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APPENDIX 4.1 : PROPOSED VIEWPOINTS

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## SECTION 01 INTRODUCTION

# INTRODUCTION

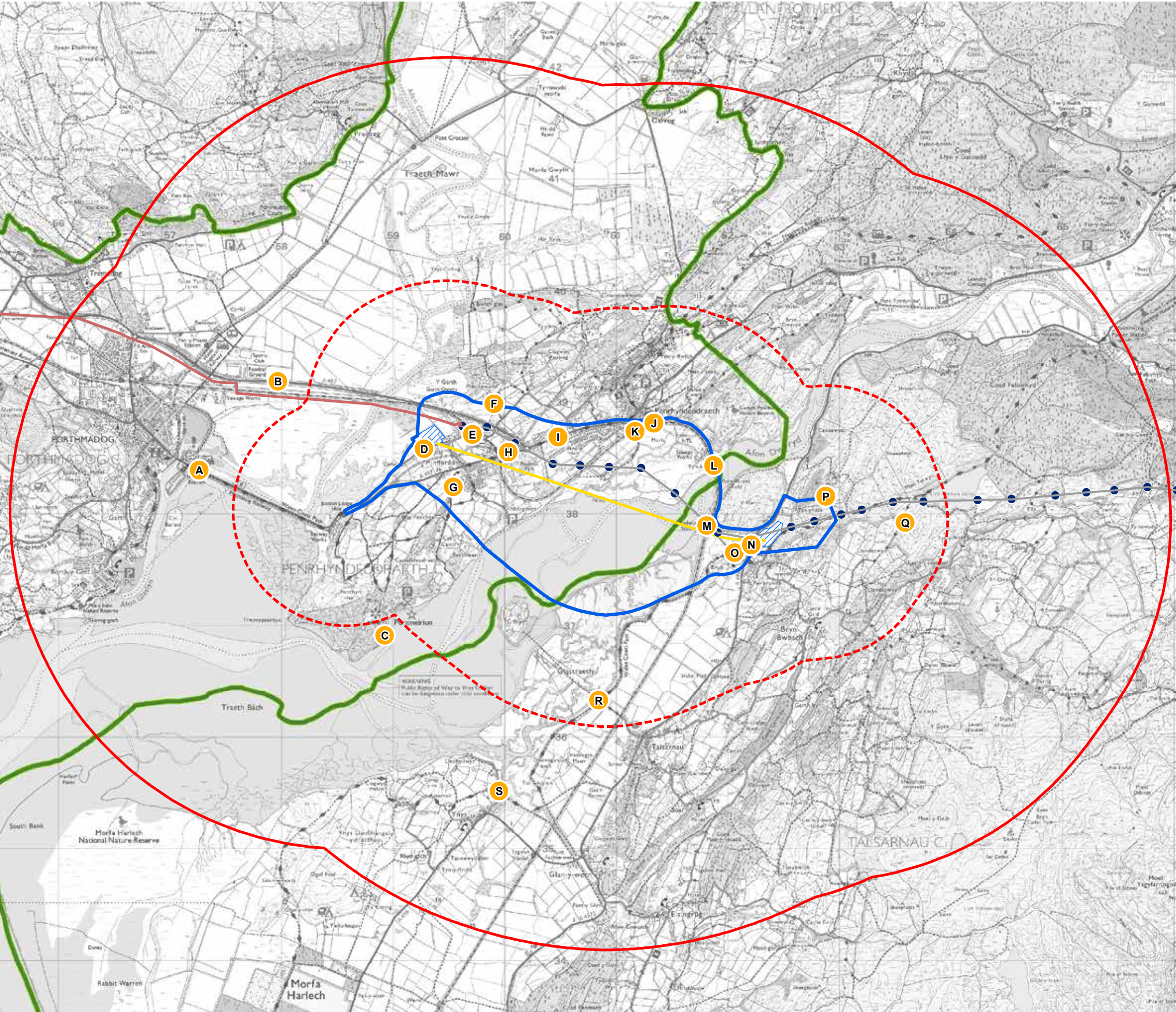
20 viewpoints have been selected for consultation to illustrate the visibility of the Visual Impact Provision VIP) Snowdonia Project (here on referred to as the Proposed Project) from within the Study Area. The viewpoints are representative of views from a range of receptors, distances and directions.

## ASSUMPTIONS, LIMITATIONS AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

- These photographs have been taken and produced in line with guidelines laid out by the Landscape Institute in their Advice Note of 01/11 Use of Photography and Photomontage in Landscape and Visual Assessment
- Photographs were taken towards the Proposed Development from publicly accessible areas. Cameras were set at a standard viewing height of 1.6m.
- All photography was taken on site by Gillespies in February 2017 and April 2018 using a Canon EOS 6D Digital SLR Camera with approximately 20.2 effective megapixels and a Canon 50mm lens.
- The panoramic views are generated from a number of separate images taken in sequence and stitched together using TrueViewVisuals® Software.
- The wireframe views will be generated from a number of separate images taken in sequence and stitched together using TrueViewVisuals® Software.
- Visualisation views will be generated using TrueViewVisuals® Software and Photoshop.
- Photographs shown are not scaled.
- It is important to note that photographic images alone cannot provide the visual experience of a human observer in the field and should therefore be considered an aide-mémoire: detailed assessment and considered judgements can only be made on the basis of site inspection.



- Legend**
- Existing Pylon
  - Existing Overhead Line
  - Existing Underground Cable Route
  - Proposed Tunnel Alignment
  - Sealing End/Tunnel Head House Search Area
  - Area of Search for Permanent and Temporary Works
  - 1km from Area of Search
  - Proposed LVIA Study Area - 3km from Area of Search
  - Snowdonia National Park Boundary
  - Viewpoints







