BASELINE AND SENSITIVITY				CHANGE AND SIGNIFICANCE		
Visual Receptor / View Location	**National Landscape Character Area and Approx. Distance to Site Boundary**	**Description of Baseline View, Type and number of View and Visual Receptors**	**Value of Views, Susceptibility to Change: OVERALL SENSITIVITY**	**Description of Change to the View**	**Size / scale, Geographical Extent and Duration, Reversibility, OVERALL MAGNITUDE**	**Level and Direction of Effect**
VL3: View from field gate on the C2074 looking east	**NLCA:** 33: Gwendraeth Vales **Distance:** Adjacent to Site boundary (Short-distance)	**Baseline Description, Type of View, Viewer and Number of Users:** At this location views look east from a field gate situated along the C2074 approximately 280m west of Bwlch-y-Gwynt. The view is framed by mature field boundary vegetation on either side, particularly to the left as mature trees entirely screen views beyond. Views stretch east cross agricultural land, generally as far as the middle-distance, where informal field boundary hedgerows screen further visibility. Distant views towards higher ground to the east around Crwbin are possible but are not prominent within the overall view. Overhead lines are also visible, but do not generally detract from the available view. This view is experienced by few receptors, most likely residents of nearby properties and users of the C2074 travelling towards Bancycapel who would experience fleeting views as they pass the field gate opening.	**Value of Views:** Low **Susceptibility to Change:** Low **OVERALL SENSITIVITY:** LOW	**During Construction:** For receptors at this location, the introduction of construction activity would result in a noticeable change to views within a very focussed area through the field gate entrance, although it is likely tall plant, and other infrastructure would also be visible above the adjacent roadside hedgerows further west. Construction activity would be viewed obliquely, and mainly glimpsed, but where visible would result in the loss of agricultural land, replaced by drainage earthworks, temporary and permanent fencing, and substation elements.	**During Construction:** **Size/Scale:** Large **Geographical Extent:** Large **Duration/Reversibility:** Medium-term / Partially reversible **OVERALL MAGNITUDE:** Moderate	Minor adverse
				On Completion: Following completion, the change as a result of the Proposed Development would remain clearly noticeable; however other than direct views through the field gate, visibility of the substation elements would be confined to glimpses above the roadside hedgerows. Reinforcement planting is proposed along these hedgerows in addition to new hedgerow planting at the field gate; however, this would not yet be fully established and would not effectively perform the screening function for which it was intended at this stage.	**On Completion:** **Size/Scale:** Medium **Geographical Extent:** Small **Duration/Reversibility:** Long-term / Permanent **OVERALL MAGNITUDE:** Moderate	Minor adverse
				After 15 Years: By year 15 the proposed hedgerow planting across the field gate would provide an established connection with existing vegetation and would subsequently provide reasonable screening in views towards the Proposed Development. Taller elements within the compound would remain visible above the hedgerows, resulting in a perceptible change, however this would be glimpses, and would only partially alter the appreciation of the view.	**After 15 Years:** **Size/Scale:** Very small **Geographical Extent:** Small **Duration/Reversibility:** Long-term / Permanent **OVERALL MAGNITUDE:** Negligible	Negligible adverse

Terminology for Visual Effect:

Type of View:	Glimpsed, Filtered, Oblique, Framed, Open	Geographical Extent of Effect:	Widespread, Large, Medium, Small, Very Small
Number of Viewers:	Few, Moderate, Many	Duration:	Long-term, Medium-term, Short-term, Brief
Value of Views:	Very High, High, Medium, Low	Reversibility:	Permanent / Partially Reversible / Reversible
Susceptibility to Change:	High, Medium, Low	Overall Magnitude of Effect:	Major, Moderate, Slight, Negligible, Neutral, No Change
Overall Sensitivity of Receptor:	Very High, High, Medium, Low	Direction of Effect:	Adverse, Beneficial, Neutral
Size/Scale of Visual Effect:	Very Large, Large, Medium, Small, Very Small, No Change	Type of Effect:	Temporary, Permanent / Direct, Indirect
		Level of Effect:	Substantial, Major, Moderate, Minor, Negligible, No Change

