

Appendix 7F

Effects on Viewpoints

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- 1.1.1 This Appendix of the Environmental Statement ('ES') sets out the assessment of visual effects of the Proposed Development from a series of twenty predetermined Viewpoint locations. Refer to **Figures 7-1a-b** of the ES for viewpoint locations and to **Figures 7-1a-t** for visualisation material including annotated photography, wireframes and photomontages of the Proposed Development.
- 1.1.2 Refer to **Chapter 7.0** of the ES for further details regarding the process by which Viewpoints were selected and to **Appendix 7A** for the methodology followed in undertaking the assessment of visual effects. Refer to **Appendix 7B** for the methodology followed in the production of visualisation material.

Viewpoint A: Chirk Recreation Ground	
Grid Reference: 329040,337815	
Description of Baseline View: View north-west across recreation ground in town centre. Attractive, traditional style houses and commercial buildings to the rear. Existing development at the Kronospan site is conspicuous, set against the backdrop of the hills beyond, with emissions plumes also visible. Tree cover along the northern edge of the recreation ground offers some limited filtering of views	
Susceptibility to Change	Value
Receptor: Open space users (and also nearby residents and passing road users) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Likely to be focused on their activities. Kronospan site is a prominent presence and which detracts from the views available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No landscape designations; Within Conservation Area; Part of the townscape of central Chirk; Public open space.
Sensitivity	
Receptors at the viewpoint would be users of the public open space, who would be likely to be focused on their activities, and who would be well aware of the existing presence of the Kronospan site (i.e. the presence of the industrial structures, whilst clearly detracting from the view, would not have dissuaded users from their visit). Similar views are available to passing road users and to residents at nearby properties, who would also be well aware of the presence of Kronospan. Susceptibility to change is high. Value is high. The viewpoint is located within a Conservation Area and is an important part of the townscape of central Chirk. Additionally, the public open space has an important recreation and amenity function. Overall, sensitivity is medium .	
Size/Scale of Effect	Geographical Extent

<p>Scale of Change in view:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Proposed Development would be added to the existing assemblage of structures at Kronospan. • The overall mass of visible structures would increase incrementally. • The proposed stack would be the tallest structure visible. • The new buildings would reduce the visibility of the WESP Chip Dryer Stack. • Change would occur in the middle ground. <p>Degree of contrast/integration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large scale industrial structures are already clearly visible. <p>Nature of the View:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A clear view from the recreation ground. 	<p>Angle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct. <p>Distance to Proposed Development (Application Boundary):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 772m. <p>Extent of area over which changes would be visible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The southern and eastern parts of the Recreation Ground.
Duration	Reversibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term (permanent development). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reversible following decommissioning
Magnitude	
<p>Small to Medium.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would be added to a view which includes the existing assemblage of structures at Kronospan. There would be an incremental increase in the overall mass of visible structures in the middle ground of the view. The proposed stack would be the tallest structure in the view. The new structures would reduce the degree to which some existing structures, notably the WESP Chip Dryer Stack are visible. Change would take place in the middle ground, with foreground features remaining, and only limited change to the skyline defined by the more distant hills</p>	
Level and Significance of Effect	
<p>A minor to moderate level of effect would occur.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would introduce new large scale industrial structures into a well-established assemblage of similar structures at Kronospan. The overall influence of the Kronospan Facility upon the view would undergo an incremental increase. The nature of the view would not change greatly from baseline, and would continue to be defined by the Recreation Ground in the foreground, by Kronospan in the middle ground and by the partially wooded hills in the background. Effects would not be significant.</p>	
Adverse/Neutral/Beneficial	
<p>The effects of the Proposed Development would be adverse.</p>	

Viewpoint B: Offa's Dyke Path, near Fron Isaf	
Grid Reference: 327302,339844	
<p>Description of Baseline View: View south-east from National Trail across lowland agricultural landscape. Existing development at the Kronospan Facility occupies part of the middle ground of the view and stands out by virtue of its colour and form, with emissions plumes also visible. Residential development at Chirk is also visible, but is less striking. The Site itself is partially screened by intervening vegetation cover. HGV traffic on the B5070 can be seen from the Viewpoint. The height of the adjacent hedgerow is proposed to be increased as part of the off-site landscape enhancements associated with the consented Access Road and Lorry Park, and thus views towards Kronospan would be screened in the longer-term.</p>	
Susceptibility to Change	Value
<p>Receptor: Walkers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The views available will be the principal reason for any journey. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within National Landscape. Located on nationally promoted recreational route
Sensitivity	
<p>Receptors at the viewpoint would be walkers on the Offa's Dyke Path National Trail, for whom the views available would be the principal reason for their trip. Susceptibility to change is high. Value is high. The viewpoint is within the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley National Landscape and is located upon a National Trail. Overall, sensitivity is high.</p>	
Size/Scale of Effect	Geographical Extent
<p>Scale of Change in view:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Proposed Development would be added to the existing assemblage of structures at Kronospan. The overall mass of visible structures would increase very incrementally. The proposed stack would be the tallest structure visible. Change would occur in the middle ground. Change from baseline would be limited. <p>Degree of contrast/integration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large-scale industrial structures clearly visible. <p>Nature of the View:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some limited filtering from the foreground hedgerow. 	<p>Angle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct. <p>Distance to Proposed Development (Application Boundary):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.72km. <p>Extent of area over which changes would be visible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approx. 200m length of road.
Duration	Reversibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term (permanent development). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reversible following decommissioning
Magnitude	
<p>Small. The Proposed Development would be added to a view which includes the existing assemblage of structures at Kronospan. There would be a very incremental increase in the overall mass of visible structures in the middle ground of the view. The proposed stack would be the tallest structure in the view. Change would take place in the middle ground, and longer views out towards England would remain. Overall change in view from baseline would be limited.</p>	
Level and Significance of Effect	
<p>A minor to moderate level of effect would occur. The Proposed Development would result in a very incremental increase in the well-established influence of the Kronospan Facility in views out across the lowlands from this section of the</p>	



National Trail. The nature of the view would not change appreciably from baseline and would continue to be predominantly rural in character with a large industrial facility in the middle ground. Effects would **not be significant**.

It should be recognised that views toward Kronospan would be far better screened should landscape enhancements required as part of the consented Access Road and Lorry Park development be implemented, which would increase the height of the adjacent hedgerow, irrespective of the presence/absence of the Proposed Development.

