

## Appendix 11.3

### Assessment of Visual Effects

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This Appendix should be read in conjunction with Figure 11.7 - 11.8 and Appendix 11.4. Note: All landscape and visual mitigation is embedded and described in **Chapter 3: Project Site and Description**. All effects identified in the table below are residual. The cumulative assessment has been undertaken for the project as a whole and not for each individual element.

Table 1 - All Project Components (Power Generation Plant, Gas Connection and Electrical Connection)

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<p><b>Viewpoint 1</b> North side of J64 of M4, on B4489</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of road users travelling north along the B4489. Wide, panoramic views are experienced across the rural wooded landscape extending to the rising upland which defines the skyline to the north. Road infrastructure including lighting columns and signage are prominent in the foreground view along with the extensive network of pylons and overhead lines which extend into and across the mid-ground of the view, punctuating the skyline. The Felindre Gas Compressor Station and Substation are prominent features within the centre of the view, all set within the extensive wooded landscape.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Road Users</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is an ordinary view with many detracting elements. Value is considered to be <b>Low</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of road users where the view is incidental to the receptor's reason for being there. Susceptibility is <b>Low</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall visual sensitivity of views experienced by road users along the B4489 is considered to be <b>Low</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> For a temporary period of time and of short duration, some construction plant and activities would be visible in the mid-ground of the view. This is likely to be limited to tall plant such as cranes which would be visible in conjunction with the existing pylons which break the skyline as well as possible stockpiles of soil associated with the construction of the Gas Connection. The majority of the construction plant and activity would be screened by intervening vegetation. Magnitude of effect is considered to be <b>Low</b>.</p> <p>Taking into account the Low sensitivity and Low magnitude resulting effects would be <b>Minor Adverse</b>.</p>	<p><b>Minor Adverse</b></p> <p>Not significant</p>	<p>Not considered in cumulative assessment as residual Project effects are not significant.</p>
		<p><u>Operational:</u> The Power Generation Plant would be viewed against a backdrop of higher ground noticeable within small portion of the periphery of the view and seen in the context of the existing Substation, Felindre Gas Compressor Station, and network of pylons. The stack would be visible against the skyline, although the skyline is regularly disrupted by existing pylons which create prominent vertical elements common in the view. Magnitude of effect is considered to be <b>Low</b>.</p> <p>Taking into account the Low sensitivity and Low magnitude resulting effects would be <b>Minor Adverse</b>.</p>	<p><b>Minor Adverse</b></p> <p>Not significant</p>	

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<p><b>Viewpoint 2</b> Fforest-newydd</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of views from a nearby residential property. Foreground views extend over gently rising grazing land with woodland along field boundaries to the periphery of the view. Pylons and associated overhead lines are prominent and dominate in the view.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Residential</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common elements of landscape including some detracting elements and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of views from a residential property where the views will be experienced daily and are an important part of the experience. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>	<p>Views of the Project Site are screened by intervening landform.</p>	<p><b>No Effect</b></p>	<p>Not considered in cumulative assessment as residual Project effects are not significant.</p>
<p><b>Viewpoint 3</b> Gower Way, Felindre</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of views from the Gower Trail to the east of Felindre. Views extend over a shallow valley, under pasture with a farmstead in the middle distance. Woodland extends along the skyline and on the lower slopes of the valley as well as along field boundaries. Pylons and overhead lines are visible in the periphery of the view.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational Users</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users walking along the Gower Way, a mid-distance linear footpath, whose attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>	<p>Views of the Project Site are screened by intervening landform and woodland.</p>	<p><b>No Effect</b></p>	<p>Not considered in cumulative assessment as residual Project effects are not significant.</p>

