

# Appendix 6C – Visual Baseline Descriptions and Sensitivity Assessments

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## 1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 This appendix sets out the baseline descriptions and sensitivity assessments for the viewpoint locations and visual receptors.

1.1.2 The appendix is structured as follows:

- **Section 1.2:** Viewpoints / Visual Receptors Baseline Descriptions and Sensitivity Assessments.

1.1.3 The Appendices are to be read in conjunction with the following Figures:

- **Figure 6.2:** Public Rights of Way Plan and Viewpoint Location Plan;
- **Figure 6.5:** Landscape Designations Plan; and
- **Figure 6.6a - 6.6n:** Viewpoints 1-14 (inclusive).

## 1.2 Viewpoint Baseline Descriptions and Sensitivity Assessments

1.2.1 The Viewpoint / Visual Receptor baseline descriptions and sensitivity assessments are set out in **Table 6C-1** below.

**Table 6C-1 – Viewpoint Baseline Descriptions and Sensitivity Assessments**

<b>Viewpoint 1 – Junction of Footpaths MAE/13/3 and MAE/15/2 (upper slopes)</b>	
<b>Description</b>	<p>This viewpoint is found on the junction of Footpaths MAE/13/3 and MAE/15/2 which is located on the upper slopes of Foel y Dyffryn. Visibility of the Proposed Development from this location is representative of views available to users of the public rights of way. For these receptors, the attractiveness of nature and appreciation of the long distance views from these locations are significant factors of the enjoyment of their experiences there.</p> <p>The view is orientated northeast, looking towards the upper slopes of the eastern face of Foel y Dyffryn, with its gently rolling topography and open grassland landscapes. Towards the east, the summits of Mynydd Caerau and Mynydd Blaenafan can be visible in the background. Footpath users will experience short-distance views of the western OHL section of the Proposed Development, as it will appear prominently in the mid-ground of their views. Generally, there is a remote feeling in the location due to the absence of built development in these areas. As vegetation around the vicinity is comprised of mainly grasses, the wooden poles of the OHL will be a distinct element in these views because of their heights.</p> <p>See <b>Figure 6.6a</b> for reference.</p>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	<p>The viewpoint is located within SLA 1 Foel y Dyffryn. The view is mainly short-distance views of upland rough grassland landscapes orientated northeast</p>

	<p>towards the summit of Foel y Dyffryn. The value of the view is assessed as <i>Medium</i>.</p> <p>Footpath users would be focussed on views of the countryside, which has a significant value for their enjoyment of the walk and a reason for why they would be on these routes. The susceptibility of recreational receptors at this location is therefore considered to be <i>High</i>.</p> <p>In combination of value and susceptibility this visual receptor is judged to be <b>High Sensitivity</b>.</p>
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<b>Viewpoint 2 – Foel y Dyffryn (summit)</b>	
<b>Description</b>	<p>This viewpoint is located at the summit of Foel y Dyffryn. Views from this location is an illustrative view of long-distance views from the upland areas of Foel y Dyffryn available to visitors to its summit and the Open Access Land areas. Visitors are drawn to the location because of uninterrupted views from this high elevation, which offers wide long-distance views across the County Boroughs towards east and southeast, which can reach as far across the Bristol Channel on a clear day. This viewpoint is located 370m northwest of the western OHL section of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>In views towards southeast, Foel y Dyffryn’s upper slopes appear prominently in the foreground. The hillsides of Rhiw Tor Cymry are visible in the background and can be easily distinguished by its geometric blocks of coniferous forest plantations, whose dark green vegetation cover appears in contrast to the lighter green of the pastureland of Foel y Dyffryn in the foreground. Also visible in views towards the east are the upper slopes of Mynydd Bach, which takes up a significant portion of the middle ground of views across the valley towards the southeast. At Mynydd Bach’s slopes, hedgerows visibly mark the boundaries of the different parcels of land and traces of footpaths and tracks are clearly visible. Just below in the valley floor, urban settlements in the southern part of Maesteg form a contrast against the rural character of the hills that surround it.</p> <p>See <b>Figure 6.6b</b> for reference.</p>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	<p>The viewpoint is located within SLA 1 Foel y Dyffryn. From this location, there are some detracting features in the views such as development in the wind farms of Upper Ogmore and Pen y Cymoedd in the distance. However, its location on the summit of Foel y Dyffryn, one of the high points in the area, coupled with the availability of long-distance panoramic views contribute to the value of the view being assessed as <i>High</i>.</p> <p>The viewpoint is representative of views experienced by visitors to the Summit and area of Open Access Land whose purpose would be to enjoy the views across the landscape from this location. The susceptibility is therefore considered to be <i>High</i>.</p> <p>In combination of value and susceptibility this visual receptor is judged to be <b>High Sensitivity</b>.</p>