Adverse/Neutral/Beneficial

The effects of the Proposed Development would be **adverse**.



Viewpoint C: N edge of Chirk	
Grid Reference: 328921,339165	
Description of Baseline View: View west across the B5070 at the northern edge of Chirk. In views to the south-west, much of the Kronospan Facility is screened from view by vegetation cover, but taller elements are clearly visible above this (as are emissions plumes). A series of residential properties located along the side road called Wern (immediately to the rear of the Viewpoint), have similar views framed by mature tree cover that is present on the eastern side of the B5070. Hills to the west form a part of the backdrop to the view. There is a clear line of sight between the Viewpoint and Chirk Castle. Views of the Site are restricted by the hedgerow. Traffic and street furniture are conspicuous features. A bus stop and bench are located immediately south of the Viewpoint	
Susceptibility to Change	Value
Receptor: Residents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct views from properties. Receptor: Road users <ul style="list-style-type: none"> People in vehicles have a medium susceptibility. People waiting at the bus stop have more time to appreciate the view, and hence have a higher susceptibility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No landscape designations. The views west from the adjacent properties towards the hills are valued by residents
Sensitivity	
The viewpoint reflects direct views from nearby properties. People waiting at the bus stop have time to appreciate the views available, and this raises their susceptibility above what would typically be the case for road users. Susceptibility to change is high. Value is medium to high. The viewpoint is not subject to any landscape designations. The views west from the adjacent properties on Wern towards the hills are valued by residents. Overall, sensitivity is high .	
Size/Scale of Effect	Geographical Extent
Scale of Change in view: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Proposed Development would be added to the existing assemblage of structures at Kronospan. The overall mass of visible structures would increase, but would continue to be partially screened by intervening tree cover. The proposed stack would be the tallest structure visible. Limited change to the skyline due to the greater perceived height of new structures. Only a limited horizontal proportion of the view would be affected Degree of contrast/integration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large scale industrial structures are already visible. Nature of the View: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A static view from property windows, which could be experienced at the leisure of the viewer. A transient view from vehicles 	Angle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very oblique (greater than 45 degree angle) to the direction of main views from adjacent properties. Slightly oblique to southbound travellers Distance to Proposed Development (Application Boundary): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 641m. Extent of area over which changes would be visible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Viewpoint, adjacent properties and adjacent stretch of road.
Duration	Reversibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term (permanent development). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reversible following decommissioning
Magnitude	
Small to Medium.	



The Proposed Development would be introduced into a view that includes the existing assemblage of structures at Kronospan. The overall mass of these would increase as a result of the new structures and the influence of structures on the skylines would also undergo a limited increase due to the greater perceived height of the new buildings. However, structures would continue to be well screened by intervening vegetation cover, and this would limit their overall influence upon the view. The proposed stack would be the tallest structure visible. Only a limited horizontal proportion of the view would be affected by the changes, and views west to the hills would remain.

Level and Significance of Effect

A **moderate** level of effect would occur.

The Proposed Development would increase the influence of built development at Kronospan by virtue of the perceived height and mass of the new structures as seen from the Viewpoint. However intervening tree cover would provide a considerable degree of screening, and only a small proportion of what is a much wider view looking westward toward the hills would be affected. Effects would **not be significant**.

Adverse/Neutral/Beneficial

The effects of the Proposed Development would be **adverse**.



Viewpoint D: Chirk Castle Gates	
Grid Reference: 328106,337680	
Description of Baseline View: View north-east from outside the Grade I listed castle gates. The dense woodland cover along the canal side screens direct views of development at Chirk. However, the tallest elements of the Kronospan site are visible above this, as are emissions plumes. The gates themselves are no longer in regular use, with the castle exit located a short distance to the south	
Susceptibility to Change	Value
Receptor: Road users (including people leaving the castle) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a medium susceptibility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the boundary of the National Landscape; Listed building, forming entrance feature to Registered Park.
Sensitivity	
The viewpoint reflects the view available to road users, including those leaving the castle via the adjacent exit. Susceptibility to change is medium. Value is high. The viewpoint is located at the edge of the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley National Landscape and Chirk Castle Registered Park, and also reflects the views available from the listed castle gates, at a former entrance to the Park. Overall, sensitivity is medium to high .	
Size/Scale of Effect	Geographical Extent
Scale of Change in view: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Proposed Development would be well screened by intervening woodland. New buildings would not be visible. The proposed stack would be visible above the skyline, and would be taller than existing stacks. Degree of contrast/integration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial stacks are already visible on the skyline. Nature of the View: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> View restricted by dense woodland cover along the canal corridor. 	Angle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct. Distance to Proposed Development (Application Boundary): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 749m. Extent of area over which changes would be visible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Viewpoint and adjacent stretch of road.
Duration	Reversibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term (permanent development). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reversible following decommissioning
Magnitude	
Small to Medium. The Proposed Development would be well screened by intervening woodland cover located along the canal corridor. The proposed new buildings would not be visible. The proposed stack would be visible above the trees, and would be taller than existing stacks, although less bulky than some of these.	
Level and Significance of Effect	
A minor to moderate level of effect would occur. The Proposed Development would be well screened by woodland cover, with only the proposed stack visible. The existing view includes several stacks breaking the skyline above the trees, and this would not change as a result of the Proposed Development. There would be an incremental increase in the influence of existing features, but the nature of the view would not change appreciably from baseline. Effects would not be significant .	
Adverse/Neutral/Beneficial	
The effects of the Proposed Development would be adverse .	



