main Development Area.</p> <p>Night-time: Street lighting and lighting from residential properties is present at this location. Distant sky glow is visible along the Flintshire shoreline and from Connah's Quay. Overall, there are medium levels of night-time lighting at this location.</p>
5	Neston Road, Neston, Cheshire West, and Chester	Residential, road users	330874, 374959	<p>Open view of the Dee Estuary from Neston Road A540. This view is typical of those available along Nestor Road where open views are available. Representative of long-distance views from north-east of the Main Development Area.</p> <p>Night-time: Street lighting and lighting from residential properties is present at this location. Distant sky glow is visible along the Flintshire shoreline and from the existing Connah's Quay Power Station. Overall, there are medium levels of night-time lighting at this location.</p>

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6	Windmill, Halkyn, Pentre Halkyn, Flintshire, Wales	Residential, recreational, road users	320147, 371439	<p>Elevated, long-distance, open view towards the Dee Estuary. Representative of available long-distance views from west of the Main Development Area.</p> <p>Night-time: No direct light sources are present at this location. A sky glow from urban areas with street lighting along the road network is present, particularly associated with the urban areas of Flint and Connah's Quay. Overall, there are low levels of night-time lighting at this location.</p>
7	Bagilt, Deebank, North-west of Flint Castle, Flintshire	Recreational	321722, 376090	<p>Long-distance, open view looking south-east from the Dee Estuary shoreline at Bagilt, a popular local nature spot on the Llwybr Arfordir Cymru / Wales Coast Path and adjacent to Flintshire County Council (FCC) PRow path 404/90/1. Representative of available long-distance views from north-west of the Main Development Area.</p> <p>Night-time: No direct light sources are present at this location. A sky glow from Flint urban area and along the road network is present. Overall, there are low levels of night-time lighting at this location.</p>
8	Flint Castle, Castle Dyke Street, Flint, Flintshire, Wales	Visitors to heritage asset	324744, 373357	<p>Mid-distance view along the Dee Estuary with the existing Connah's Quay Power Station and stacks visible on the skyline in the distance. Representative of middle range views from north-west of the Main Development Area.</p> <p>Night-time: No direct light sources are present at this location. Occasional lighting from the Flint Town United sports</p>

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				ground in the foreground. Sky glow from street lighting from the local road network and residential clusters around the Flint urban area is present. Overall, there are low levels of night-time lighting at this location.
9	Chester Road, Oakenholt, Flint, Flintshire	Residential, recreational, road users	325662, 372009	<p>Mid-distance view across grassland and residential dwellings at Chester Road, Oakenholt. Representative of available mid-distance views from north-west of the Main Development Area.</p> <p>Night-time: Street lighting along the Chester Road, and lighting from the Flint Town United sports ground in the foreground. Skyglow from street lighting from the local road network and residential clusters around the Flint urban area is present. Overall, there are low levels of night-time lighting at this location.</p>
10	Kelsterton Road, Rockcliffe, Connah's Quay, Flintshire (National Cycle Route (NCR) 5)	Residential, road users	327390, 371095	<p>Short-distance view across the Kelsterton Road from the south-west.</p> <p>Representative of available close-range views from south-east of the Main Development Area.</p> <p>Night-time: Street lighting is present on Kelsterton road. Overall, there are low levels of night-time lighting at this location.</p>
11	Kelsterton Cemetery, Memorial Garden, Rockcliffe, Connah's Quay, Flintshire	Visitors to cemetery	327687, 370631	<p>Short-distance view looking from Kelsterton Cemetery, across farmland towards the existing Connah's Quay Power Station. Representative of available short distance views from receptors located the south / south-east of the Main Development Area.</p>

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				Night-time: Street lighting is present along the local road network. Overall, there are low levels of night-time lighting at this location.
12	York Road, Golftyn, Connah's Quay, Flintshire	Residential, road users, recreational	328398, 370279	<p>Mid-distance view from the residential area of Golftyn, on York Road. The existing Connah's Quay Power Station stacks are visible in the background of the view. Representative of available short-distance views from south-east of the Main Development Area.</p> <p>Night-time: A sky glow from the road network including street lighting from the B5129 and the A548 is visible. Overall, there are medium levels of night-time lighting at this location.</p>
13	National Cycle Route 568 Sealand, Flintshire	Recreational	331334, 369309	<p>Mid-distant views along the NCR5 and 568 and Flintshire PRow 309/1/20 towards the Hawarden Bridge and transmission lines. Representative of mid-range views for receptors located south-east of the Main Development Area.</p> <p>Night-time: Streetlights are not present at this location. A sky glow from intervening Connah's Quay urban streetlights is visible. Overall, there are low levels of night-time lighting at this location.</p>
14	RSPB Burton Mere Wetlands, Cheshire West, and Chester	Recreational	<p>331426, 373437 (Winter Image)</p> <p>331550, 373312 (Summer Image)</p>	<p><i>Winter:</i> View within the RSPB, Burton Mere Wetlands. Visitor Centre obstructs direct views towards the Main Development Area. Representative of long-distance views located to the north-east. For the summer photography, this viewpoint has been</p>

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				<p>relocated further south-east to a viewing platform to enable an open view of the Main Development Area.</p> <p><i>Summer:</i> View within the RSPB, Burton Mere Wetlands, from a viewing platform south-east of the visitor centre. Representative of long-distance views of the Main Development Area which is located to the north-east across the estuary.</p> <p>Night-time: Streetlights are not present at this location. A sky glow from Connah's Quay streetlights is present across the Dee estuary. Overall, there are very low levels of night-time lighting at this location.</p>
15	Moel Famau, Jubilee Tower, Offa's Dyke Way, Llangynhafal, Denbighshire	Recreational	<p>316166, 362655 (Winter Image)</p> <p>316164, 362660 (Summer Image)</p>	<p>Panoramic view from elevated ground within the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley (CRDV) National Landscape, at the Moel Famau Jubilee Tower.</p> <p>Representative of available long-distance views located in the Clwydian Range National Landscape from the west.</p> <p>Night-time: Streetlights are not present at this location. A sky glow from Connah's Quay, Flint and surrounding settlements along the road network is visible.</p>