**Viewpoint 3 – A4063**

<p><b>Description</b></p>	<p>This viewpoint is located on Dyffryn Road (A4063) in the town of Maesteg, positioned approximately northeast from where the western OHL section of the Proposed Development will transition into an underground cable route along the A4063 as it enters the village of Caerau.</p> <p>As the principal north-south route through Maesteg, Dyffryn Road is characterised by frequent vehicle movement. Dyffryn Road forms a narrow corridor, typically framed by rows of residential properties on both sides. However, near the viewpoint location, houses are found only on its eastern edge, while the western edge has openings with views of farmland and a noticeable change in the topography as the land begins to rise with gentle slopes, highlighting the contrast between the urban character of Maesteg and the rural landscapes of Foel y Dyffryn.</p> <p>The view is orientated to the west, where visibility of the Proposed Development from this location is representative of transitional views available to road users of the A4063 and typical views that may be experienced by residents living in the area. For residential receptors at this area, the pockets of farmland located in front of their properties provide them with direct views to areas of nature from their houses.</p> <p>See <b>Figure 6.6c</b> for reference.</p>
<p><b>Sensitivity</b></p>	<p>The viewpoint is located in the boundaries of SLA 1 Foel y Dyffryn. Although farmland located on the lower slopes of Foel y Dyffryn appear in the background of views, views from this location are generally of short-distance and limited to the narrow road corridor which does not offer many features of visual interest. The value of the view is therefore assessed as <i>Low</i>.</p> <p>The view is experienced by nearby residents whose views are oriented west towards the Proposed Development (High Susceptibility). Transient views are experienced by road users and pedestrians on the A4063 (Medium Susceptibility).</p> <p>In combination of value and susceptibility this visual receptor is judged to be <b>High (Residents) and Medium (Road users and Pedestrians)</b>.</p>

**Viewpoint 4 – Junction of Bridleway MAE/1/2 and Byway MAE/12/1 / 23/37/5**

<p><b>Description</b></p>	<p>This viewpoint is located at the junction of Bridleway MAE/1/2 and Byway MAE/12/1, in an area of Open Access Land in Foel y Dyffryn situated west of the village of Caerau. It is located 1km north of the western OHL section of the Proposed Development and 1.4km southwest of its eastern OHL section. This location is representative of views available to recreational users of the Public</p>
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#### Viewpoint 4 – Junction of Bridleway MAE/1/2 and Byway MAE/12/1 / 23/37/5