## SECTION 2 PROPOSED VIEWPOINTS



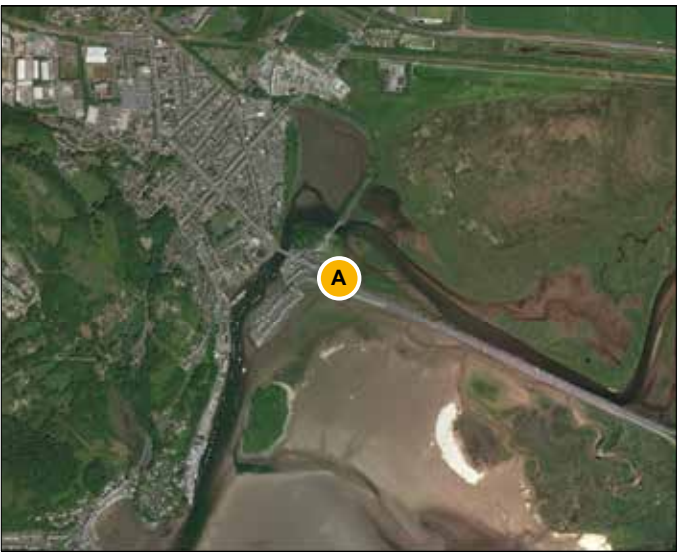
PROPOSED VIEWPOINT

A: FROM THE COB AT PORTHMADOG LOOKING ACROSS AFON GLASLYN

VIEWPOINT LOCATION OS MAP



VIEWPOINT LOCATION AERIAL PHOTO



VIEWPOINT CONTEXT



INDICATIVE KEY RECEPTORS

- ☒ People in the local community
- ☒ People using a national cycle route
- ☒ People using the Wales Coast Path
- ☒ People using a public right of way
- ☐ People using open access land
- ☐ People visiting Parks & Gardens
- ☒ People visiting other tourist attractions
- ☐ People visiting Snowdonia National Park
- ☒ People traveling on the road network
- ☒ People travelling on the railway

LOCATION DETAILS

Grid Reference	SH 57265 38395
Approx Elevation	3.1 m
Direction of View	ENE, 75°
Time/ Date	14.00, 9th February 2017
Weather / Visibility	Overcast/ Good

VISUAL BASELINE

In the foreground of the view a wooden fence and a line of scrub vegetation are visible. The overgrown vegetation partially screens views of low lying salt marsh beyond which the Glaslyn river meanders through.

The exposed rock face related to Garth Quarry is visible on the other side of the salt marsh. The buildings which form part of the quarry are also visible above the surrounding woodland. In the centre of the view the gantry structure of the Garth Sealing End Compound (SEC), terminal pylon 4ZC037 and pylon 4ZC036 are visible in the middle distance. The overhead lines are discernible against the backdrop of the rising slopes of the Snowdonian mountains.

PHOTOGRAPH OF EXISTING LANDSCAPE FROM VIEWPOINT





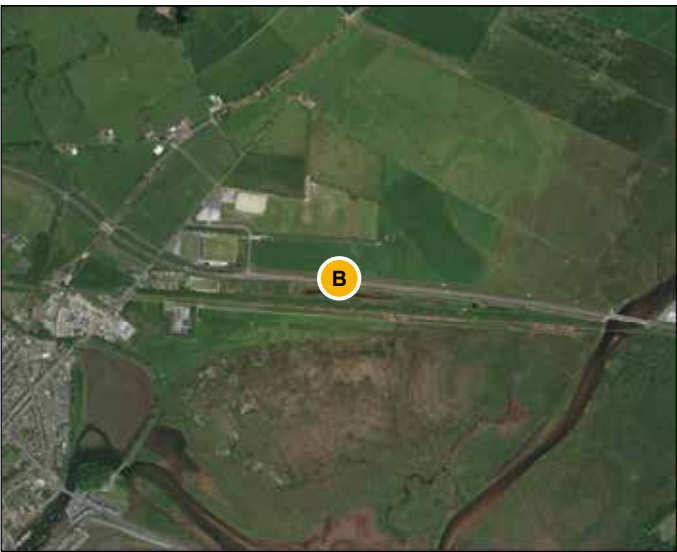
# PROPOSED VIEWPOINT

## B: FROM THE A487 LOOKING SOUTH EAST

VIEWPOINT LOCATION OS MAP



VIEWPOINT LOCATION AERIAL PHOTO



VIEWPOINT CONTEXT



INDICATIVE KEY RECEPTORS

- ☐ People in the local community
- ☐ People using a national cycle route
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- ☐ People using a public right of way
- ☐ People using open access land
- ☐ People visiting Parks & Gardens
- ☐ People visiting other tourist attractions
- ☐ People visiting Snowdonia National Park
- ☒ People traveling on the road network
- ☒ People travelling on the railway

LOCATION DETAILS

Grid Reference	SH 57971 39190
Approx Elevation	1m
Direction of View	SE, 133°
Time/ Date	11.21, April 18 2018
Weather / Visibility	Clear/ Good Visibility

VISUAL BASELINE

In the foreground of the view, the A487 cuts across the flat base of the Glaslyn Valley. A drainage channel bounded by post and wire fences runs along the northern side of the A487. To the south of the A487 an engineered grassy bund foreshortens views to the immediate south.

Garth Quarry is visible in the left of the field of view.

A number of pylons are visible in the left of the field of vision mostly backclothed with the exception of one which is distinctly visible on the skyline above the rocky gorge which rises to Llyn Tecwyn Uchaf Reservoir.

In the centre and mid-ground of the view, intermediate slopes of fields, blocks of woodland and scattered properties are visible on the Minffordd Peninsula. The distant, elevated and undulating skyline is defined by the Rhinog Mountains.

PHOTOGRAPH OF EXISTING LANDSCAPE FROM VIEWPOINT





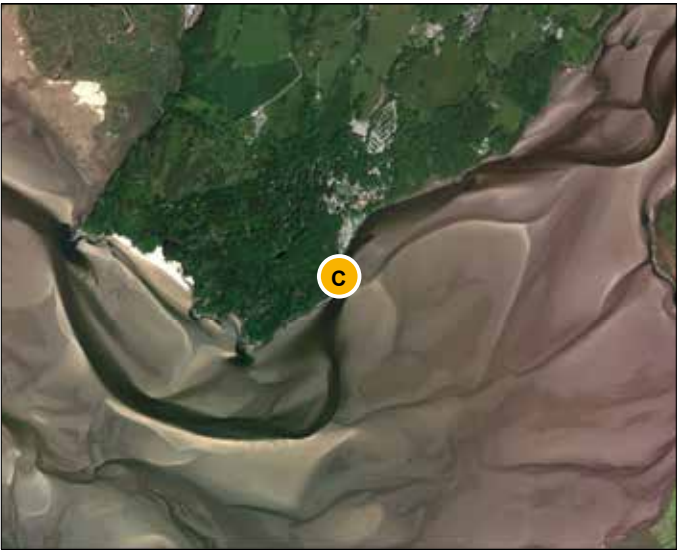
# PROPOSED VIEWPOINT

## C: FROM PORTMEIRION LOOKING NORTH EAST

VIEWPOINT LOCATION OS MAP



VIEWPOINT LOCATION AERIAL PHOTO



VIEWPOINT CONTEXT



INDICATIVE KEY RECEPTORS

- ☐ People in the local community
- ☐ People using a national cycle route
- ☐ People using the Wales Coast Path
- ☐ People using a public right of way
- ☐ People using open access land
- ☒ People visiting Parks & Gardens
- ☐ People visiting other tourist attractions
- ☐ People visiting Snowdonia National Park
- ☐ People traveling on the road network
- ☐ People travelling on the railway

