

Appendix 4: Effects on Viewpoints.

Viewpoint A: Chirk Recreation Ground Grid Ref: 329045, 337818	
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 green 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: Medium - Open space users (and also nearby residents and passing motorists); - Likely to be focused on their activities; - Kronospan site is a prominent presence and which detracts from the views available.	Value: High - No landscape designations; - Within Conservation Area; - Part of the townscape of central Chirk; - Public open space.
Sensitivity: Medium 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 motorists and to residents at nearby properties, who would also be well aware of the presence of Kronospan. 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: Scale of Change in view: - The Proposed Development would be largely screened from view by vegetation - The two exhaust stacks would be visible, but would appear as a very limited addition to larger and hence more prominent existing structures; Degree of contrast/integration: Large-scale industry at Kronospan already very visible. Nature of the View: Static view from within recreation ground, which can be experienced at the leisure of the viewer	Geographical Extent: Angle: Direct Distance to Site boundary: c.900m Extent of area over which changes would be visible: Recreation ground and adjacent roadsides to south and east (and the buildings on these roads).
Duration: Long-term (permanent development)	Reversibility: Irreversible (permanent development)
Magnitude: Negligible The Proposed Development would be largely screened from view by existing vegetation north of the recreation ground. The exhaust stacks and part of the roof structures would be visible, but these would appear as a very minor addition to the existing assemblage of structures, and would not stand out due to the greater size/ scale of existing structures.	
Significant Effect: No	

A negligible level of effect would occur. The Proposed Development would be a very minor addition to a view already strongly influenced by existing industrial structures. Visual effects would not be significant.

Adverse/ **Neutral**/ Beneficial:

The introduction of the Proposed Development would neither improve nor detract from the view. As such, effects would be neutral.

Viewpoint B: Offa's Dyke Path near Fron Isaf Grid Ref: 327325, 339882	
View south-east from National Trail across lowland agricultural landscape. Existing development at the Kronospan site 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.	
Susceptibility to Change: High - Walkers; - The views available will be the principal reason for any visit.	Value: High - Within AONB (and SLA); - Located on nationally promoted recreational route.
Sensitivity: High 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 within the AONB (and also the local SLA), and is located upon a National Trail. Overall, sensitivity is high.	
Size/ Scale of Effect: Scale of Change in view: - The two exhaust stacks would be visible, but would appear as a very limited addition to larger and far more prominent existing structures; - The Proposed Development would be a very minor addition to views of the existing Kronospan site Degree of contrast/integration: Large-scale industry at Kronospan already very visible. Nature of the View: View from footpath which would be experienced at the leisure of the viewer, either as a static view, or at walking pace.	Geographical Extent: Angle: Direct Distance to Site boundary: c.1.8km Extent of area over which changes would be visible: Viewpoint and the stretch of path extending approx. 150m to the north
Duration: Long-term (permanent development)	Reversibility: Irreversible (permanent development)
Magnitude: Negligible The two exhaust stacks would be visible, but would appear as a very limited addition to larger and far more prominent existing structures. The Proposed Development would be a very minor addition to views of the existing Kronospan site	
Significant Effect: No A negligible level of effect would occur. The Proposed Development would be a very minor addition to a view already strongly influenced by existing industrial structures. Visual effects would not be significant.	
Adverse/ Neutral / Beneficial: The introduction of the Proposed Development would neither improve nor detract from the view. As such, effects would be neutral.	