	<p>Rights of Way and visitors to the area of Open Access Land. Visitors are mainly at this location for enjoyment of the views of nature.</p> <p>Views to the east present a strongly rural and tranquil landscape, with undulating topography dominated by areas of heathland and blanket bog in the foreground and with long distance views to exposed grazing land and patches of forest located in the summits of hills. In this direction, receptors will experience views of the eastern OHL section of the Proposed Development as it climbs through the upland areas. In contrast to this, there are glimpses of development scattered throughout – the residential settlement of Caerau is noticeable in the mid distance, partially screened by trees in that area, as well as by the tall grasses and dense shrubbery in the heathland in the foreground. The wind turbines on the ridgeline of Mynydd Caerau are visible, although they do not dominate the skyline due to their dispersed locations across the hills.</p> <p>See <b>Figure 6.6d</b> for reference.</p>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	<p>The viewpoint is located on the boundary shared by SLA 1 Foel y Dyffryn (Bridgend County Borough) and SLA 6 Foel Trawsant (Neath Port Talbot County Borough). While there are scenic qualities as the landscapes of blanket bog in the foreground seem to blend seamlessly with pastures in the distant hills, there are detracting features such as the cluster of residential development in the middle distance and the wind turbines in the skyline in the background. The value of the view is assessed as <i>Medium</i>.</p> <p>The view is experienced by users of the Long-distance footpath and bridleway users whose purpose there is to enjoy the view of the surroundings. The susceptibility is therefore <i>High</i>.</p> <p>In combination of value and susceptibility this visual receptor is judged to be <b>High</b>.</p>

#### Viewpoint 5 – Rathbone Terrace / Protheroe Street

<b>Description</b>	<p>This viewpoint is located on slightly more elevated section of Rathbone Terrace / Protheroe Street. It is representative of views available to road users and residents on Rathbone Terrace and its surrounding area. The view is positioned 710m to the north of the western OHL section of the Proposed Development and 900m southwest of its eastern OHL section.</p> <p>Views to the southeast extend along Protheroe Street towards its junction with the A4063, and where the western route of the UGC will traverse. The row of terraced houses lining both sides of Protheroe Street are typical views of the area and help to guide views towards the A4063. Typical views from this location would feature Mynydd Caerau and Mynydd Bach in the background. Mynydd Bach's western profile stands out with its rounded summit, distinctively showing the transition of land uses from semi-enclosed pastures for grazing on the lower slopes to open, exposed land at its upland areas. A partial view of the upper</p>
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### Viewpoint 5 – Rathbone Terrace / Protheroe Street

	<p>slopes of Mynydd Caerau (located north from this viewpoint location) shows how the geometric blocks of its coniferous plantations and the darker hues of the vegetation contrast sharply with the lighter grasslands on the adjacent Mynydd Bach.</p> <p>See <b>Figure 6.6e</b> for reference.</p>
<p><b>Sensitivity</b></p>	<p>This viewpoint is not located within any designated landscapes. The view is dominated by the streetscapes of Rathbone Terrace, located in the residential settlement of Caerau. In the background, the pastoral hillsides of Mynydd Bach and the coniferous woodland plantations in the upper slopes of Mynydd Caerau add a scenic quality to views experienced from this location. The value of the view is assessed as <i>Medium</i>.</p> <p>The view is experienced by nearby residents (High Susceptibility) and by users of the minor road Rathbone Terrace / Protheroe Street (Low Susceptibility), who are likely to focus their views on the road and not in the surrounding landscape.</p> <p>In combination of value and susceptibility this visual receptor is judged to be <b>High (Residents) and Low (Road users and pedestrians)</b></p>

### Viewpoint 6 – Footpath MAE/9/1

<p><b>Description</b></p>	<p>This viewpoint is located in an Open Access Land (OAL) area along Footpath MAE/9/1, which goes through an area of purple moor-grass and rush pastures uphill of the village of Caerau. This view is representative of what is usually seen by users of the footpath and visitors to the OAL. Footpath users will generally be drawn to features in the foreground and midground, as views from this location are typically of short-distance views.</p> <p>In the background, features in the skyline display subtle signs that hint at the location's proximity to urban development, such as the existing overhead lines on wooden poles and pylon at the Caerau Substation, positioned against a backdrop of densely vegetated hillside. Besides these, there few notable features in the background, and so visual interest for footpath users is largely confined to their immediate and mid-distance landscapes.</p> <p>See <b>Figure 6.6f</b> for reference.</p>
<p><b>Sensitivity</b></p>	<p>The viewpoint is not located within any designated landscapes. The view is from a low elevation, looking upwards to the Caerau Substation. Although the views are set in nature, detractors such as the overhead transmission line, pylons, and communications mast dominate the view. The value of the view is therefore assessed as <i>Low</i>.</p> <p>With the lack of features of visual interest in this location, footpath users are likely to focus their views on the path and not in their surroundings. Their enjoyment of the location would not be significantly impacted by the nature of the surroundings and would therefore have a <i>Medium Susceptibility</i>.</p>