LOCATION DETAILS

Grid Reference	SH 58929 36911
Approx Elevation	11m
Direction of View	NE, 60°
Time/ Date	14.08/ April 18, 2018
Weather / Visibility	Sunny/ Clear

VISUAL BASELINE

The foreground of the view is dominated by the expanse of water and sand banks associated with the Dwyrdd Estuary (seen in this image at full tide). In the left of the field of vision the model village of Portmeirion (part of a well known Registered Park and Garden), with its italianesque architecture is visible rising on the steep wooded slopes of the estuary edge. In the right of the field of vision the island Ynys Giffan blends in against the backdrop of the foothills of the Snowdonian Rhinog Mountains.

The OHL is visible traversing the estuary and then climbing the steep rocky gorge rising to the Llyn Tecwyn Uchaf [Reservoir]. The backdrop of the view as a whole is made up of various parts of the Snowdonian mountain ranges. The juxtaposition of open water with the dramatic mountainous terrain and the distinct vernacular of Portmeirion combine to form a highly scenic and valued view.

PHOTOGRAPH OF EXISTING LANDSCAPE FROM VIEWPOINT





PROPOSED VIEWPOINT

D: FROM NATIONAL CYCLE ROUTE 8, NORTH WEST OF MINFORDD

VIEWPOINT LOCATION OS MAP



VIEWPOINT LOCATION AERIAL PHOTO



VIEWPOINT CONTEXT



INDICATIVE KEY RECEPTORS

- ☒ People in the local community
- ☒ People using a national cycle route
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- ☐ People using a public right of way
- ☐ People using open access land
- ☐ People visiting Parks & Gardens
- ☐ People visiting other tourist attractions
- ☐ People visiting Snowdonia National Park
- ☒ People traveling on the road network
- ☐ People travelling on the railway

LOCATION DETAILS

Grid Reference	SH 59280 38584
Approx Elevation	7m
Direction of View	NE, 23°
Time/ Date	15.00, April 11 2018
Weather / Visibility	Cloudy/ Moderate

VISUAL BASELINE

In the foreground of the view there is an open flat field, defined by a hedgerow and post and wire fence boundary. Minfordd quarry and its associated infrastructure are visible in the centre and mid ground of the view. The built form associated with the quarry just breaks the skyline. The movement of vehicles on the A487 can be seen against the backdrop of the quarry. In the right of the field of vision, the terminal pylon 4ZC037 and gantry at Garth SEC is visible against the skyline. Woodland cover softens the edge of the quarry landform. In the far left and right of the field of vision, woodland foreshortens views. On a clear day part of the Snowdonian mountains can be distantly seen in the left of the field of vision.

PHOTOGRAPH OF EXISTING LANDSCAPE FROM VIEWPOINT





PROPOSED VIEWPOINT

E: FROM NATIONAL CYCLE ROUTE 8, NORTH OF MINFORDD

VIEWPOINT LOCATION OS MAP



VIEWPOINT LOCATION AERIAL PHOTO



VIEWPOINT CONTEXT



INDICATIVE KEY RECEPTORS

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- ☐ People using open access land
- ☐ People visiting Parks & Gardens
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- ☐ People visiting Snowdonia National Park
- ☒ People traveling on the road network
- ☐ People travelling on the railway

LOCATION DETAILS

Grid Reference	SH 59714 38714
Approx Elevation	15.8 m
Direction of View	WNW, 300°
Time/ Date	11:59, April 4 2017
Weather / Visibility	Clear, Very Good

VISUAL BASELINE

In the foreground of the view a local lane bordered by a drystone wall is visible. Beyond this a small steep paddock with scattered small trees and a shed can be seen. In the left of the field of vision residential properties and gardens are visible surrounded by vegetation. Forming the focus, in the centre and midground of the view is the terminal pylon 4ZC037 and Garth SEC.

Garth Quarry is visible the right of the field of vision. The Moel Hebog range of Snowdonia forms the majority of the backdrop of the view. The distinctive coastal hill of Moel Y Gest is visible in the left of the field of vision.

PHOTOGRAPH OF EXISTING LANDSCAPE FROM VIEWPOINT





# PROPOSED VIEWPOINT

## F: FROM LOCAL PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY NEAR PLAS NEWYDD

VIEWPOINT LOCATION OS MAP



VIEWPOINT LOCATION AERIAL PHOTO



VIEWPOINT CONTEXT



INDICATIVE KEY RECEPTORS

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- ☐ People visiting Snowdonia National Park
- ☐ People traveling on the road network
- ☐ People travelling on the railway

LOCATION DETAILS

Grid Reference	SH 59906 38989
Approx Elevation	12.7 m
Direction of View	SW, 225°
Time/ Date	14:41, April 18 2018
Weather / Visibility	Good/ Clear

VISUAL BASELINE

In the foreground of the view there are a number of rough waterlogged paddocks defined by post and wire fences and lines of boundary vegetation. Aspects of the view are partially filtered by layers of boundary vegetation.

Moving into the mid-ground of the view the topography becomes increasingly undulating. The view is foreshortened by landform associated with Minffordd Quarry.

Two pylons are visible within the view, with the conductors clearly discernible cutting across the skyline. The gantry structure at Garth SEC is partially visible through vegetation. In the summer months the level of screening will increase due to leaf cover.