Viewpoint E: Green Lane	
Grid Reference: 329696,338817	
Description of Baseline View: View west over Chirk to the hills beyond from a field gate on the minor road running along the ridge to the east of town. Existing development at the Kronospan site (and emissions plumes) is a prominent visual feature, which contrasts with the rural backdrop	
Susceptibility to Change	Value
Receptor: Road users <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Typically have a medium susceptibility to change. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No landscape designations; Not a location promoted, or likely to be visited for its scenic quality; Nowhere in close proximity to the viewpoint for road users to stop.
Sensitivity	
Receptors at this viewpoint would typically be road users, who have a medium susceptibility to change. Value is low, as the viewpoint has no specific cultural or social value to the public. Overall, sensitivity is considered to be low to medium .	
Size/Scale of Effect	Geographical Extent
Scale of Change in view: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Proposed Development would be added to the existing assemblage of structures at Kronospan. The overall mass of visible structures would increase incrementally. The proposed stack would be the tallest structure visible. Change would occur in the middle ground. The horizontal extent of visible development would not increase. Change from baseline would be limited. Degree of contrast/integration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large-scale industrial structures are already clearly visible. Nature of the View: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A fleeting view through a gap in the dense roadside hedge. 	Angle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perpendicular to the direction of road travel. Distance to Proposed Development (Application Boundary): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.07km. Extent of area over which changes would be visible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Viewpoint only.
Duration	Reversibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term (permanent development). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reversible following decommissioning
Magnitude	
Small to Medium. The Proposed Development would be introduced into the existing assemblage of industrial structures at Kronospan. Its presence would result in an incremental increase in the overall mass of visible structures. The proposed stack would be the tallest structure visible. Change would occur in the middle ground of the view and would not appreciably restrict views beyond the Site to the hills. The horizontal extent of visible development would not increase as a result of the presence of the new structures. Overall change in view from baseline would be limited.	
Level and Significance of Effect	
A minor to moderate level of effect would occur. The Proposed Development would introduce new large scale industrial structures into a well-established assemblage of similar structures at Kronospan. The overall influence of the Kronospan Facility upon the view would undergo an incremental increase. The nature of the view would not	



change greatly from baseline, and would continue to be defined by the views over Chirk including Kronospan to the hills beyond. Effects would not be significant .
Adverse/Neutral/Beneficial
The effects of the Proposed Development would be adverse .



Viewpoint F: B5070, north of Chirk	
Grid Reference: 328869,339668	
Description of Baseline View: View south along the B5070, close to the junction with the A5. Views are focused along the road corridor by the adjacent tree cover. Filtered views of taller elements at the Kronospan Facility are visible through break in this vegetation, and emissions plumes are also visible. A narrow footway runs along the western side of the road, and a public footpath connects with the B5070 close to the Viewpoint	
Susceptibility to Change	Value
Receptor: Road users <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a medium susceptibility to change. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A functional road, with no stopping place nearby. People highly unlikely to gather to experience the views available.
Sensitivity	
The viewpoint reflects the views available to road users on the adjacent stretch of the B5070. Susceptibility to change is medium. Value is low to medium. The viewpoint is not a location where people will congregate in relation to scenic qualities. Overall, sensitivity is medium .	
Size/Scale of Effect	Geographical Extent
Scale of Change in view: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Proposed Development would be well screened by intervening tree cover. The new structures would be partially visible, especially in winter. Very incremental increase in the influence of built structures upon the view. Little change from baseline. Degree of contrast/integration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large-scale industrial structures already visible. Nature of the View: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A transient and narrow view, likely to be experienced from vehicles accelerating away from the roundabout. 	Angle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oblique to southbound travel. Distance to Proposed Development (Application Boundary): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1km. Extent of area over which changes would be visible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The road corridor in the vicinity of the Viewpoint.
Duration	Reversibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term (permanent development). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reversible following decommissioning
Magnitude	
Small. The Proposed Development would be well screened by the intervening tree cover in the fields south-west of the road. The proposed new structures would be partially visible, particularly in winter when deciduous foliage is absent. There would be a very incremental increase in the influence of large-scale built structures upon the views south-west from the B5070. Given the degree of screening there would be little change from baseline.	
Level and Significance of Effect	
A minor level of effect would occur. The Proposed Development would be well screened by vegetation and would not be clearly visible. Its presence would result in some very incremental increase in the influence of built development upon the view. The nature of the existing view, namely a narrow and transient view of industrial structures from the B5070 when travelling southwards into Chirk would not change. Effects would not be significant .	
Adverse/Neutral/Beneficial	



The effects of the Proposed Development would be adverse .



Viewpoint G: Offa's Dyke Path, west of Bronygarth	
Grid Reference: 325714,336544	
Description of Baseline View: View east across lowlands from the Offa's Dyke Path National Trail running along steep hillside, with the historic earthwork immediately to rear of path. The Kronospan Facility is visible to the north-west, with the associated emissions plumes being conspicuous	
Susceptibility to Change	Value
Receptor: Walkers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The views available would be the main reason for any journey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Located on nationally promoted recreational route.
Sensitivity	
Receptors at the viewpoint would be walkers on the National Trail, for whom the views available would be the principal reason for their trip. Susceptibility to change is high. Value is high. The viewpoint is located upon a National Trail. Overall, sensitivity is high .	
Size/Scale of Effect	Geographical Extent
Scale of Change in view: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Proposed Development would be added to the existing assemblage of structures at Kronospan. The Kronospan Facility would remain a very limited component of a large-scale view. Degree of contrast/integration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large scale industrial structures are a small scale presence. Nature of the View: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> View from footpath, which would be experienced at the leisure of the viewer either as a static view or at walking pace. 	Angle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct. Distance to Proposed Development (Application Boundary): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.26km. Extent of area over which changes would be visible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjacent section of footpath.
Duration	Reversibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term (permanent development). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reversible following decommissioning
Magnitude	
Small. The Proposed Development would be added to the existing assemblage on industrial structures at the Kronospan Facility. Kronospan would remain a very limited and small-scale presence within a large-scale view.	
Level and Significance of Effect	
A minor level of effect would occur. The Proposed Development would be a very limited addition to a large-scale view, and its presence would not result in any change of note from baseline. The very limited influence of the Kronospan Facility upon the view would not change appreciably. Effects would not be significant .	
Adverse/Neutral/Beneficial	
The effects of the Proposed Development would be adverse .	