**Viewpoint 6 – Footpath MAE/9/1**

	In combination of value and susceptibility this visual receptor is judged to be <b>Medium (footpath users)</b> .
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**Viewpoint 7 – Croeserw Social Club carpark**

<b>Description</b>	<p>This viewpoint is located within the carpark at Croeserw Social Club, which can be accessible by public users. Views from this location are representative of views available to road users and typical views experienced by residents along Brynheulog Road and recreational users of the outdoor sports field at Tudor Park.</p> <p>South-facing views from this location are generally of low scenic quality, with the foreground dominated by wooden fences, dense shrubs, mature trees, and tall grasses. These elements create a visual barrier, restricting sightlines and largely obscuring the wider landscape beyond to limit the extent of the view.</p> <p>Beyond this foreground, occasional glimpses can be caught of the tops of trees and the infrastructure associated with the Caerau substation situated downhill from this location, which includes a series of overhead lines and a pylon that stands out prominently in the view frame because of its height and contrast with the vegetation on the hillside.</p> <p>Where the vegetation thins, rare gaps allow limited views that reach further afield, extending towards the ridgeline of Mynydd Bach and the forest plantations in Caerau. These distant elements, though only partially visible, provide a hint of the broader landscape context and highlight the transition from the enclosed foreground to the more open, rural scenery beyond.</p> <p>See <b>Figure 6.6g</b> for reference.</p>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	<p>The viewpoint is not located within any designated landscapes. There are a number of detractors within the view including the communications mast, overhead lines, and the fence, which appear the most prominently in the foreground. The lack of scenic quality in the landscape reduces the value of this view and it is therefore assessed as <i>Low</i>.</p> <p>The view is experienced by some residents to the south of Brynheulog Road, the rear of the properties and gardens are oriented south and therefore have a High Susceptibility. The recreational users of the nearby sports facilities in Tudor Park whose attention would not solely be on the surrounding landscape would have a Low Susceptibility. Transient views are experienced by local road users and they would have a Medium Susceptibility. The recreational users of the nearby outdoor sports field in Tudor Park whose attention would not solely be on the surrounding landscape would have a Low Susceptibility.</p> <p>In combination of value and susceptibility this visual receptor is judged to be <b>High (Residents) and Medium (Road users) and Low (Recreational users)</b>.</p>

### Viewpoint 8 – Footpath MAE/3/2

<p><b>Description</b></p>	<p>This viewpoint is located off Footpath MAE/3/2 within Caerau Forest. This offers a representative view of views experienced by users of the Public Right of Way. Views are generally orientated east-west because of the orientation of the route of the footpath. Views are generally of the rural settings of this location.</p> <p>Towards the north, views are restricted to short distances, as the dense shrubs, trees, and rising topography in the foreground effectively prevent any broader views beyond the immediate landscape.</p> <p>In contrast, in views towards west, these extend to long-distance views, reaching as far as the wind turbines of the Pen y Cymoedd Wind Farm which appear distinctly on the skyline. In the midground, the settlement of Croeserw, although occupying only a small portion of the view, is visually prominent due to its urban features, which sharply contrast with the predominantly rural landscapes that surround it. The juxtaposition of Croeserw’s built environment against the natural landscape highlights the transition from urban settlement areas to the countryside. There is some complexity in these views, illustrating the varied character of the local landscape, created by the layering of vegetation, open landscape, and distant infrastructure.</p> <p>See <b>Figure 6.6h</b> for reference.</p>
<p><b>Sensitivity</b></p>	<p>The viewpoint is not located within any designated landscapes, although there are some scenic qualities in this view such as long distance views to distant hills. However, there are several detractors that erode this quality – the presence of the footpath in the foreground, and views of overhead lines and poles, the communications mast, the cluster of built development in Croeserw, and wind turbines at Pen y Cymoedd Wind Farm in the background. The value is therefore assessed as <i>Low</i>.</p> <p>The viewpoint is located on footpath that leads to areas of Open Access Land, where the attractiveness of nature is a significant factor to the enjoyment of views by receptors. Sequential views are experienced by users of the footpath and they would have a <i>High Susceptibility</i>.</p> <p>In combination of value and susceptibility this visual receptor is judged to be <b>High (footpath users)</b>.</p>