PHOTOGRAPH OF EXISTING LANDSCAPE FROM VIEWPOINT



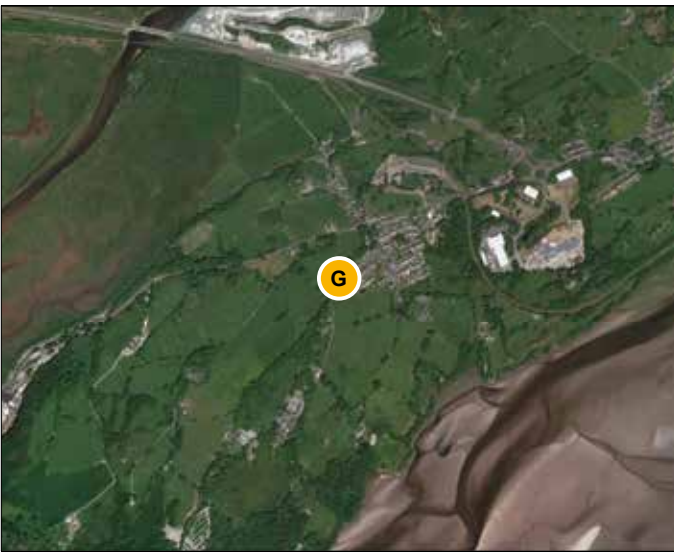


# PROPOSED VIEWPOINT G: FROM PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ALONGSIDE PORTMEIRION DRIVEWAY

VIEWPOINT LOCATION OS MAP



VIEWPOINT LOCATION AERIAL PHOTO



VIEWPOINT CONTEXT



INDICATIVE KEY RECEPTORS

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- ☒ People visiting Parks & Gardens
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- ☐ People visiting Snowdonia National Park
- ☐ People traveling on the road network
- ☐ People travelling on the railway

LOCATION DETAILS

Grid Reference	SH 59541 38243
Approx Elevation	48.2 m
Direction of View	N, 12°
Time/ Date	11:51, February 9 2017
Weather / Visibility	Partial cloud/ Good

VISUAL BASELINE

In the foreground of the view the entrance drive to Portmeirion is lined with mature trees and is flanked by a gravel path (which forms part of the Wales Coast Path). In the right of the field of vision there is a glimpsed view of residential properties and beyond this the OHL.

The trees along the drive filter much of the view. Terminal pylon 4ZC037 is visible rising above a number of residential properties. Beyond this the exposed rock face of Garth Quarry can be seen. The backdrop of the view is comprised of the mountainous terrain of Snowdonia, but this is partially obscured by vegetation. In the summer months a higher proportion of the view will be screened as a result due to leaf cover.

PHOTOGRAPH OF EXISTING LANDSCAPE FROM VIEWPOINT





PROPOSED VIEWPOINT

H: FROM FFESTINIOG HERITAGE RAILWAY STATION, AT MINFFORDD

VIEWPOINT LOCATION OS MAP



VIEWPOINT LOCATION AERIAL PHOTO



VIEWPOINT CONTEXT



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- ☒ People travelling on the railway

LOCATION DETAILS

Grid Reference	SH 60037 38555
Approx Elevation	28.9 m
Direction of View	NNW, 350°
Time/ Date	15:03, April 18 2018
Weather / Visibility	Clear/ Good

VISUAL BASELINE

In the foreground of the view the Ffestiniog Heritage Railway Minffordd Train Station is visible. Beyond this is a pastoral field bordered by stone walls and post and wire fences. There are a couple of rocky outcrops within the field and scattered mature boundary trees around the edge. To the right of the field of vision is a residential property with associated garden.

In the mid-ground of the view, a few properties are visible at the base of a wooded slope. The mountains of Snowdonia partially screened by vegetation are distantly visible forming an aspect of the backdrop to the view. A pylon is visible in the right of the field of vision, with conductors traversing the view from west to east.

PHOTOGRAPH OF EXISTING LANDSCAPE FROM VIEWPOINT

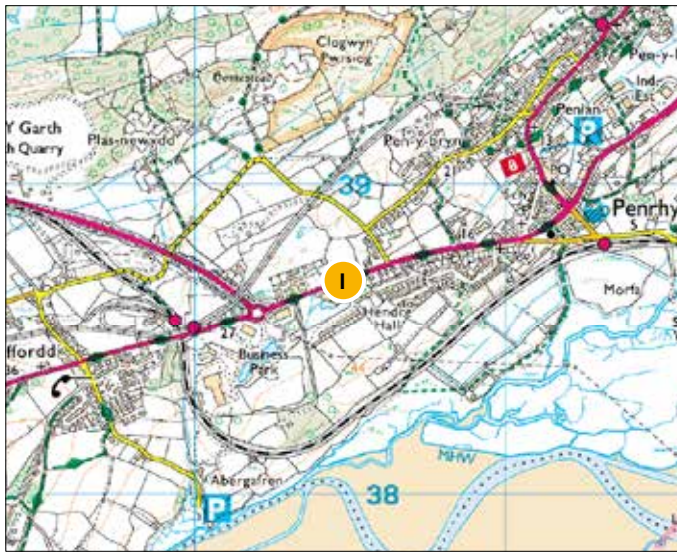




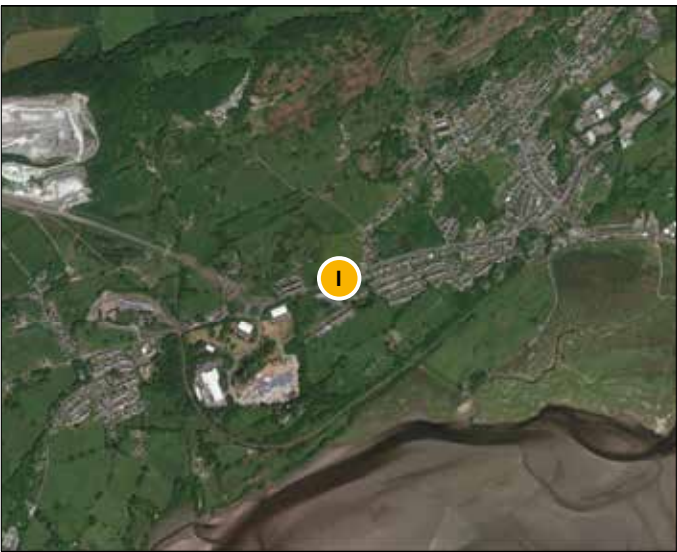
# PROPOSED VIEWPOINT

## I: FROM A487 IN PENRHYNDEUDRAETH

VIEWPOINT LOCATION OS MAP



VIEWPOINT LOCATION AERIAL PHOTO



VIEWPOINT CONTEXT



INDICATIVE KEY RECEPTORS

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- ☐ People visiting Snowdonia National Park
- ☒ People traveling on the road network
- ☐ People travelling on the railway

LOCATION DETAILS

Grid Reference	SH 60480 38690
Approx Elevation	27.5m
Direction of View	S, 179°
Time/ Date	16:27, April 11 2018
Weather / Visibility	Overcast/ Moderate

VISUAL BASELINE

The Snowdonia National Park offices and associated car park dominates the foreground of the view. Beyond this, in the left of the field of vision residential properties on Trem -Yr -Wyddfa can be seen.