Viewpoint H: Chirk Castle Terrace	
Grid Reference: 327158,338969	
Description of Baseline View: View east from the terrace at the eastern edge of the formal castle gardens, across the associated parkland and out to the lowlands beyond. The northern part of Chirk is visible, Existing development at the Kronospan Facility is almost entirely screened by the intervening woodland immediately east of the castle, with only the tips of tallest elements visible above the trees. Emissions plumes are also visible. The view has been identified by Cadw as 'significant'	
Susceptibility to Change	Value
Receptor: Castle visitors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The views from the terrace will be one of the key reasons for any visit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within National Landscape. Registered Park and Garden. A strong relationship to the Grade 1 listed castle. Well-known and well-frequented tourist/visitor destination.
Sensitivity	
Receptors at the viewpoint would be visitors to the castle and specifically to the gardens. The long views out from the terrace would be one of the main reasons for any visit. Susceptibility to change is high. Value is high. The viewpoint is located within the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley National Landscape. It is located within a Registered Park and Garden, and has a strong relationship with the nearby Grade 1 listed Chirk Castle. The Chirk Castle Estate, including the viewpoint, is a popular tourist/ visitor destination. Overall, sensitivity is high .	
Size/Scale of Effect	Geographical Extent
Scale of Change in view: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Proposed Development would be well screened by intervening vegetation. The proposed boiler house roof and the proposed stack would be visible above the trees. The proposed stack would be the tallest structure visible. Increase in the influence of built development upon the view The Proposed Development would be very limited addition to a large-scale expansive panorama. Degree of contrast/integration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial stacks are already visible. Nature of the View: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An expansive panorama, which can be experienced at the leisure of the viewer. 	Angle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct. Distance to Proposed Development (Application Boundary): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.32km. Extent of area over which changes would be visible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terrace only.
Duration	Reversibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term (permanent development). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reversible following decommissioning
Magnitude	
Small to Medium. The Proposed Development would be well screened by intervening vegetation cover. The roof of the proposed boiler house and the proposed stack would be visible above the trees, and the stack would be the tallest structure visible. There would be an increase in the influence of built structures upon the view. The Proposed Development would be very limited addition to a large-scale expansive panoramic view and would occupy only a very limited proportion of the view.	



Level and Significance of Effect
<p>A minor to moderate level of effect would occur.</p> <p>The presence of the Proposed Development would result in an increase in the influence of built development upon views from the Castle terrace. However, most of the new structures would be screened by vegetation. The underlying nature of the large-scale panoramic view, including the limited presence of structures at Kronospan would not change.</p> <p>Effects would not be significant.</p>
Adverse/Neutral/Beneficial
<p>The effects of the Proposed Development would be adverse.</p>



Viewpoint I: New Hall	
Grid Reference: 327559,338815	
Description of Baseline View: View from minor road close to Chirk Castle entrance looking south-east towards Chirk. The field in the foreground of the view has been planted as part of the Kronospan Landscape Strategy, and woodland cover largely screens views towards the Kronospan Facility, with only glimpses of taller structures available through the trees. Visibility is likely to reduce further as planting continues to mature. Agricultural buildings lie to the north-west of the viewpoint and screen views from the farmhouse which lies further north-west. Clearer views may be available in the direction of the Site in the winter months when foliage is absent, but such views would nevertheless continue to be very obscured by intervening vegetation.	
Susceptibility to Change	Value
Receptor: Road users <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Typically have a medium susceptibility to change. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> within National Landscape; close to Chirk Castle entrance and hence the view is likely to be available to relatively large numbers of people; the viewpoint itself is not somewhere that people would congregate.
Sensitivity	
Receptors at this viewpoint would be road users, who have a medium susceptibility to change. Value is medium to high. The viewpoint is located within the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley National Landscape and is also close to the main entrance to the Chirk Castle Estate. However, the viewpoint is not itself a location where people will gather to experience the views available. Overall, sensitivity is considered to be medium to high .	
Size/Scale of Effect	Geographical Extent
Scale of Change in view: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Proposed Development would be very well screened by the intervening woodland cover. The proposed stack would be glimpsed through the trees. No change in view in the longer term. Degree of contrast/integration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial structures screened from view. Nature of the View: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> View obscured by woodland cover at close range. 	Angle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perpendicular to the direction of road travel. Distance to Proposed Development (Application Boundary): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 950m. Extent of area over which changes would be visible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjacent stretch of road.
Duration	Reversibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term (permanent development). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reversible following decommissioning
Magnitude	
Small (short term) No Change (medium and long term) The Proposed Development would be very well screened by the adjacent young woodland cover. Glimpses of the proposed stack would be available through the trees, but these are likely to be screened as the vegetation continues to develop. In the medium and longer term, as the woodland becomes better established, this is anticipated to provide full screening of views, and thus there would be no change arising from the presence of the Proposed Development.	
Level and Significance of Effect	
A minor level of effect would occur in the short term. The Proposed Development would be very well screened by the adjacent woodland, planted as part of the Kronospan Landscape Strategy, and which is intended to screen views towards the Kronospan Facility. There would be little change from baseline, and the new structures would have no appreciable influence upon the nature of the views available from the Viewpoint.	



Effects would not be significant .
In the medium and long term the Proposed Developemnt would be wholly screened from view, and there would be no effect .
Adverse/Neutral/Beneficial
The effects of the Proposed Development would be adverse .



Viewpoint J: Canal towpath, near Marina	
Grid Reference: 328604,339624	
Description of Baseline View: View south from canal towpath. The existing development at the Kronospan Facility (including the taller elements) is largely screened by vegetation, but some elements are visible through breaks in tree cover. Chirk Marina is visible to the west (out of shot on the Viewpoint Figure). The railway is visible to the east and south-east. The field in the foreground of the view has been planted as part of the Kronospan Landscape Strategy, and the field beyond this is proposed to be planted with woodland as part of the North Access Road development. As such, over time views towards the Kronospan Facility will become wholly screened by woodland cover	
Susceptibility to Change	Value
Receptor: Walkers/cyclists/canal users <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The surrounding are likely to play a part in any journey. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Heritage Site. Well-know and well-frequented tourist/recreation route. National Cycle Route 84
Sensitivity	
The viewpoint reflects the view available to walkers/cyclists on the towpath and to users of the canal (including the marina). The views available will play an important part in any visit, Susceptibility to change is high. Value is high. The viewpoint is located within the World Heritage Site and is located on a route that is both well-known to and well-frequented by the public, forming part of the National Cycle Network. Overall, sensitivity is high .	
Size/Scale of Effect	Geographical Extent
Scale of Change in view: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Proposed Development would be very well screened by the intervening woodland cover. The proposed stack would be glimpsed above the trees. No change in view in the longer term. Degree of contrast/integration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial structures are a minor background presence. Nature of the View: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> View filtered by the adjacent hedgerow. 	Angle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct. Distance to Proposed Development (Application Boundary): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.01km. Extent of area over which changes would be visible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Viewpoint only.
Duration	Reversibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term (permanent development). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reversible following decommissioning
Magnitude	
Small (short term) No Change (medium and long term) The Proposed Development would be very well screened by the intervening woodland cover. Glimpses of the proposed stack would be available above the trees, but these are likely to be screened as the further woodland planting in the fields adjacent to the viewpoint (some already planted and some required by other planning permissions) continues to develop. In the medium and longer term, as the woodland becomes better established, this is anticipated to provide full screening of views, and thus there would be no change arising from the presence of the Proposed Development.	
Level and Significance of Effect	
A minor level of effect would occur in the short term. The Proposed Development would be very well screened by the adjacent woodland, planted as part of the Kronospan Landscape Strategy, and which is intended to screen views towards the Kronospan Facility. There would little change from baseline, and the new structures would have no appreciable influence upon the nature of the views available from the Viewpoint.	