### Viewpoint 9 – Bridleway 23/19/1 (Tarren Rhiw-Ilech)

<p><b>Description</b></p>	<p>This viewpoint is found along Bridleway 23/19/1 on the southfacing slope of Tarren Rhiw-Ilech. Visibility of the Proposed Development from this location is illustrative of views experienced by users of the bridleway. This elevated location offers expansive medium- and long-distance views to the south, through the valley settlement of Croeserw as well as the surrounding hills and forests. Situated approximately 1km east of the proposed southern OHL, the viewpoint offers views where the full broadness of the landscape can be visible.</p>
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### Viewpoint 9 – Bridleway 23/19/1 (Tarren Rhiw-Ilech)

	<p>From here, views are predominantly oriented southwards, providing panoramic vistas of the valley as it transitions from Croeserw to the lush, green upland areas beyond. The uniformity in the height and materials of the houses in Croeserw creates a harmonious appearance within the settlement that blends naturally with the backdrop of rolling hills and woodland. The high elevation of this viewpoint enhances the sense of openness and connection to the wider landscape, and the interplay between the built environment and the surrounding countryside creates a visually pleasing scene which adds to the scenic qualities of the area. These contribute significantly to the enjoyment of views for recreational receptors at this location.</p> <p>See <b>Figure 6.6i</b> for reference.</p>
<p><b>Sensitivity</b></p>	<p>The viewpoint is not located within any designated landscapes. However, this location offers panoramic views of the valley, whereby the settlement of Croeserw seamlessly blends in with the surrounding pastoral landscapes because of clustered vegetation throughout. There are very few detractors to the view, such as visibility of the tip of the communications mast from Foel Fawr towards right of the view. The value of the view is assessed as <i>Medium</i>.</p> <p>The view is experienced by recreational users of the bridleway where the attractive nature of the countryside is a significant factor in their enjoyment, and they would have a <i>High Susceptibility</i>.</p> <p>In combination of value and susceptibility this visual receptor is judged to be <b>High</b>.</p>

### Viewpoint 10 – Footpath GWV/63/1 (Werfa)

<p><b>Description</b></p>	<p>This viewpoint is located along Footpath GWV/63/1 within the area of Open Access Land inside the Upper Ogmere Wind Farm. The views from this location are typical views experienced by visitors to the OAL and users of the footpath.</p> <p>In views towards west/south-west, Mynydd Caerau creates an imposing presence in the background because of its steep topography and the contrast between its areas of low grass cover and the sharp geometric edges of the coniferous plantations of Cymer Forest on its south facing slopes. In the foreground, the small incline in the topography allows for a view over the expansive grassland landscapes. The scale of these landforms in proportion to the viewframe also add to the dramatic quality of this view. The fence along the boundary with the area of Open Access Land is a distinctive feature of this view as it appears towards the centre of this viewframe.</p> <p>This viewpoint is located right on the eastern UGC route of the Proposed Development, in very close proximity to the location where the eastern OHL will transition into the underground cable route. From this location, there will be long distance views of the eastern OHL experienced as the overhead line appears along the rise of Mynydd Caerau and then travels downslope as it approaches</p>
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<b>Viewpoint 10 – Footpath GWV/63/1 (Werfa)</b>	
	<p>the viewpoint location. In this area, the OHL route will be visible running parallel to the track inside the wind farm, and both elements will be prominently visible due to the steep contours of the hill slope on which they are located. The OHL will also have similarities with the fencing located towards right of the view frame, as both objects contain elements that are of a similar form. As it approaches closer to the viewpoint location, the overhead line will end at a point nearby where it then transitions into an underground connection.</p> <p>See <b>Figure 6.6j</b> for reference.</p>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	<p>The viewpoint is located within the boundaries between designated landscapes of SLA 2 Northern Uplands (Bridgend County Borough) and SLA 5 Mynydd y Gelli (Neath Port Talbot County Borough). This location offers long- and medium-distance scenic views with very little detractors – the track and fencing running along the view can be discerned, but their effects are eroded by their organic forms which follow the topography of the landscape. The value is assessed as Medium.</p> <p>The view is experienced by recreational users of the footpath and visitors to the OAL where the attractive nature of the countryside is a significant factor in their enjoyment and therefore they would have a <i>High Susceptibility</i>.</p> <p>In combination of value and susceptibility this visual receptor is judged to be <b>High (footpath users and visitors to OAL)</b>.</p>