The skyline of the view is defined by a number of mature trees located in a field screened by the properties on Trem-Yr-Wyddfa and by pylon 4ZC034. Due to the proximity of the overhead line the cables can be clearly seen, occupying much of the view.

PHOTOGRAPH OF EXISTING LANDSCAPE FROM VIEWPOINT





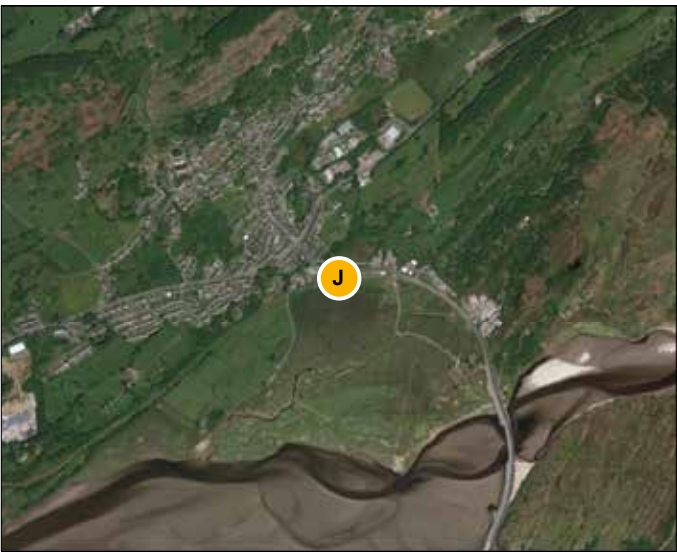
# PROPOSED VIEWPOINT

## J: FROM PENRHYNDEUDRAETH TRAIN STATION

VIEWPOINT LOCATION OS MAP



VIEWPOINT LOCATION AERIAL PHOTO



VIEWPOINT CONTEXT



INDICATIVE KEY RECEPTORS

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- ☐ People visiting Snowdonia National Park
- ☒ People traveling on the road network
- ☒ People travelling on the railway

LOCATION DETAILS

Grid Reference	SH 61341 38815
Approx Elevation	6.6 m
Direction of View	S, 190°
Time/ Date	10:02, April 11 2018
Weather / Visibility	Hazy/ Moderate

VISUAL BASELINE

In the foreground of the view a post and wire fence marks the edge of an expansive area of open salt marsh which stretches into the mid-ground of the view. The defining feature of the view is the overhead line which crosses the centre of the view. Pylons 4C030, 4C031 and 4C032 . The close proximity of the overhead line allows the cables to be easily discerned. In the right of the field of vision an isolated farm house on slightly higher ground surrounded by garden vegetation is visible. The form of Ynys Giffan and the lower slopes of the Rhinog mountains forms the backdrop of the view.

PHOTOGRAPH OF EXISTING LANDSCAPE FROM VIEWPOINT





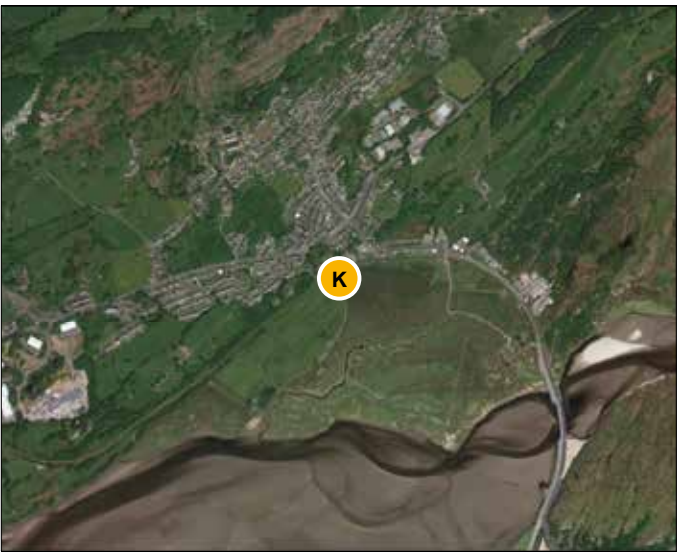
PROPOSED VIEWPOINT

K: FROM PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ON SALT MARSH NEAR PENRHYNDEUDRAETH

VIEWPOINT LOCATION OS MAP



VIEWPOINT LOCATION AERIAL PHOTO



VIEWPOINT CONTEXT



INDICATIVE KEY RECEPTORS

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- ☐ People visiting Snowdonia National Park
- ☐ People traveling on the road network
- ☒ People travelling on the railway

LOCATION DETAILS

Grid Reference	SH 61172 38741
Approx Elevation	7.6m
Direction of View	S, 170°
Time/ Date	09:27, April 11, 2018
Weather / Visibility	Mist/ Poor

VISUAL BASELINE

In the foreground of the view a gravel lane runs through the flat, open salt marsh to the north of the Dwyrdd Estuary. A shallow drainage channel runs alongside the edge of the lane. A post and wire fence encloses the land on either side. To the centre right of the view a stone farmhouse surrounded by associated vegetation is visible. The pylon line traverses much of the view, crossing the Dwyrdd Estuary and is seen against the backdrop of the lower slopes of the Rhinog mountains.