Effects would **not be significant**.

In the medium and long term the Proposed Development would be wholly screened from view, and there would be **no effect**.

Adverse/Neutral/Beneficial

The effects of the Proposed Development would be **adverse**.



Viewpoint K: Canal towpath, north-west of Site	
Grid Reference: 328520,338945	
Description of Baseline View: View south from canal towpath adjacent to the railway embankment. Views north-west across the golf course to the hills beyond are the main focus of the view (out of shot on the Viewpoint Figure). The viewpoint is located immediately north-west of the Kronospan boundary. The embankment screen views towards the Site of the Proposed Development. A close board timber fence is located at the crest of the railway embankment and provides a clear boundary to the Kronospan site. Existing structures at Kronospan are partially visible above these screening features. A bench is located along the canalside to the south of the Viewpoint	
Susceptibility to Change	Value
Receptor: Walkers/cyclists/canal users <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The surroundings are likely to play a part in the visit; The adjacent railway embankment and views of Kronospan structures detract from the view locally. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Heritage Site. National Cycle Route 84. Well-known and well-frequented tourist/recreation route. Bench along the canalside
Sensitivity	
<p>The viewpoint reflects the view available to walkers/cyclists on the towpath and to users of the canal. The views available will be the main reason for any journey, albeit with the presence of the railway embankment adjacent to the viewpoint, and structures at Kronospan forming obvious detracting features. Susceptibility to change is high.</p> <p>Value is high. The viewpoint is located within the World Heritage Site and is located on a route that is both well-known to and well-frequented by the public, forming part of the National Cycle Route 84.</p> <p>Overall, sensitivity is high.</p>	
Size/Scale of Effect	Geographical Extent
Scale of Change in view: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Proposed Development would be added to the existing assemblage of structures at Kronospan. The overall mass of visible structures would increase. The proposed stack would be the tallest structure visible. Change would occur in the background of the view, albeit relatively close to the Viewpoint. The horizontal extent of visible development would not increase. The railway embankment would continue to provide clear visual separation between the Kronospan Facility and the canal corridor. Views north-west to the hills would be unaffected. Degree of contrast/integration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large-scale industrial structures are clearly visible. Nature of the View: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> View from the canal/towpath which would be experienced from a slow moving narrow boat, or at walking pace. 	Angle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct. Distance to Proposed Development (Application Boundary): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 332m. Extent of area over which changes would be visible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approx. 125m stretch of canal/towpath.
Duration	Reversibility



• Long-term (permanent development).	• Reversible following decommissioning
Magnitude	
<p>Small to Medium.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would be introduced into the existing assemblage of industrial structures at Kronospan that are visible from the canal corridor. Its presence would increase the perceived mass of visible structures. The proposed stack would be the tallest structure visible. The horizontal extent of visible development at Kronospan would not increase. Whilst the Proposed Development would be located relatively close to the Viewpoint, changes would occur in the background of the view, and the railway corridor would continue to provide a clear visual separation between Kronospan the canal corridor in the foreground of the view. The long views north-west to the hills would be unaffected by the proposed changes.</p>	
Level and Significance of Effect	
<p>A moderate level of effect would occur.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would result in some increase in the influence of built development at Kronospan upon views southwards from this section of the canal corridor, but this influence is well-established. It should be recognised that this very short section of canal (less than 1km) from which the Kronospan site is visible is just one part of a long route with numerous and varied points of interest. The presence of a live railway with occasional trains on the embankment adjacent to the viewpoint, and of the existing structures at Kronospan at short-range beyond are amongst these points of interest. The nature of the view would not change greatly from baseline and the view would remain one defined by the canal corridor in the foreground, the long views north-west to the hills, and the presence of the Kronospan Facility beyond the railway embankment to the south-west.</p> <p>Effects would not be significant.</p>	
Adverse/Neutral/Beneficial	
The effects of the Proposed Development would be adverse .	



Viewpoint L: Chirk Castle Driveway	
Grid Reference: 327234,338569	
Description of Baseline View: View east from the driveway into the castle above the New Hall entrance. Views are available in all directions across the attractive parkland landscape. Longer views are available out to the east. Much of the Kronospan Facility is screened by landform, however the taller structures (and emissions plumes) are clearly visible.	
Susceptibility to Change	Value
Receptor: Road user (accessing the Castle car park) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The location within a designated heritage asset and tourist location is likely to heighten awareness of the surroundings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within National Landscape; Registered Park and Garden; Well-known and well-frequented tourist/visitor destination.
Sensitivity	
The viewpoint reflects views available to road users (and passengers) on their way to the castle car park. The location within a designated heritage asset and tourist location is likely to heighten awareness of the surroundings. Susceptibility to change is medium to high. Value is high. The viewpoint is located within the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley National Landscape. The viewpoint is located within a Registered Park and Garden, which is itself a popular tourist/ visitor destination. Overall, sensitivity is high .	
Size/Scale of Effect	Geographical Extent
Scale of Change in view: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Proposed Development would be well screened by the intervening landform. The proposed boiler house roof, the upper elevations of the proposed silos, and the proposed stack would be visible. The proposed stack would be the tallest structure visible. Increase in the influence of built development upon the view Degree of contrast/integration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large-scale industrial structures are already visible. Nature of the View: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A transient view from vehicles. 	Angle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perpendicular to the direction of travel. Distance to Proposed Development (Application Boundary): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.2km. Extent of area over which changes would be visible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approx. 75m stretch of driveway
Duration	Reversibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term (permanent development). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reversible following decommissioning
Magnitude	
Small to Medium. The Proposed Development would be well screened by the intervening landform. The roof of the proposed boiler house, the upper elevations of the proposed silos, and the proposed stack would be visible, and the stack would be the tallest structure visible. There would be an increase in the influence of built structures upon the view. The new structures would represent a limited addition to a large-scale, long-range view.	
Level and Significance of Effect	
A moderate level of effect would occur. The presence of the Proposed Development would result in an increase in the influence of built development upon views from the Castle driveway. However, most of the new structures would be screened by landform. The underlying nature of the large scale panoramic view, with the	



Kronospan Facility largely screened by landform, but with some structures partially visible in the middle ground would not change.
Effects would **not be significant**.