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VL3a: View from field gate on the C2074 looking south	**NLCA:** 45: Taf, Tywi and Gwendraeth Estuaries **Distance:** Adjacent to Site boundary (Short-distance)	**Baseline Description, Type of View, Viewer and Number of Users:** This view looks south from a field gate along the C2074 across rolling agricultural land. Wider visibility is contained by mature unformal hedgerows either side of the field gate, however relatively distant central views remain possible. An access track leads into the field to the foreground which appears unmanaged, with rising ground delineated by field boundary hedgerows provides middle-distance views, partially screening views beyond. Land south of the valley is typically rural, characterised by agricultural fields and field boundary vegetation. High and low-voltage electricity pylons and overhead cables are however a distracting and noticeable feature, traversing land both north to south and east to west. The view is experienced by few receptors, most likely residents of nearby properties and users of the C2074 travelling towards Bancycapel who would experience fleeting views as they pass the field gate opening.	**Value of Views:** Medium **Susceptibility to Change:** Low **OVERALL SENSITIVITY:** MEDIUM	**During Construction:** Views towards construction activity would be focussed south within the parameters of the field gate, however given the proximity of the works it is likely wider visibility of large plant and activity would also be visible above the adjacent hedgerows. This would result in a complete change in views, although these would be experienced obliquely and glimpsed for road users on the C2074. As mentioned however there is potential for wider oblique views to be experienced as users travel east along the single-track lane, widening the geographical extent.	**During Construction:** **Size/Scale:** Large **Geographical Extent:** Medium **Duration/Reversibility:** Medium-term / Partially reversible **OVERALL MAGNITUDE:** Major	Major adverse
				On Completion: Following completion, the elements within the western part of the substation compound, and to a lesser extent the proposed infrastructure, would remain clearly visible for receptors at this location, however the removal of temporary fencing and other temporary features would reduce the magnitude of visual change to some degree. The new hedgerow planting proposed along the field gate entrance would not yet be fully established and would not effectively perform the screening function for which it was intended at this stage.	**On Completion:** **Size/Scale:** Large **Geographical Extent:** Medium **Duration/Reversibility:** Long-term / Permanent **OVERALL MAGNITUDE:** Major	Major adverse
				After 15 Years: At year 15 the proposed hedgerow planting across the field gate would provide an established connection with existing vegetation and would subsequently provide reasonable screening in views towards the Proposed Development. Taller elements within the substation compound would likely remain visible given the proximity of the view, however these views would be glimpsed above the hedgerow line and would only partially alter the appreciation of the view.	**After 15 Years:** **Size/Scale:** Small **Geographical Extent:** Medium **Duration/Reversibility:** Long-term / Permanent **OVERALL MAGNITUDE:** Slight	Minor adverse

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Number of Viewers:	Few, Moderate, Many	Duration:	Long-term, Medium-term, Short-term, Brief
Value of Views:	Very High, High, Medium, Low	Reversibility:	Permanent / Partially Reversible / Reversible
Susceptibility to Change:	High, Medium, Low	Overall Magnitude of Effect:	Major, Moderate, Slight, Negligible, Neutral, No Change
Overall Sensitivity of Receptor:	Very High, High, Medium, Low	Direction of Effect:	Adverse, Beneficial, Neutral
Size/Scale of Visual Effect:	Very Large, Large, Medium, Small, Very Small, No Change	Type of Effect:	Temporary, Permanent / Direct, Indirect
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VL4: View from A484 adjacent to Llwyncelyn Farm	**NLCA:** 45: Taf, Tywi and Gwendraeth Estuaries **Distance:** 10m (Short-distance)	**Baseline Description, Type of View, Viewer and Number of Users:** This view looks east across the A484 carriageway adjacent to Llwyncelyn Farn. Aside from the A484 carriageway to the foreground, the view is dominated by filed boundary vegetation, largely informal/unmanaged, consisting predominantly of hedgerow along the roadside with mature hedgerow trees along the C2074 and further east. Although these trees generally form the skyline, electrical infrastructure is also present, and noticeable as it crosses the view. Overhead lines are also present by way of the telecommunications pole at the C2074 junction. The view is representative of nearby residents of the farm, and to a lesser degree road users of the A484 who would experience oblique and fleeting views in this direction. It should be noted that the front elevation of the farm and primary views face east, although slightly further north of this location.	**Value of Views:** Medium **Susceptibility to Change:** High **OVERALL SENSITIVITY:** HIGH	**During Construction:** At this location construction of the proposed access road would incur the most noticeable change given its proximity; however, the removal of hedgerow to facilitate the access road would open up views towards the construction activity within the wider footprint of the Site, including the proposed substation compound and construction compound. Where hedgerows are proposed to be retained / strengthened within the adjacent fields, this would retain screening properties, and therefore these wider views would be contained to some degree. Primary views from the farmhouse would be oblique given they are further north, however activity around the proposed access road entrance would be a clearly noticeable change for residents. The existing presence of road infrastructure reduces the magnitude of visual change given that the composition would not completely change.	**During Construction:** **Size/Scale:** Medium **Geographical Extent:** Medium **Duration/Reversibility:** Short-term / Partially reversible **OVERALL MAGNITUDE:** Moderate	Major adverse
				On Completion: Following completion, the proposed access road would remain a clearly noticeable change for receptors, however the access road would be in keeping with the existing road infrastructure within the view. The completed substation elements would also represent a clearly noticeable change; however, views would be screened by intervening hedgerows and hedgerow trees to some extent. New planting proposed would not yet be fully established and would not effectively perform the screening function for which it was intended at this stage.	**On Completion:** **Size/Scale:** Medium **Geographical Extent:** Medium **Duration/Reversibility:** Long-term / Permanent **OVERALL MAGNITUDE:** Moderate	Major adverse
				After 15 Years: By year 15 it is expected that the established mitigation proposals would provide some additional screening at this location, including the new hedgerow to the north and south of the access road, and the enhanced hedgerows between the view and the proposed substation elements. The change would remain noticeable given its proximity; however, the composition and appreciation of the view would not be notably materially degraded.	**After 15 Years:** **Size/Scale:** Medium **Geographical Extent:** Small **Duration/Reversibility:** Long-term / Permanent **OVERALL MAGNITUDE:** Slight	Moderate adverse

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