<b>Viewpoint 11 – Footpath GWV/103/4 (Mynydd Llangeinwyr - Werfa)</b>	
<b>Description</b>	<p>This viewpoint is situated within the area of Open Access Land on Mynydd Llangeinwyr – Werfa, just off Footpath GWV/103/4. It is 1.6km to the southeast of the eastern UGC route of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>This view is dominated by the areas of relatively flat ground of rush pasture in the foreground, which slowly rises in topography in the middle ground. Mynydd Caerau appears distinctly in the background, where it stands in contrast due to the cliff on its western face and the blocks of coniferous plantations. Across the frame, there are views of wind turbines of Upper Ogmored Wind Farm which appear in the skyline in the middle distance, highlighting the rounded topography of the hill summits. Towards the centre of the frame, there are also long distance views of the wind turbines from the Pen y Cymoedd Wind Farm.</p> <p>See <b>Figure 6.6k</b> for reference.</p>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	<p>The viewpoint is located within the designated landscape of SLA 2 – Northern Uplands. There is a scenic quality to the view because of the vast tracts of grazing land and the rounded hill summits, whose topography makes an impression on the landscape because of the low grass cover. Detractors within the view include the communications towers and wind turbines from the Upper Ogmored and Pen y Cymoedd Wind Farms, but their effect is minimised as they</p>

	<p>are located mostly in the background. The value is therefore assessed as <i>Medium</i>.</p> <p>The view would be experienced by recreational users of the footpath and visitors to the area of OAL where the attractive nature of the countryside is a significant factor in their enjoyment and therefore they would have a <i>High Susceptibility</i>.</p> <p>In combination of value and susceptibility this visual receptor is judged to be <b>High (footpath users and visitors to OAL)</b>.</p>
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### Viewpoint 12 – Footpath MAE/4/3

<b>Description</b>	<p>This viewpoint is located within the Upper Ogmore Wind Farm, just off Footpath MAE/4/3. Views from this location represent typical views available to users of the footpath.</p> <p>In views oriented towards northeast, there are long distance views with visibility reaching Mynydd Ynys-Corwng and other distant hills. The settlements of Maesteg and Croeserw can also be seen in the background, but these do not detract from the view so much as the development appears in small cluster which generally follow the natural topography.</p> <p>This viewpoint location is situated on a slightly elevated position on a hill slope, where the steep angle of the incline can be distinctly made out in the viewframe and provides a contrast to the levelled hill summits in the background. The incline on the hill also provides for a view over the grazing land which takes up this most of this view's foreground.</p> <p>From this location, there are long distance views of the wind turbines belonging to the Pen y Cymoedd Wind Farm scattered across the skyline. There also views of a few turbines from the Upper Ogmore Wind Farm, which take up in the middle ground of the view.</p> <p>See <b>Figure 6.6I</b> for reference.</p>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	<p>The viewpoint is not located within any designated landscapes. This view is of a pleasant landscape scenery wherein the foreground is dominated by an expansive tract of elevated pastoral land framed by hill summits in the background. There are a few detractors to the scenic quality of the view – wind turbines and the cluster of settlements around Maesteg and Croeserw. However, as these are located in the middle ground and background of the view. The value of the view is therefore assessed to be <i>Medium</i>.</p> <p>The view is experienced by recreational users of the footpath where the attractive nature of the countryside is a significant factor in their enjoyment and therefore they have a <i>High Susceptibility</i>.</p> <p>In combination of value and susceptibility this visual receptor is judged to be <b>High (footpath users)</b>.</p>