Viewpoint C: North edge of Chirk Grid Ref: 328922, 339170 View from residential properties facing east-west at the northern edge of Chirk. In oblique views to the south-west, much of the existing Kronospan site is screened from view by vegetation cover, but taller elements are clearly visible above this (as are emissions plumes). Hills to the west form a part of the backdrop to the view.	
Susceptibility to Change: Medium to High - Residents; - Oblique views have a reduced susceptibility. - Motorists - Have a medium susceptibility;	Value: Medium - No landscape designations; - Not a location promoted, or likely to be visited for its scenic quality; - People tend to value views from their properties.
Sensitivity: Medium to High The viewpoint reflects oblique views from nearby properties. These tend to be less susceptible than direct views from main windows. As such, susceptibility to change is medium to high. Value is medium. Whilst the viewpoint is not subject to any landscape designations, or a location likely to be visited for any visual qualities, people do tend to value the views available from their properties. Overall, sensitivity is medium to high.	
Size/ Scale of Effect: Scale of Change in view: - The Proposed Development would be wholly screened from view by existing vegetation cover. Degree of contrast/integration: N/a Nature of the View: A static, but oblique view from property windows which could be appreciated at the viewer's leisure. A transient view from road vehicles.	Geographical Extent: Angle: N/a Distance to Site boundary: c.690m Extent of area over which changes would be visible: N/a
Duration: N/a	Reversibility: N/a
Magnitude: No Change The Proposed Development would be wholly screened from view by existing vegetation cover.	
Significant Effect: No Effect As there would be no change in view, no effect would occur.	
Adverse/ Neutral/ Beneficial: N/a	

Viewpoint D: Chirk Castle Gates Grid Ref: 328114, 337683	
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 (CHP and WESP stacks, and MDF cyclones) 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: Medium - Motorists (including people leaving the castle); - Have a medium susceptibility.	Value: High - At the boundary of the AONB; - Within SLA (local landscape designation); - Listed building, forming entrance feature to Registered Park.
Sensitivity: Medium to High The viewpoint reflects the view available to motorists, 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 AONB and the Registered Park, and also reflects the views available from the listed castle gates, at a former entrance to park. Overall, sensitivity is medium to high.	
Size/ Scale of Effect: Scale of Change in view: - The Proposed Development would be wholly screened from view by intervening vegetation cover; Degree of contrast/integration: N/a. Nature of the View: A transient view from the roadside.	Geographical Extent: Angle: N/a Distance to Site boundary: c. 1km Extent of area over which changes would be visible: N/a
Duration: N/a	Reversibility: N/a
Magnitude: No Change The Proposed Development would be wholly screened from view by intervening vegetation cover.	
Significant Effect: No Effect As there would be no change in view, no effect would occur.	
Adverse/ Neutral/ Beneficial: N/a	

Viewpoint E: Green Lane Grid Ref: 329697, 338820	
View west over Chirk to the hills beyond from a field gate on the minor ridge top road 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: Medium - Motorists; - typically have a medium susceptibility to change.	Value: Low - No landscape designations; - Nowhere in close proximity to the viewpoint for motorists to stop; - Not a location that is well known or promoted to the public.
Sensitivity: Low to Medium Receptors at this viewpoint would typically be motorists, 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: Scale of Change in view: - A very minor addition to the existing assemblage of structures, which would be difficult to discern as a distinct, separate feature; Degree of contrast/integration: Large-scale industry at Kronospan already very visible. Nature of the View: A fleeting view through a gap in a dense roadside hedge, experienced from a moving vehicle.	Geographical Extent: Angle: Perpendicular to the direction of travel Distance to Site boundary: c. 1.1km Extent of area over which changes would be visible: Viewpoint only
Duration: Long-term (permanent development)	Reversibility: Irreversible (permanent development)
Magnitude: Negligible The Proposed Development would be a very minor addition to the existing assemblage of structures, which would be difficult to discern as a distinct, separate feature. This would not change the established influence of the wider Kronospan site upon the views available.	
Significant Effect: No A negligible level of effect would occur. The Proposed Development would be a very minor addition to a view already strongly influenced by existing industrial structures. Visual effects would not be significant.	
Adverse/ Neutral/ Beneficial: The introduction of the Proposed Development would neither improve nor detract from the view. As such, effects would be neutral.	