Adverse/Neutral/Beneficial

The effects of the Proposed Development would be **adverse**.



Viewpoint M: Canal towpath, north of Site	
Grid Reference: 328562,339101	
Description of Baseline View: View south from canal towpath adjacent to the railway embankment. The viewpoint is located north-west of the Kronospan Facility boundary, and the vegetated railway embankment partially screens views into the existing industrial facility. Several structures are visible on the southern skyline above the embankment. Views towards the structures are framed by vegetation cover.	
Susceptibility to Change	Value
Receptor: Walkers/cyclists/canal users <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The surroundings are likely to play a part in the visit; The adjacent railway embankment and views of Kronospan structures detract from the view locally. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within World Heritage Site. Well-known and well-frequented tourist/recreation route. National Cycle Route 84
Sensitivity	
The viewpoint reflects the view available to walkers/cyclists on the towpath and to users of the canal. The views available will be the main reason for any journey, albeit with the presence of the railway embankment adjacent to the viewpoint, and structures at Kronospan forming obvious detracting features. Susceptibility to change is high. Value is high. The viewpoint is located within the World Heritage Site and is located on a route that is both well-known to and well-frequented by the public, forming part of the National Cycle Network. Overall, sensitivity is high .	
Size/Scale of Effect	Geographical Extent
Scale of Change in view: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Proposed Development would be added to the existing assemblage of structures at Kronospan. The overall mass of visible structures would increase. The proposed stack would be the tallest structure visible. Change would occur in the background of the view, albeit relatively close to the Viewpoint. The horizontal extent of visible development would not increase. The railway embankment would continue to provide clear visual separation between the Kronospan Facility and the canal corridor. Degree of contrast/integration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large-scale industrial structures are clearly visible. Nature of the View: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> View from the canal/towpath which would be experienced from a slow moving narrow boat, or at walking pace. 	Angle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct. Distance to Proposed Development (Application Boundary): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 488m. Extent of area over which changes would be visible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approx. 100m stretch of canal corridor
Duration	Reversibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term (permanent development). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reversible following decommissioning
Magnitude	
Small to Medium. The Proposed Development would be introduced into the existing assemblage of industrial structures at Kronospan that are visible from the canal corridor. Its presence would increase the	



perceived mass of visible structures. The proposed stack would be the tallest structure visible. The horizontal extent of visible development at Kronospan would not increase. Whilst the Proposed Development would be located relatively close to the Viewpoint, changes would occur in the background of the view, and the railway corridor would continue to provide a clear visual separation between Kronospan the canal corridor in the foreground of the view.
Level and Significance of Effect
<p>A moderate level of effect would occur.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would result in some increase in the influence of built development at Kronospan upon views southwards from this section of the canal corridor, but this influence is well-established. It should be recognised that this very short section of canal (less than 1km) from which the Kronospan site is visible is just one part of a long route with numerous and varied points of interest. The presence of a live railway with occasional trains on the embankment adjacent to the viewpoint, and of the existing structures at Kronospan at short-range beyond are amongst these points of interest. The nature of the view would not change greatly from baseline and the view would remain one defined by the canal corridor in the foreground, and the presence of the Kronospan Facility beyond the railway embankment to the south-west.</p> <p>Effects would not be significant.</p>
Adverse/Neutral/Beneficial
The effects of the Proposed Development would be adverse .



Viewpoint N: Canal towpath, north of Site	
Grid Reference: 328564,339152	
Description of Baseline View: View south from the canal towpath at a point where the canal narrows locally, and where it also runs through a vegetated cutting. Tree cover focuses views along the line of the canal. Existing structures at the Kronospan Facility are visible in the background of a narrow view framed by tree cover.	
Susceptibility to Change	Value
Receptor: Walkers/cyclists/canal users <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The surroundings are likely to play a part in the visit; The adjacent railway embankment and views of Kronospan structures detract from the view locally. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within World Heritage Site; Well-known and well-frequented tourist/recreation route. National Cycle Route 84
Sensitivity	
The viewpoint reflects the view available to walkers/cyclists on the towpath and to users of the canal (including the marina). The views available will be the main reason for any journey, albeit with the presence of structures at Kronospan forming obvious detracting features. Susceptibility to change is high. Value is high. The viewpoint is located within the World Heritage Site and is located on a route that is both well-known to and well-frequented by the public, forming part of the National Cycle Network. Overall, sensitivity would be high .	
Size/Scale of Effect	Geographical Extent
Scale of Change in view: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Proposed Development would be introduced into the background of the view. The new structures would be well screened by foreground vegetation and by existing structures at Kronospan. The proposed stack would be the tallest structure visible. Overall change from baseline would be limited Degree of contrast/integration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large-scale industrial structures are already visible. Nature of the View: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> View from the canal/towpath which would be experienced from a slow moving narrow boat, or at walking pace. 	Angle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct. Distance to Proposed Development (Application Boundary): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 540m. Extent of area over which changes would be visible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The immediate vicinity of the Viewpoint.
Duration	Reversibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term (permanent development). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reversible following decommissioning
Magnitude	
Small. The Proposed Development would be introduced into the background of the view. The new structures would be well screened by a combination of tree cover along the canalside, and existing structures at Kronospan. The proposed stack would be the tallest structure visible. The overall change in view from baseline would be limited.	
Level and Significance of Effect	
A minor to moderate level of effect would occur.	



The Proposed Development would be a background presence, well screened by existing features. It would have little influence upon the nature of the views along the canal corridor from this location. Effects would not be significant .
Adverse/Neutral/Beneficial
The effects of the Proposed Development would be adverse .