PHOTOGRAPH OF EXISTING LANDSCAPE FROM VIEWPOINT





PROPOSED VIEWPOINT

L: FROM GWAITH POWDWR NATURE RESERVE ADJACENT TO PONT BRIWET

VIEWPOINT LOCATION OS MAP



VIEWPOINT LOCATION AERIAL PHOTO



VIEWPOINT CONTEXT



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- ☒ People travelling on the railway

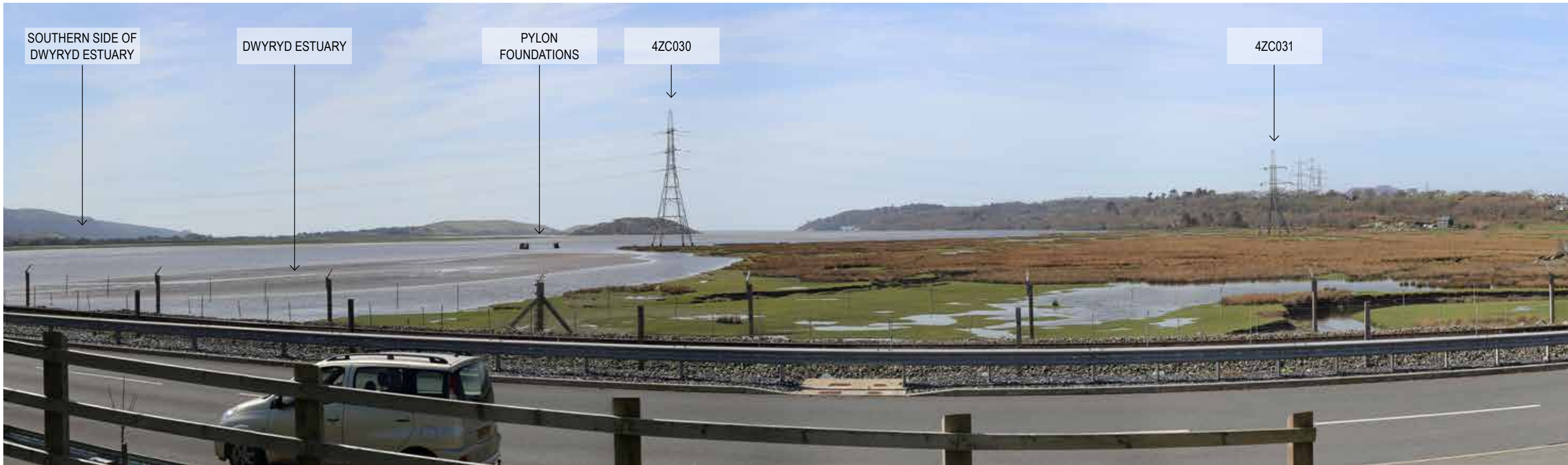
LOCATION DETAILS

Grid Reference	SH 61876 38435
Approx Elevation	4.4 m
Direction of View	SW, 232°
Time/ Date	13:13, April 18 2018
Weather / Visibility	Sunny/ Clear

VISUAL BASELINE

In the foreground of the view the road approaching Pont Briwet and the Aberystwyth and Welsh Coast Railway are visible, flanked by fencing. Beyond this, is the Dwyryd Estuary. The salt marsh is visible in the right of the field of vision and the tidal river and sand banks are visible to the left. Pylon 4C030 stands on the edge of the salt marsh, rising above the skyline. Adjacent to this pylon, the foundations of a former pylon are visible above the water level. The island of Ynys Giffan sits behind pylon 4ZC030 and beyond that is the low lying land associated with Harlech on the southern side of the estuary.

PHOTOGRAPH OF EXISTING LANDSCAPE FROM VIEWPOINT





PROPOSED VIEWPOINT

M: FROM LLANDECWYN TRAIN STATION LOOKING ACROSS DWYRYD ESTUARY

VIEWPOINT LOCATION OS MAP



VIEWPOINT LOCATION AERIAL PHOTO



VIEWPOINT CONTEXT



INDICATIVE KEY RECEPTORS

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- ☒ People traveling on the road network
- ☒ People travelling on the railway

LOCATION DETAILS

Grid Reference	SH 61814 37897
Approx Elevation	5.1m
Direction of View	NW, 298°
Time/ Date	13:02, April 18, 2018
Weather / Visibility	Sunny/ Very good

VISUAL BASELINE

The Dwyryd Estuary forms a large component of the view. The open water of the estuary is oversailed by the overhead line. Pylon 4ZC030 is situated on the edge of an area of salt marsh and is a prominent feature in the view. The concrete foundations of a previously removed pylon stands alongside it projecting out into the water. The overhead line continues rising up over the Minffordd Peninsula, with pylons visible on the skyline.

On the far side of the estuary, a gentle wooded slope rises from beyond the salt marsh. In the right of the field of vision the settlement of Penrhyndeudraeth is visible rising up the sloping landform. Moel y Gest and the lower slopes of the Moel Hebog range form part of the backdrop of the view.

PHOTOGRAPH OF EXISTING LANDSCAPE FROM VIEWPOINT





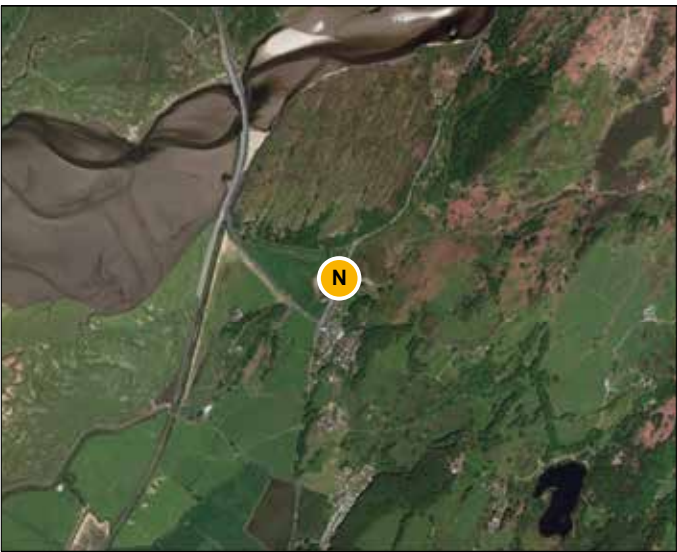
# PROPOSED VIEWPOINT

## N: FROM THE A496 LOOKING NORTH EAST

VIEWPOINT LOCATION OS MAP



VIEWPOINT LOCATION AERIAL PHOTO



VIEWPOINT CONTEXT



INDICATIVE KEY RECEPTORS

- ☒ People in the local community
- ☒ People using a national cycle route
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- ☐ People using a public right of way
- ☐ People using open access land
- ☐ People visiting Parks & Gardens
- ☐ People visiting other tourist attractions
- ☒ People visiting Snowdonia National Park
- ☒ People traveling on the road network
- ☐ People travelling on the railway

LOCATION DETAILS

Grid Reference	SH 62215 37726
Approx Elevation	9.0m
Direction of View	ENE, 72°
Time/ Date	15:38, April 11 2018
Weather / Visibility	Hazy/ Poor

VISUAL BASELINE

The A496 crosses the foreground of the view. A post and wire fence runs along the edge of the road, enclosing a field of rough vegetation with scrub scattered throughout the field. Running along the far edge of the field is a rough track edged in places with a drystone wall. Within this field there are some remains of old stone buildings to the right of the field of vision. From the edge of the field, the topography rises steeply on all sides. In the centre of the view there is a steep and rocky gorge.