Viewpoint F: B5070 north of Chirk Grid Ref: 328871, 339664	
View south-west through break in roadside vegetation, from the main route into Chirk from the north, close to the roundabout with the A5. Traffic, street lighting and signage are all very evident. Views are focused along the road corridor by the adjacent tree cover. Filtered views of taller elements at the Kronospan site are visible through this vegetation, and emissions plumes are also visible.	
Susceptibility to Change: Medium - Motorists; - Have a medium susceptibility to change.	Value: Low - No landscape designations; - A functional road, with no stopping place nearby; - People highly unlikely to gather to experience the views available
Sensitivity: Low to Medium The viewpoint reflects the views available to motorists on the adjacent stretch of the B5070. Susceptibility to change is medium. Value is low. No landscape designations are in force at the viewpoint, and the viewpoint is not a location where people will congregate in relation to visual qualities. Overall, sensitivity is low to medium	
Size/ Scale of Effect: Scale of Change in view: - The Proposed Development would be screened by roadside vegetation. Degree of contrast/integration: N/a Nature of the View: A transient view, likely to be experienced from vehicles accelerating away from the roundabout to the north.	Geographical Extent: Angle: N/a Distance to Site boundary: c. 1.1km Extent of area over which changes would be visible: N/a
Duration: N/a	Reversibility: N/a
Magnitude: No Change The Proposed Development would be screened by roadside vegetation.	
Significant Effect: No Effect As there would be no change in view, no effect would occur.	
Adverse/ Neutral/ Beneficial: N/a.	

Viewpoint G: Offa's Dyke Path west of Bronygarth Grid Ref: 325703, 336550	
View east across lowlands from National Trail running along steep hillside, with historic earthwork immediately to rear of path. The Kronospan site is visible to the north-west, with the associated emissions plumes being conspicuous	
Susceptibility to Change: High - Walkers; - The views available will be the principal reason for any visit.	Value: High - On SLA boundary (local landscape designation); - Located on nationally promoted recreational route.
Sensitivity: High 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 at the boundary of the local SLA, and is located upon a National Trail. Overall, sensitivity is high.	
Size/ Scale of Effect: Scale of Change in view: - The Proposed Development would be screened from view by intervening landform, vegetation and existing structures. Degree of contrast/integration: N/a Nature of the View: View from footpath which would be experienced at the leisure of the viewer, either as a static view, or at walking pace.	Geographical Extent: Angle: Direct Distance to Site boundary: c 3.5km Extent of area over which changes would be visible: N/a
Duration: N/a	Reversibility: N/a
Magnitude: No Change The Proposed Development would be screened from view by intervening landform, vegetation and existing structures at the Kronospan site.	
Significant Effect: No Effect As there would be no change in view, no effect would occur	
Adverse/ Neutral/ Beneficial: N/a	

Viewpoint H: Chirk Castle Grid Ref: 327176, 338038	
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 site 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: High - Castle visitors; - The views from the terrace will be one of the key reasons for a visit to the viewpoint.	Value: High - Within AONB (and SLA); - A designed view relating to a Registered Park and Listed Building; - Well-known and well-frequented tourist/ visitor destination.
Sensitivity: High 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 AONB. Additionally the viewpoint reflects a 'designed view' (recognised by Cadw) from a designated heritage asset (Registered Park and Listed Building). Overall, sensitivity is high.	
Size/ Scale of Effect: Scale of Change in view: - The Proposed Development would be screened from view by intervening vegetation. Degree of contrast/integration: N/a Nature of the View: An expansive panorama that can be experienced at the leisure of the viewer.	Geographical Extent: Angle: Direct Distance to Site boundary: c. 1.5km Extent of area over which changes would be visible: N/a
Duration: N/a	Reversibility: N/a
Magnitude: No Change The Proposed Development would be screened from view by intervening vegetation.	
Significant Effect: No Effect As there would be no change in view, no effect would occur.	
Adverse/ Neutral/ Beneficial: N/a	