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<p><b>Viewpoint 4</b> Llwyngwenno, Heol Glyn-Dyfal</p> <p><u>Description of the View:</u> This view is representative of views from an adjacent residential property, which sits in an elevated position above the road level. Views from this elevated position are wide and extend across the rolling mosaic of woodland and grazed fields subdivided by hedgerow plating and copses of trees. Prominent features include the Felindre Water Treatment Works buildings in the mid distance along with a network of pylons and overhead lines which converge at the Substation. Solar farms are also apparent in the view along with the Felindre Gas Compressor Station. The southern edge of Swansea is visible in the distance with the DVLA premises a noticeable landmark building on the skyline.</p> <p>Note: The baseline photograph was taken from the road at the end of the property's drive. Tall hedgerows along earth banks surround the Heol Glyn-Dyfal minor road which screen large sections of the view described above.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Residential</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of views from a residential property where the views will be experienced daily and are an important part of the experience. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Some taller construction plant such as cranes and lighting would be visible in the distance of this wide view. The temporary and short-term construction activity would occupy a very small part of the view at long range and would not result in a change to the composition of the view. As such magnitude of change is considered to be <b>Negligible</b>.</p> <p>The High sensitivity combined with the Negligible magnitude would result in a <b>Negligible Effect</b> during construction.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> The Power Generation Plant would occupy a very small part of the distant view. It would be seen in the immediate context of the Water Treatment Works buildings, Felindre Gas Compressor Station and Substation and set within a wooded backdrop. The composition of the view would remain unchanged and the development would result in a barely perceptible change to the existing view.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>Negligible</b> which when combined with a High sensitivity would result in a <b>Negligible effect</b>.</p>	<p><b>Negligible Effect</b>  Not significant</p> <p><b>Negligible Effect</b>  Not significant</p>	<p>Not considered in cumulative assessment as residual Project effects are not significant.</p> <p>Not considered in cumulative assessment as residual Project effects are not significant.</p>
<p><b>Viewpoint 5</b> Mynydd Pysgodlyn</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of walkers using the Public Right of Way that follows a farm track to access neighbouring communities. Views are panoramic from this</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Some taller construction plant such as cranes and lighting would be visible in the distance of this wide panoramic view but would be barely discernible. The temporary and short-term construction activity would occupy a very small part of the view at long range and would not result in a change to the composition of the view. As such magnitude of change is considered to be <b>Negligible</b>.</p>	<p><b>Negligible Effect</b>  Not significant</p>	<p>Not considered in cumulative assessment as residual Project effects are not significant.</p>

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<p>elevated position on the edge of the high moorland sweeping across a series of wide, shallow valleys towards the northern suburbs of Swansea. This expansive view sweeps from the surrounding moorland across the rolling valleys beyond where a mosaic of fields interspersed by vegetated field boundaries and tracts of woodland predominate. The Felindre Welsh Water Treatment Works buildings, Felindre Gas Compressor Station and Substation are visible in the middle distance of the view along with network of pylons and transmission lines which are prominent in the view.</p>	<p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users walking along the Public Right of Way, whose attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p>	<p>The Medium sensitivity combined with the Negligible magnitude would result in a <b>Negligible Effect</b> during construction.</p>		
	<p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>	<p><u>Operational:</u> The Power Generation Plant would occupy a very small part of the distant view. It would be seen in the immediate context of the Water Treatment Works buildings, Felindre Gas Compressor Station and Substation and set within a wooded backdrop. The composition of the view would remain unchanged and the development would result in a barely perceptible change to the existing view.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>Negligible</b> which when combined with a Medium sensitivity would result in a <b>Negligible effect</b>.</p>	<p><b>Negligible Effect</b> Not significant</p>	<p>Not considered in cumulative assessment as residual Project effects are not significant.</p>
<p><b>Viewpoint 6</b> Tor Clawdd, adjacent to Ring Cairn</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of walkers using the open access area, near a heritage feature (Ring Cairn – a banked and ditched circular earthwork, about 20 m in diameter). Views from this exposed hillside are expansive with wide views to the south over moorland towards distant valleys and hills. The northern suburbs of Swansea and the DVLA premises provide a distant backcloth to views. Pylons and associated transmission lines are discernible stretching across the middle distance of the view.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view typical of an upland landscape, containing a heritage asset of interest and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> At this distance construction plant and activities would be barely distinguishable in the view. Views would be limited to taller construction plant such as cranes and lighting but these would be barely discernible features within the distance of this wide panoramic view. The temporary and short-term construction activity would occupy a very small part of the view at long range and would not result in a change to the composition of the view. As such magnitude of change is considered to be <b>Negligible</b>.</p> <p>The High sensitivity combined with the Negligible magnitude would result in a <b>Negligible Effect</b> during construction.</p>	<p><b>Negligible Effect</b> Not significant</p>	<p>Not considered in cumulative assessment as residual Project effects are not significant.</p>
	<p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users accessing the open access area, near the heritage asset, whose attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape and the heritage features within it. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>	<p><u>Operational:</u> The Power Generation Plant would occupy a very small part of the distant view. At this distance the Pant would be barely discernible within the view and the stack would be barely distinguishable from the surrounding landscape and backdrop of Swansea/Gorseinon in the distance. The composition of the view would remain unchanged and the development would result in a barely perceptible</p>	<p><b>Negligible Effect</b> Not significant</p>	<p>Not considered in cumulative assessment as residual Project effects are not significant.</p>

