

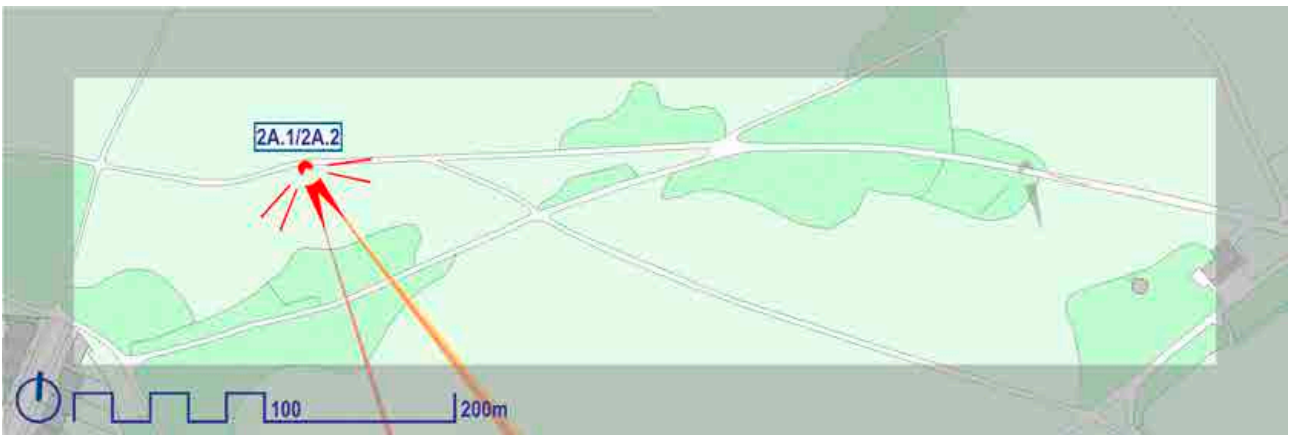
2 London Panorama: Parliament Hill

- 93 Parliament Hill forms part of the prominent east west ridge traversing Hampstead Heath. It is an open public area of the Heath consisting of fields, hedgerows and woodland. There are a number of outlooks on the hill but some of the best panoramic views are from the summit, towards the City of London, St Paul's Cathedral and the Victoria Tower of the Palace of Westminster. All three of the towers of the Palace of Westminster can be seen from positions on the east side of the Viewing Place.



- 94 This Management Plan refers to two Viewing Locations: 2A, at the summit of the hill and 2B, east of the summit.

**Viewing Location 2A:
Parliament Hill: the summit**



N.B for key to symbols refer to image 1



Panorama from Assessment Point 2A.1 Parliament Hill: the summit - looking toward St Paul's Cathedral



Panorama from Assessment Point 2A.2 Parliament Hill: the summit - looking toward the Palace of Westminster

Description of the View

- 95 The summit of Parliament Hill provides panoramic views across a wide span of London. Two Assessment Points are identified at the summit, 2A.1 and 2A.2. They are orientated in different directions, although they share the same position: one looks towards St Paul's Cathedral and the other looks towards the Victoria Tower of the Palace of Westminster. There are also two Protected Vistas between these Assessment Points and the Strategically Important Landmarks.
- 96 The topography of London frames the silhouette of the city. The viewer can see a number of complementary and prominent elements, in particular the tall buildings in the City's financial district and an aggregation of taller buildings at Docklands. The latter feature has particular prominence in this view because of the rise of Shooter's Hill in the background.
- 97 St Paul's Cathedral is set within a miscellany of buildings, in both its foreground and background. The dome and peristyle are visible, but some development in the background diminishes the viewer's ability to recognise and appreciate the landmark, particularly in poor weather conditions. However, the Shard with its distinctive shape and high quality materials provides a strong orientation point to allow the viewer to recognise St Paul within the wider panorama. The Palace of Westminster is positioned behind the Euston Tower and the BT Tower. Only the Central Lobby Lantern and the Victoria Tower are visible. The latter's turrets and finials contrast with the simple housing blocks in the middle ground.

Landmarks include:

St Paul's Cathedral (I) †
 Palace of Westminster (I) †
 BT Tower (II)
 The Shard

Also in the views:

Caledonian Market Clock Tower (II*)
 Canary Wharf
 Broadgate Tower
 City cluster of tall buildings
 London Bridge cluster of tall buildings
 St Pancras Station (I)
 Euston Tower

() Grade of Listed Building

† Strategically Important Landmark

Visual Management Guidance

- 98 Development proposals likely to affect the World Heritage Site should pay regard to the guidance set out in the Westminster World Heritage Site Management Plan. It is also recommended that English Heritage are consulted on all relevant proposals at an early stage.

Foreground and Middle Ground

- 99 The panorama is sensitive to large-scale development in the foreground and middle ground.
- 100 St Paul's Cathedral and its western towers should be recognisable in the panorama. A Protected Vista is applied in this view.
- 101 New development should preserve or enhance the viewer's ability to recognise and appreciate the Palace of Westminster in this view. A Protected Vista is applied in this view.



View from Assessment Point 2A.1 Parliament Hill: the summit - looking toward St Paul's Cathedral (at the orientation board). 527665.4E 186131.5N. Camera height 98.10m AOD. Aiming at St Paul's Cathedral (Central axis of the dome, at the base of the drum). Bearing 138.7°, distance 6.6km.



Annotated map of Protected Vista from Assessment Point 2A.1 to St Paul's Cathedral