Viewpoint I: New Hall Grid Ref: 327604, 338884	
View from minor road close to Chirk Castle entrance looking south-east towards Chirk. Existing development at the existing Kronospan site (including emissions plumes) is a prominent. Agricultural buildings lie to the rear of the viewpoint and screen views from the farmhouse which lies further north-west	
Susceptibility to Change: Medium - Motorists; - typically have a medium susceptibility to change; - existing Kronospan structures are a detracting feature.	Value: Medium to High - within AONB (and SLA); - 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: Medium Receptors at this viewpoint would be motorists, who have a medium susceptibility to change. Value is medium to high. The viewpoint is located within the AONB boundary 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: Scale of Change in view: - The two exhaust stacks would be visible, but would appear as a very limited addition to larger and far more prominent existing structures; - The Proposed Development would be a very minor addition to views of the existing Kronospan site. Degree of contrast/integration: Large-scale industry at Kronospan already clearly visible. Nature of the View: A transient view from moving vehicles.	Geographical Extent: Angle: Perpendicular to the direction of travel Distance to Site boundary: c. 1km Extent of area over which changes would be visible: Adj. stretch of road approx. 75m either side of the viewpoint, and the crossroads at the castle entrance
Duration: Long-term (permanent development)	Reversibility: Irreversible (permanent development)
Magnitude: Negligible The two exhaust stacks would be visible, but would appear as a very limited addition to larger and far more prominent existing structures. The Proposed Development would be a very minor addition to views of the existing Kronospan site	
Significant Effect: No A negligible level of effect would occur. The Proposed Development would be a very minor addition to a view already strongly influenced by existing industrial structures. Visual effects would not be significant.	
Adverse/ Neutral/ Beneficial: The presence of the Proposed Development would neither improve, nor detract from the view. As such, effects would be neutral.	

Viewpoint J: Canal towpath near marina Grid Ref: 328604, 339627	
View south from canal towpath. The existing development at the Kronospan site (including the taller elements) is largely screened by vegetation, but some elements at the site are visible through breaks in tree cover. Marina visible to the west, railway to the east.	
Susceptibility to Change: Medium to High • Walkers/ canal users; ○ The surroundings are likely to play a part in the visit; ○ The most scenic parts of the canal are at the Llangollen and Chirk Aqueducts further to the north and south respectively.	Value: High • No landscape designations; • Within World Heritage Site; • Well-known and well-frequented tourist/ recreation route.
Sensitivity: Medium to High The viewpoint reflects the view available to walkers on the towpath and to users of the canal (including the marina). The views available will play an important part in any visit, but it should be recognised that the most scenic parts of the canal route are further to the north and south (Llangollen and Chirk Aqueducts). 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. Overall, sensitivity is medium to high	
Size/ Scale of Effect: • Scale of Change in view: ○ The Proposed Development would be wholly screened by intervening vegetation cover. • Degree of contrast/integration: N/a • Nature of the View: View from towpath/ canal which would be experienced at walking pace at the leisure of the viewer, or from a slow moving narrow boat.	Geographical Extent: • Angle: N/a • Distance to Site boundary: c. 1km • Extent of area over which changes would be visible: N/a
Duration: N/a	Reversibility: N/a
Magnitude: No Change The Proposed Development would be wholly screened from view by intervening vegetation cover.	
Significant Effect: No Effect As there would be no change in view, then no effect would occur.	
Adverse/ Neutral/ Beneficial: N/a	