The overhead line runs up the centre of the gorge, where a number of pylons rise above the skyline.

PHOTOGRAPH OF EXISTING LANDSCAPE FROM VIEWPOINT





PROPOSED VIEWPOINT

O EAST: FROM WALES COAST PATH AND NATIONAL CYCLE ROUTE 8

VIEWPOINT LOCATION OS MAP



VIEWPOINT LOCATION AERIAL PHOTO



VIEWPOINT CONTEXT



INDICATIVE KEY RECEPTORS

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- ☐ People visiting Parks & Gardens
- ☐ People visiting other tourist attractions
- ☒ People visiting Snowdonia National Park
- ☒ People traveling on the road network
- ☐ People travelling on the railway

LOCATION DETAILS

Grid Reference	SH 62063 37654
Approx Elevation	6.7 m
Direction of View	NE, 57°
Time/ Date	15:53, April 11 2018
Weather / Visibility	Hazy/ Moderate

VISUAL BASELINE

In the foreground of the view there is an open field bordered by stone walls and post and wire fences. In the centre of the view, mounding and planting partially screen a water treatment facility. In the left of a field of vision angle pylon 4ZC028 is visible against the backdrop of the wooded base of a the outcrop of Y Garth. This pylon rises above the surrounding landform, contrasting with the general scale of the view. In the right of the field of vision residential properties forming part of Cilfor can be seen. The

backdrop of the view is defined by craggy, mountainous topography and landcover. In the centre of the view number of pylons can be seen traversing up a steep gorge, backclothed against the surrounding hills.

PHOTOGRAPH OF EXISTING LANDSCAPE FROM VIEWPOINT





# PROPOSED VIEWPOINT

## O WEST: FROM WALES COAST PATH AND NATIONAL CYCLE ROUTE 8

VIEWPOINT LOCATION OS MAP



VIEWPOINT LOCATION AERIAL PHOTO



VIEWPOINT CONTEXT



INDICATIVE KEY RECEPTORS

- ☒ People in the local community
- ☒ People using a national cycle route
- ☒ People using the Wales Coast Path
- ☒ People using a public right of way
- ☐ People using open access land
- ☐ People visiting Parks & Gardens
- ☐ People visiting other tourist attractions
- ☒ People visiting Snowdonia National Park
- ☒ People traveling on the road network
- ☐ People travelling on the railway

LOCATION DETAILS

Grid Reference	SH 62063 37654
Approx Elevation	6.7 m
Direction of View	NW, 322°
Time/ Date	15:53, April 11 2018
Weather / Visibility	Hazy/ Moderate

VISUAL BASELINE

In the foreground of the view a local road curves into the centre ground, flanked on the right hand side by a pavement. Post and wire fences run along either side of the road. To right is a flat field and the rocky outcrop of Y Garth, the lower slopes of which are covered by deciduous treecover. To the left is another waterlogged field bordered on its far side by a stone wall and scrubby vegetation. Pylon 4ZC029 sits in the centre of the view, with five additional pylons more distantly visible moving into the left of the field of vision. The settlement of Penrhyndeudraeth is visible beyond the OHL on a spur of wooded landform. The Moel Hebog mountain range forms a distant backdrop to the view.

PHOTOGRAPH OF EXISTING LANDSCAPE FROM VIEWPOINT





# PROPOSED VIEWPOINT

## P: FROM OPEN ACCESS LAND NEAR ALLT-GALCH

VIEWPOINT LOCATION OS MAP



VIEWPOINT LOCATION AERIAL PHOTO



VIEWPOINT CONTEXT



INDICATIVE KEY RECEPTORS

- ☐ People in the local community
- ☐ People using a national cycle route
- ☐ People using the Wales Coast Path
- ☐ People using a public right of way
- ☒ People using open access land
- ☐ People visiting Parks & Gardens
- ☐ People visiting other tourist attractions
- ☒ People visiting Snowdonia National Park
- ☐ People traveling on the road network
- ☐ People travelling on the railway

LOCATION DETAILS

Grid Reference	SH 62881 38161
Approx Elevation	107.1m
Direction of View	WSW, 255°
Time/ Date	11:30, April 11 2018
Weather / Visibility	Hazy/ Poor

VISUAL BASELINE

Taken from an elevated location, this panoramic view encompasses the lower slopes of the Rhinog mountains, Dwyryd Estuary and Moel Y Gest.

In the left of the field of vision the lower slopes of the Rhinog Mountains are visible. To the right of the centre of the view the craggy landform known as Y Garth foreshortens views of part of Dwyryd Estuary. Beyond this the wide expanse of the Dwyryd Estuary and the flat salt marsh and farming land associated with it stretches into the distance. The overhead line is visible in the base of the valley, although partially obscured by Y Garth landform. In better conditions views out to sea would be experienced from this location.

PHOTOGRAPH OF EXISTING LANDSCAPE FROM VIEWPOINT





# PROPOSED VIEWPOINT

## Q: FROM OPEN ACCESS LAND SOUTH OF LLYN TECWYN UCHAF

VIEWPOINT LOCATION OS MAP



VIEWPOINT LOCATION AERIAL PHOTO



VIEWPOINT CONTEXT



INDICATIVE KEY RECEPTORS

- ☐ People in the local community
- ☐ People using a national cycle route
- ☐ People using the Wales Coast Path
- ☒ People using a public right of way
- ☒ People using open access land
- ☐ People visiting Parks & Gardens
- ☐ People visiting other tourist attractions
- ☒ People visiting Snowdonia National Park
- ☐ People traveling on the road network
- ☐ People travelling on the railway

LOCATION DETAILS

Grid Reference	SH 63593 37924
Approx Elevation	188.9 m
Direction of View	W, 267°
Time/ Date	11:52, April 18 2018
Weather / Visibility	Clear/ Good

VISUAL BASELINE

This sweeping, panoramic view encompasses the lower slopes of the Rhinog mountains, the Dwyryd Estuary and stretches out to sea and towards the inland Snowdonian mountains.