Viewpoint Q: New Hall South Lodge (Chirk Castle entrance)	
Grid Reference: 327511,338790	
Description of Baseline View: View looking eastwards from a location close to the listed lodge building at the visitor entrance to the Chirk Castle estate. Mature tree cover in the foreground interrupts longer views, and woodland planted recently as part of the Kronospan Landscape Strategy is visible beyond the adjacent minor road providing further screening. Existing structures at the Kronospan Facility are partially visible through the tree cover in winter, but are not visible during the summer months when deciduous foliage is present.	
Susceptibility to Change	Value
Receptor: Road users <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Typically have a medium susceptibility to change. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within National Landscape; Adjacent to a listed building Close to Chirk Castle entrance and hence the view is likely to be available to relatively large numbers of people.
Sensitivity	
The viewpoint reflects the views available to road users, who typically have a medium susceptibility to change. Value is high. The viewpoint is located within the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley National Landscape and is also close to the main entrance to the Chirk Castle Estate. The viewpoint is adjacent to a listed building. Overall, sensitivity is high .	
Size/Scale of Effect	Geographical Extent
Scale of Change in view: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Proposed Development would be well screened from view by intervening tree cover, including the mature trees on the opposite side of the road, and the young woodland beyond this. The new structures would be visible through the trees in winter as very limited additions to the background of the view. No change in view in the longer term. Degree of contrast/integration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial development not visible. Nature of the View: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Static view, screened by tree cover in the foreground. 	Angle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct. Distance to Proposed Development (Application Boundary): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 989m. Extent of area over which changes would be visible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Viewpoint only.
Duration	Reversibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term (permanent development). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reversible following decommissioning
Magnitude	
Small (short term) No Change (medium and long-term) The Proposed Development would be largely screened from view by intervening tree cover. The new structures would be partially visible in winter when foliage is absent, but the Proposed Development would be a very limited addition in the background of the view, where existing structures are already well screened by tree cover. In the medium and longer term, as the woodland on the opposite side of the road becomes better established, this is anticipated to provide full screening of views, and thus there would be no change arising from the presence of the Proposed Development.	
Level and Significance of Effect	
A minor level of effect would occur in the short term.	



The Proposed Development would be very well screened in winter, and would not be visible in summer. The existing Kronospan Facility is already well screened by vegetation, and the further presence of the Proposed Development would have would not appreciably change the influence of the wider facility upon the views available.

Effects would **not be significant**.

In the medium and long term the Proposed Development would be wholly screened from view, and there would be **no effect**.

Adverse/Neutral/Beneficial

The effects of the Proposed Development would be **adverse**.



Viewpoint R: Eastern edge of Chirk Castle Estate	
Grid Reference: 327544,338701	
Description of Baseline View: An open view looking eastwards towards and beyond Chirk. The dense belt of woodland cover along the corridor of the Llangollen Canal defines the middle ground of the view. Built development at Chirk is visible to the rear of this woodland, with many of the existing large structures at Kronospan clearly visible, and with some of these breaking the skyline. As such, the influence of industry upon the view is well established	
Susceptibility to Change	Value
Receptor: Visitors to the Chirk Castle estate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The views available will be a major reason for any visit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within National Landscape; Within a Registered Park and Garden Within Chirk Castle estate, but not a location where public access is specifically promoted.
Sensitivity	
The Viewpoint is located within the Chirk Castle estate and the views available will be a major reason for any visit. Susceptibility to change is high. The Viewpoint is located within the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley National Landscape, and within a Registered Park and Garden. It forms part of the Chirk Castle estate, which is an important visitor destination, albeit the Viewpoint itself is not a location where access is specifically promoted Overall, sensitivity is high .	
Size/Scale of Effect	Geographical Extent
Scale of Change in view: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Proposed Development would be added to the existing assemblage of structures at Kronospan. Lower elevations would be screened by intervening woodland. The overall mass of visible structures would increase. The proposed stack would be the tallest structure visible. Change would occur in the middle ground. The horizontal extent of visible development would not increase. An incremental increase in the influence of built development. Degree of contrast/integration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large scale industrial structures are visible. Nature of the View: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Static and unencumbered view which can be experienced at the leisure of the viewer. 	Angle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct. Distance to Proposed Development (Application Boundary): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 931m. Extent of area over which changes would be visible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The open and relatively exposed eastern edge of the Chirk Castle estate.
Duration	Reversibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term (permanent development). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reversible following decommissioning
Magnitude	
Small to Medium. The Proposed Development would be introduced into the existing assemblage of industrial structures at the Kronospan Facility. The lower elevations of the new structures would be screened by intervening woodland cover along the canal corridor. The overall mass of visible structures would increase. The proposed stack would be the tallest visible structure. There would be an incremental increase in the influence of built development in the middle ground of the view. The horizontal spread of development would not increase.	



Level and Significance of Effect
<p>A moderate level of effect would occur.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would result in an incremental increase in the well-established influence of industrial development in the middle ground of the view. The view would remain open and long-range in character, with dense woodland cover continuing to screen much of the Kronospan Facility.</p> <p>Effects would not be significant.</p>
Adverse/Neutral/Beneficial
<p>The effects of the Proposed Development would be adverse.</p>



Viewpoint U: Chirk Castle entrance	
Grid Reference: 326900,338130	
Description of Baseline View: View looking north-eastwards from a location outside the main entrance to Chirk Castle. The view is over the adjacent estate parkland landscape to the more distant countryside beyond. Benches, fencing, bins and signage are visible in the foreground, and the driveway leading from the estate entrance is also visible cutting through the parkland. A belt of mature woodland in the middle ground screens views of the Kronospan Facility.	
Susceptibility to Change	Value
Receptor: Castle visitors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The views available will be one of the main reasons to be present at the Viewpoint. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within National Landscape; Registered Park and Garden; Grade 1 Listed Building; One of the most familiar views from what is a popular tourist/ visitor destination. The view can be appreciated from the nearby benches.
Sensitivity	
The Viewpoint reflects the views available to castle visitors. The availability of such views will be one of the key reasons for any visit. Susceptibility to change is high. The Viewpoint is located within the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley National Landscape. It is located within a Registered Park and Garden, and adjacent to a Grade 1 Listed Building. The view from the castle entrance will be one of the most familiar views from the Chirk Castle Estate, which is a popular destination with a strong recreation/ amenity function. Value is high. Overall, sensitivity is high .	
Size/Scale of Effect	Geographical Extent
Scale of Change in view: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Proposed Development would be wholly screened from view by the intervening wooded hillside. Degree of contrast/integration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial structures not visible. Nature of the View: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An expansive panorama that can be experienced at the leisure of the viewer. 	Angle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct. Distance to Proposed Development (Application Boundary): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.53km. Extent of area over which changes would be visible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The viewpoint and adjacent pathways/access roads close to the Castle.
Duration	Reversibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/a.
Magnitude	
No Change. The Proposed Development would be wholly screened from view by the intervening wooded hillside. As such there would be no change in view from baseline.	
Level and Significance of Effect	
As there would be no change in view, no effect would occur.	
Adverse/Neutral/Beneficial	
N/a.	