Viewpoint K: Canal towpath north-west of site Grid Ref: 328516, 338945	
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. The viewpoint is located north-west of the Kronospan site boundary, and the vegetated railway embankment screens the majority of views into the site. The CHP plant and MDF cyclones are partially visible above the vegetation to the south, and the top of a materials storage pile is just visible to the south-west.	
Susceptibility to Change: Medium Walkers/ canal users; ○ The surroundings are likely to play a part in the visit; ○ The most scenic parts of the canal are at the Llangollen and Chirk Aqueducts further to the north and south respectively; ○ The adjacent railway embankment and views of Kronospan structures detract from the view locally.	Value: High • No landscape designations; • Within World Heritage Site; • Well-known and well-frequented tourist/ recreation route.
Sensitivity: Medium The viewpoint reflects the view available to walkers on the towpath and to users of the canal (including the marina). The views available will play an important part in any visit, but it should be recognised that the most scenic parts of the canal route are further to the north and south (Llangollen and Chirk Aqueducts). The presence of the railway embankment adjacent to the viewpoint, and to structures at Kronospan at short-range detract from the view. Susceptibility to change is medium. 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. Overall, sensitivity is medium	
Size/ Scale of Effect: • Scale of Change in view: ○ The Proposed Development would be wholly screened by vegetation cover and existing structures. • Degree of contrast/integration: N/a • Nature of the View: View from towpath/ canal which would be experienced at walking pace at the leisure of the viewer, or from a slow moving narrow boat	Geographical Extent: • Angle: N/a • Distance to Site boundary: c. 350m • Extent of area over which changes would be visible: N/a
Duration: N/a	Reversibility: N/a
Magnitude: No Change The Proposed Development would be wholly screened from view by vegetation cover and by existing structures at the Kronospan site	
Significant Effect: No Effect As there would be no change in view, no effect would occur.	
Adverse/ Neutral/ Beneficial: N/a	

Viewpoint L: Chirk Castle driveway Grid Ref: 327238, 338583	
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 with existing development at the Kronospan site (including emissions plumes) clearly visible.	
Susceptibility to Change: Medium to High - Motorists (accessing the castle car park); - The location within a designated heritage asset and tourist location is likely to heighten awareness of the surroundings.	Value: High - Within AONB (and SLA); - Registered Park and Garden; - Well-known and well-frequented tourist/visitor destination.
Sensitivity: Medium to High The viewpoint reflects views available to motorists (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 AONB and the Registered Park and Garden. Additionally, the view is part of the entrance 'experience' for visitors to the castle. Overall, sensitivity is high.	
Size/ Scale of Effect: Scale of Change in view: - The two exhaust stacks would be visible, but would appear as a very limited addition to larger and far more prominent existing structures; - The Proposed Development would be a very minor addition to views of the existing Kronospan site. Degree of contrast/integration: Large-scale industry at Kronospan already clearly visible. Nature of the View: A transient view from vehicles.	Geographical Extent: Angle: Perpendicular to the direction of travel Distance to Site boundary: c. 1.3km Extent of area over which changes would be visible: Approx. 100m stretch of driveway
Duration: Long-term (permanent development)	Duration: Long-term (permanent development)
Magnitude: Negligible The two exhaust stacks would be visible, but would appear as a very limited addition to larger and far more prominent existing structures. The Proposed Development would be a very minor addition to views of the existing Kronospan site	
Significant Effect: No A negligible level of effect would occur. The Proposed Development would be a very minor addition to a view already strongly influenced by existing industrial structures. Visual effects would not be significant.	
Adverse/ Neutral/ Beneficial: The presence of the Proposed Development would neither improve, nor detract from the view. As such, effects would be neutral.	