### Viewpoint 13 – Footpath MAE/3A/2 (Darren Y Bannau)

<b>Description</b>	<p>This viewpoint is located along Footpath MAE/3A/2 within Caerau Forest. Views from this location represent typical views for users of the footpath.</p> <p>When looking towards north, the foreground of the view is dominated by a mix of bracken and larch trees, which largely obstruct wider sightlines and draw the attention of viewers to the immediate landscape. However, occasional breaks in the vegetation allow glimpses of long-distance views of the settlement of Croeserw along the ridgeline, which occupies a small portion of the view. Further in the background, the plateau atop Mynydd Rhiw-Llech can be clearly distinguished, with its geometric blocks of plantation and darker vegetation providing a striking contrast to the more open areas in the background. These gaps also reveal distant views of the wind turbines at Pen y Cymoedd Wind Farm, set amongst the summits of the surrounding hills, adding further visual interest and highlighting the varied character of the landscape.</p> <p>See <b>Figure 6.6m</b> for reference.</p>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	<p>The viewpoint is not located within any designated landscapes.. Detractors within the view include the wind turbines from Pen y Cymoedd Wind Farm and the strip of development in the settlement of Croeserw, which are small and almost unnoticeable elements in the background as they are experienced as glimpsed views from this location. The value is therefore assessed as <i>Low</i>.</p> <p>The view is experienced by recreational users of the footpath where the attractive nature of the countryside is a significant factor in their enjoyment and therefore have a <i>High Susceptibility</i>.</p> <p>In combination of value and susceptibility this visual receptor is judged to be <b>High</b>.</p>

### Viewpoint 14 – Mynydd Pwll-yr-lwrch (off Footpath MAE/59/1)

<b>Description</b>	<p>This viewpoint is located just off Footpath MAE/59/1 in an area of Open Access Land on Mynydd Bach. The views from this location represents views that are typically available to visitors to the OAL and the public right of way.</p> <p>From this viewpoint location, there is a clearing in the vegetation which allows for full views of the landscape in views oriented north. The wind turbines from the Pen y Cymoedd Farm take up most of the background and are dispersed along the skyline. From this location, the differences amongst landscapes are apparent as vegetation cover on distant hill summits range from dense coniferous plantations to open grazing land with low cover.</p> <p>In the middle distance, the eastern OHL section of the Proposed Development will be fully visible as it traverses longitudinally across the slopes below the settlement of Croeserw. As the route approaches Caerau Forest, visibility of the route will be limited to glimpses of the OHL as views will become screened by vegetation in the foreground.</p> <p>See <b>Figure 6.6n</b> for reference.</p>
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**Viewpoint 14 – Mynydd Pwll-yr-lwrch (off Footpath MAE/59/1)****Sensitivity**

The viewpoint is not located within any designated landscapes. There are scenic views over the valley floor below, with long distance views towards Croeserw and distant hill summits framed by the sloping topography of the hillsides and larch forestry in the foreground. Detractors within the view include the strip of development along the ridgeline of Croeserw and the row of wind turbines from Pen y Cymoedd Wind Farm in the skyline, which are viewed as small elements in the background. The value is therefore assessed as *Medium*.

The view is experienced by recreational users of the footpath and visitors to the area of Open Access Land where the attractive nature of the countryside is a significant factor in their enjoyment and therefore have a *High Susceptibility*.

In combination of value and susceptibility this visual receptor is judged to be **High (footpath users and visitors to OAL)**.