Viewpoint V: Chirk Castle roof	
Grid Reference: 326864,338121	
Description of Baseline View: View looking north-eastwards from the roof of Chirk Castle. The view is over the adjacent estate parkland landscape to the more distant countryside beyond. The driveway leading from the estate entrance is also visible cutting through the parkland. A belt of mature woodland in the middle ground screens views of the Kronospan Facility. Rooftop tours are available at the discretion of the National Trust	
Susceptibility to Change	Value
Receptor: Castle visitors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The views available will be the main reason for a visit to the Castle roof. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within National Landscape. Registered Park and Garden. Grade 1 Listed Building. A popular tourist/visitor destination
Sensitivity	
The Viewpoint reflects the views available to visitors to the Castle roof. The availability of such views will be the main reason for any visit. Susceptibility to change is high The Viewpoint is located within the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley National Landscape. It is located within a Registered Park and Garden, and adjacent to a Grade 1 Listed Building. The Chirk Castle Estate is a popular destination with a strong recreation/ amenity function. Value is high. Overall, sensitivity is high .	
Size/Scale of Effect	Geographical Extent
Scale of Change in view: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Proposed Development would be wholly screened from view by the intervening woodland. Degree of contrast/integration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial structures not visible. Nature of the View: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An expansive panorama that can be experienced at the leisure of the viewer. 	Angle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct. Distance to Proposed Development (Application Boundary): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.57km. Extent of area over which changes would be visible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Castle roof only.
Duration	Reversibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/a.
Magnitude	
No Change. The Proposed Development would be wholly screened from view by the intervening woodland. As such there would be no change in view from baseline.	
Level and Significance of Effect	
As there would be no change in view, no effect would occur.	
Adverse/Neutral/Beneficial	
N/a.	



Viewpoint W: Footpath, Chirk Castle	
Grid Reference: 327284,338262	
Description of Baseline View: View looking north-eastwards from a permissive path that runs through the Chirk Castle Estate. The view is over the adjacent estate parkland landscape to the more distant countryside beyond. Parkland trees are prominent in the foreground of the view. The Kronospan Facility is largely screened by vegetation, with only glimpses of existing structures, and views of emissions plumes.	
Susceptibility to Change	Value
Receptor: Castle visitors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The views available will be the main reason for any journey along the path. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within National Landscape. Registered Park and Garden. Promoted walking route within a popular tourist/visitor destination
Sensitivity	
The Viewpoint reflects the views available to visitors to the Castle Estate. The availability of such views will be the main reason for any visit. Susceptibility to change is high The Viewpoint is located within the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley National Landscape. It is located within a Registered Park and Garden. The viewpoint is along a promoted path located within a popular tourist/ visitor destination. Value is high. Overall, sensitivity is high .	
Size/Scale of Effect	Geographical Extent
Scale of Change in view: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Proposed Development would be wholly screened from view by the intervening woodland. Degree of contrast/integration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glimpsed views of industrial structures. Plumes visible. Nature of the View: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An expansive panorama that can be experienced at the leisure of the viewer. 	Angle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct. Distance to Proposed Development (Application Boundary): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.14km. Extent of area over which changes would be visible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approx 175m. stretch of footpath
Duration	Reversibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/a.
Magnitude	
No Change. The Proposed Development would be wholly screened from view by the intervening woodland. As such there would be no change in view from baseline.	
Level and Significance of Effect	
As there would be no change in view, no effect would occur.	
Adverse/Neutral/Beneficial	
N/a.	



Viewpoint X: Offa's Dyke Path, north of Chirk Castle	
Grid Reference: 326888,339457	
Description of Baseline View: A view looking east from a section of the Offa's Dyke Path National Trail, running along the hillside west of Chirk, within the Chirk Castle Registered Park and Garden. The view is framed to some degree by mixed woodland cover in the middle ground. Long views eastwards are available through a wide gap between areas of woodland. Some of the existing structures at the Kronospan Facility are visible, as are emissions plumes. Residential development at Chirk is also visible.	
Susceptibility to Change	Value
Receptor: Walkers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The views available will be the main reason for any journey. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within National Landscape. Registered Park and Garden. National Trail
Sensitivity	
The Viewpoint reflects the views available to walkers on the Offa's Dyke Path National Trail. The available will be the main reason for any journey. Susceptibility to change is high The Viewpoint is within the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley National Landscape. It is also located within the boundary of a Registered Park and Garden, and is adjacent to a National Trail. Value is high. Overall, sensitivity is high .	
Size/Scale of Effect	Geographical Extent
Scale of Change in view: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Proposed Development would be partially visible, with lower elevations screened by intervening vegetation cover. The proposed boiler house would increase the perceived mass of visible built structures at Kronospan. The proposed stack would be the tallest structure visible. An incremental increase in the influence of built development. Very limited change to a large-scale view. Degree of contrast/integration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial structures a small scale presence. Nature of the View: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A static view which can be experienced at the leisure of the viewer. 	Angle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct. Distance to Proposed Development (Application Boundary): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.84km. Extent of area over which changes would be visible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approx. 175m stretch of footpath
Duration	Reversibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term (permanent development). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reversible following decommissioning
Magnitude	
Small. The Proposed Development would be partially visible, with lower elevations screened from view by intervening vegetation cover. New structures would be visible above this, and the presence of the proposed boiler house would increase the perceived mass of visible built structures at Kronospan. The proposed stack would be the tallest structures visible. The receiving view is large in scale, and change would be very limited, with only an incremental increase in the influence of built development.	
Level and Significance of Effect	
A minor to moderate level of effect would occur. The Proposed Development would represent small scale change to a large scale view. The nature of the existing view, namely a long-range view out across the lowlands, with the Kronospan Facility partially visible in the middle distance, would not change.	



Effects would not be significant .
Adverse/Neutral/Beneficial
The effects of the Proposed Development would be adverse .