Viewpoint M: Canal towpath north of site Grid Ref: 328562, 339109	
View south from canal towpath adjacent to the railway embankment. The viewpoint is located north-west of the Kronospan site boundary, and the vegetated railway embankment partially screens views into the site. The CHP plant and RCF silos are partially visible above the vegetation to the south, and the very top of the existing WESP stack can also be seen above the dense woodland cover along the canal cutting further south.	
Susceptibility to Change: Medium Walkers/ canal users; ○ The surroundings are likely to play a part in the visit; ○ The most scenic parts of the canal are at the Llangollen and Chirk Aqueducts further to the north and south respectively; ○ The adjacent railway embankment and views of Kronospan structures detract from the view locally.	Value: High • No landscape designations; • Within World Heritage Site; • Well-known and well-frequented tourist/ recreation route.
Sensitivity: Medium The viewpoint reflects the view available to walkers on the towpath and to users of the canal (noting that occupants of narrowboats will generally be situated slightly lower). The views available to these leisure users will play an important part in any visit, but 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 the existing structures at Kronospan at short-range beyond are amongst these points of interest. Notwithstanding this, the industrial elements undoubtedly detract from the view. Susceptibility to change is medium. 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. Overall, sensitivity is medium	
Size/ Scale of Effect: • Scale of Change in view: ○ The Proposed Development would be almost wholly screened from view by intervening existing structures; ○ A small proportion of the roof structures would be visible, but would be far smaller than existing features and would not appear a distinct feature • Degree of contrast/integration: Large-scale industry at Kronospan already clearly visible • Nature of the View: View from towpath/ canal which would be experienced at walking pace at the leisure of the viewer, or from a slow moving narrow boat	Geographical Extent: • Angle: Direct • Distance to Site boundary: c. 500m • Extent of area over which changes would be visible: Immediate vicinity of the viewpoint
Duration: Long-term (permanent development)	Duration: Long-term (permanent development)
Magnitude: Negligible The Proposed Development would be almost wholly screened from view by existing	

structures at the Kronospan site. A proportion of the roof structures would be visible, but would be far smaller than existing features and would not appear a distinct feature
Significant Effect: No A negligible level of effect would occur. The Proposed Development would be a very minor addition to a view where far larger structures are already prominent. Visual effects would not be significant
Adverse/ Neutral / Beneficial: The presence of the Proposed Development would neither improve, nor detract from the view. As such, effects would be neutral.

Viewpoint N: Canal towpath north of site Grid Ref: 328558, 339165 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. The existing CHP plant and WESP stack are clearly visible to the south above vegetation cover.	
Susceptibility to Change: Medium Walkers/ canal users; ○ The surroundings are likely to play a part in the visit; ○ The most scenic parts of the canal are at the Llangollen and Chirk Aqueducts further to the north and south respectively; ○ The adjacent railway embankment and views of Kronospan structures detract from the view locally.	Value: High • No landscape designations; • Within World Heritage Site; • Well-known and well-frequented tourist/ recreation route.
Sensitivity: Medium The viewpoint reflects the view available to walkers on the towpath and to users of the canal (including the marina). The views available will play an important part in any visit, but it should be recognised that the most scenic parts of the canal route are further to the north and south (Llangollen and Chirk Aqueducts). The presence of the railway embankment adjacent to the viewpoint, and to structures at Kronospan at short-range detract from the view. Susceptibility to change is medium. 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. Overall, sensitivity is medium	
Size/ Scale of Effect: • Scale of Change in view: ○ The Proposed Development would be almost wholly screened from view by intervening existing structures and vegetation; ○ The Proposed Development would be a very minor addition to views of the existing Kronospan site • Degree of contrast/integration: Large-scale industry at Kronospan already clearly visible • Nature of the View: View from towpath/ canal which would be experienced at walking pace at the leisure of the viewer, or from a slow moving narrow boat	Geographical Extent: • Angle: Direct • Distance to Site boundary: c. 560m • Extent of area over which changes would be visible: Immediate vicinity of the viewpoint
Duration: Long-term (permanent development)	Duration: Long-term (permanent development)
Magnitude: Negligible The Proposed Development would be almost wholly screened from view by existing structures at the Kronospan site, and by riverside vegetation, and would constitute a very minor addition to the view	
Significant Effect: No	

A negligible level of effect would occur. The Proposed Development would be a very minor addition to a view where larger structures are already present, and the influence of the Kronospan site upon the view would not change. Visual effects would not be significant

Adverse/ **Neutral**/ Beneficial:

The presence of the Proposed Development would neither improve, nor detract from the view. As such, effects would be neutral.