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<p><b>Viewpoint 7</b> Tor Clawdd, southern end</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of road users travelling along the local road to Ammanford, just north of Rhhd-y-gwin overlooking the patchwork of smaller pastoral fields on the lower valley sides that give way to open grazed moorland on the upper slopes. Views extend into the well wooded Afon Llan valley where extensive woodland cover is evident with large mature trees. Pylons and transmission lines are apparent within the view terminating at the Substation in the middle distance of the view. The northern suburbs of Swansea including the DVLA premises are visible in the distance along with the distant Gower peninsula.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Road Users</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view typical of an upland landscape, with relatively common but attractive elements and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of road users travelling along a local road who anticipate some enjoyment of the landscape as part of the journey but where the attention is not primarily focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> At this distance construction plant and activities would be barely distinguishable in the view. Views would be limited to taller construction plant such as cranes and lighting but these would be barely discernible features within the distance of this wide panoramic view. The temporary and short-term construction activity would occupy a very small part of the view at long range and would not result in a change to the composition of the view. As such magnitude of change is considered to be <b>Negligible</b>.</p> <p>The High sensitivity combined with the Negligible magnitude would result in a <b>Negligible Effect</b> during construction.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> The Power Generation Plant would occupy a very small part of the distant view. At this distance the Plant would be barely discernible within the view and the stack would be barely distinguishable from the surrounding predominantly wooded landscape and the wider backdrop of Swansea in the distance. The composition of the view would remain unchanged and the development would result in a barely perceptible change to the existing view.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>Negligible</b> which when combined with a High sensitivity would result in a <b>Negligible effect</b>.</p>	<p><b>Negligible Effect</b> Not significant</p> <p><b>Negligible Effect</b> Not significant</p>	<p>Not considered in cumulative assessment as residual Project effects are not significant.</p> <p>Not considered in cumulative assessment as residual Project effects are not significant.</p>
<p><b>Viewpoint 8</b> Rhyd-y-pandy road near Cynghordy</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of road users travelling along Rhyd-y-pandy road near the property of Cynghordy. Views from the</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Road Users</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common elements of landscape including some detracting features and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Only construction plant and activity associated with the upper part of the gas turbine unit and stack would be visible in the view. Much of the Project Site would be screened by woodland and scrub vegetation, hedgerows and an intervening low ridge. The degree of screening provided by existing vegetation would reduce during winter months when some construction plant and activities including lighting would be more visible through the intervening woodland and</p>	<p><b>Minor Adverse</b> <b>Not significant</b></p>	<p>Not considered in cumulative assessment as residual Project effects are not significant.</p>

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<p>majority of this local road are screened by the adjacent earth banks and hedgerows. This view is taken from a break in the roadside vegetation where views of scrub and rough grassland can be seen in the foreground of the view with glimpsed views of pasture enclosed by hedgerows and mature trees in the middle distance. Swansea is visible in the distance against a ridgeline with a rural backdrop. Pylons and wood pole lines are prominent vertical features in both the foreground and mid ground of the view.</p>	<p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of road users travelling along a local road who anticipate some enjoyment of the landscape as part of the journey but where the attention is not primarily focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>	<p>hedgerows. These temporary changes would only affect a small portion of the view and would not change the composition of the view.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>Low</b> which when combined with a Medium sensitivity would result in a <b>Minor Adverse</b> effect.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> Once operational the upper part of the gas turbine and stack would be visible against the vegetated backcloth of higher ground within a small portion of the mid ground of the view. They would be noticeable elements in the view but would be seen in the immediate context of the pylons which are prominent features in the existing view. The composition of the view would remain unchanged and in summer months, the Project would be barely discernible due to the existing screening vegetation.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>Low</b> which when combined with a Medium sensitivity would result in a <b>Minor Adverse</b> effect.</p>	<p><b>Minor Adverse</b> <b>Not significant</b></p>	<p>Not considered in cumulative assessment as residual Project effects are not significant.</p>
<p><b>Viewpoint 9</b> Public Right of Way, north of Abergelli fach</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of walkers using the Public Right of Way north of Abergelli fach, just south of the junction of footpaths LC35B and LC35A. Views extend across pasture with occasional farm buildings in view. Field boundaries defined by hedgerows and mature trees are particular features in the view along with extensive woodland beyond the farm. Pylons and wood pole lines are prominent in the view along with solar farms visible in the periphery of the view. The northern Swansea suburbs are visible in the distance with the DVLA building visible against the skyline.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users walking along the Public Right of Way, whose attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> This view overlooks the Project Site where construction plant and activity associated with the upper parts of the gas turbine units and stack would be visible in the view. Much of the Project Site would be screened by intervening woodland and scrub vegetation. The degree of screening provided by existing vegetation would reduce during winter months when some construction plant and activities including lighting would be more visible through the intervening woodland and hedgerows.</p> <p>The Gas Connection route would cut across the fields to the right of the view where the construction activity and plant would be a prominent although temporary element of the view. Further south some screening would be provided by intervening trees and hedges. Whilst the construction of the AGI would not be visible from this particular point on the Public Right of Way (PRoW), construction of it would be prominent in the view of walkers as they travel north.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>Medium</b> which when</p>	<p><b>Moderate Adverse</b> <b>Significant</b></p>	<p>The construction of the following cumulative developments would potentially be visible from this viewpoint:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1-Felindre Business Park</li> <li>• 6-Former Steelworks, Bryntwyod</li> <li>• 10-Llettyr Morfil Farm</li> <li>• 11-Plot 8 Felindre Business Park</li> <li>• 12-Griffiths Waste Management Site</li> <li>• 15-Land at Llewellyn Road</li> <li>• 16-Royal Fern Golf Resort</li> <li>• 17-Parc Ceirw</li> <li>• 19-Former Civic Centre Penllergaer</li> <li>• Identified/Allocated sites 21-24, 26-29</li> </ul> <p>Construction associated with the majority of the above cumulative schemes would be barely discernible in the view due to distance, intervening planting, landform and built fabric. The only cumulative developments where the plant and construction activity would be visible in combination with the</p>