The foreground of the view is composed of steep slopes covered with upland heathland vegetation and drystone walls. The overhead line is visible traversing a steep rocky gorge below the viewpoint location. Within the view the island of Ynys Giffan, Portmeirion and the settlement of Penrhyndeudraeth are all visible in the middle distance. Moel Y Gest and the lower slopes of the Moel Hebog range form the backdrop of the view.

PHOTOGRAPH OF EXISTING LANDSCAPE FROM VIEWPOINT





# PROPOSED VIEWPOINT

## R: FROM PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY NEAR TALSARNAU

VIEWPOINT LOCATION OS MAP



VIEWPOINT LOCATION AERIAL PHOTO



VIEWPOINT CONTEXT



INDICATIVE KEY RECEPTORS

- ☐ People in the local community
- ☐ People using a national cycle route
- ☒ People using the Wales Coast Path
- ☒ People using a public right of way
- ☐ People using open access land
- ☐ People visiting Parks & Gardens
- ☐ People visiting other tourist attractions
- ☒ People visiting Snowdonia National Park
- ☐ People traveling on the road network
- ☒ People travelling on the railway

LOCATION DETAILS

Grid Reference	SH 60844 36331
Approx Elevation	1.4 m
Direction of View	N, 355°
Time/ Date	12:33, April 18 2018
Weather / Visibility	Clear/ Good

VISUAL BASELINE

The fore to mid-ground of the view is dominated by open, waterlogged salt marsh. A post and wire fence cuts through the salt marsh. In the middle distance, landform rises gently from the estuary edge. In the centre of the view the properties of Penrhyndeudraeth are visible in the distance. The 4ZC overhead line traverses the view. The view benefits from the dramatic backdrop of the mountains of Snowdonia. The contrast of naturalistic elements of the flat salt marsh and rising mountains results in a scenic view.

PHOTOGRAPH OF EXISTING LANDSCAPE FROM VIEWPOINT

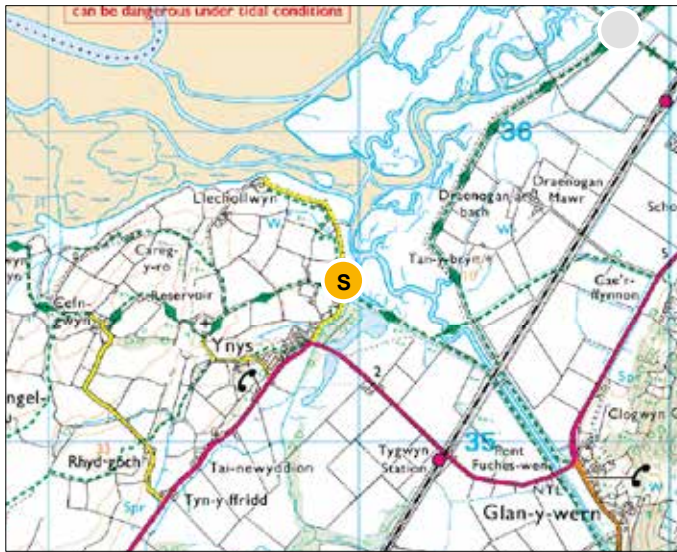




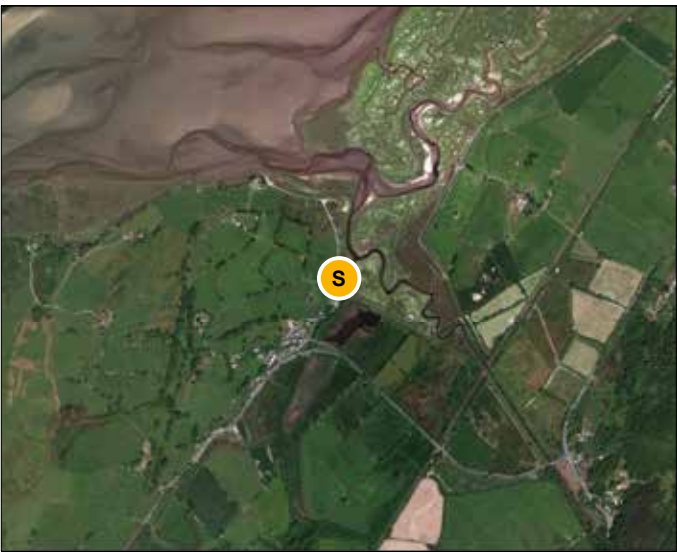
# PROPOSED VIEWPOINT

## S: FROM THE WALES COAST PATH NEAR YNYS

VIEWPOINT LOCATION OS MAP



VIEWPOINT LOCATION AERIAL PHOTO



VIEWPOINT CONTEXT



INDICATIVE KEY RECEPTORS

- ☐ People in the local community
- ☐ People using a national cycle route
- ☒ People using the Wales Coast Path
- ☒ People using a public right of way
- ☐ People using open access land
- ☐ People visiting Parks & Gardens
- ☐ People visiting other tourist attractions
- ☒ People visiting Snowdonia National Park
- ☒ People traveling on the road network
- ☐ People travelling on the railway

LOCATION DETAILS

Grid Reference	SH 59952 35521
Approx Elevation	3.1 m
Direction of View	NE, 32°
Time/ Date	12:16, April 18 2018
Weather / Visibility	Overcast/ Good

VISUAL BASELINE

In the foreground of the view there is a wide expanse of open salt marsh. In the left of the field of vision a single lane road curves out of the view running alongside a post and wire fence and wood pole line. In the distance, the topography rises above the salt marsh. In the right of the field of vision scattered farm properties are visible. The island of Ynys Giffan is visible within the estuary and the settlement of Penrhyndeudraeth is in the middle distance to the left of the centre of the view.

The 4ZC overhead line traverses the view in the middle distance. The mountains of Snowdonia form a dramatic backdrop to the view.

PHOTOGRAPH OF EXISTING LANDSCAPE FROM VIEWPOINT