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		<p>combined with a Medium sensitivity would result in a <b>Moderate Adverse</b> effect.</p>		<p>Project would be sites 27 and 29, both identified/allocated sites (where little information is currently available). Construction plant and activity associated with the residential development in site 27 would appear in the distant view against the urban backcloth of north Swansea. The construction of the potential CHP plant at site 29 would potentially be visible in the mid-ground of the view. The construction of the Project in combination with these two sites would introduce construction plant into a small, separate part of the view. As such the construction of the Project in combination with these two cumulative schemes would result in a <b>Low</b> magnitude of cumulative change which when combined with the Medium sensitivity of the receptor would result in a <b>Minor Adverse</b> cumulative effect which is not significant.</p>
		<p><u>Operational:</u> Once operational the upper part of the gas turbine and stack would be visible against the vegetated backcloth of rising ground to the south, within a small portion of the centre of the mid ground of the view. They would be noticeable elements in the view although seen in the immediate context of the pylons and whilst the stack would not be visible against the skyline it would introduce a noticeable element into the view resulting in a partial change to the composition of the view.</p> <p>The Gas Connection route would be fully reinstated, although at year of opening the grazing land and reinstated field boundaries would not have established and so a corridor cutting across the landscape would remain visible until the mitigation planting and seeding establishes. Similarly the AGI which would not be visible from this particular point on the PRow but would be a noticeable feature in views as walkers travel north.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>Medium</b> which when combined with a Medium sensitivity would result in a <b>Moderate Adverse</b> effect.</p>	<p><b>Moderate Adverse Significant</b></p>	<p>The following cumulative developments would potentially be visible from this viewpoint:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1-Felindre Business Park</li> <li>• 6-Former Steelworks, Bryntywod</li> <li>• 10-Llettyr Morfil Farm</li> <li>• 11-Plot 8 Felindre Business Park</li> <li>• 12-Griffiths Waste Management Site</li> <li>• 15-Land at Llewellyn Road</li> <li>• 16-Royal Fern Golf Resort</li> <li>• 17-Parc Ceirw</li> <li>• 19-Former Civic Centre Penllergaer</li> <li>• Identified/Allocated sites 21-24, 26-29</li> </ul> <p>The majority of the above cumulative schemes would be barely discernible in the view due to distance, intervening planting, landform and built fabric. The only cumulative developments which might be visible in combination with the Project would be sites 27 and 29, both identified/allocated sites (where little information is currently available). The residential mixed use development (site</p>



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		<p>Whilst the reinstatement planting associated with the Gas Connection route would become fully established and therefore no longer a noticeable element in the view, the gas turbine and stack would remain noticeable elements which can't be fully mitigated by the embedded landscape mitigation</p>		<p>27) would be barely discernible from the northern urban edge of Swansea. Depending on the scale of the CHP facility (site 29) it might be visible in the mid-ground, partially screened by intervening vegetation. The Project in combination with site 29 would introduce another industrial development into the mid-ground of the view, although it would occupy a different horizontal extent of the view and would be partially screened by vegetation. The <b>Low</b> cumulative magnitude of change combined with the medium sensitivity would result in a <b>Minor Adverse</b> cumulative effect which would not be significant.</p>
<p><b>Viewpoint 10</b> – This viewpoint will be removed as the Site visit of November 2017 revealed that foreground views now contain a solar farm and associated security fencing. Viewpoint 17 will replace this view.</p>				
<p><b>Viewpoint 11</b> Llangyfelach Churchyard</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of people visiting the churchyard and views from adjacent residential properties. The view is from the northern side of the valley looking towards Abergelli where the Felindre Gas Compressor Station, Substation and pylons and solar farms are noticeable in the mid ground view with a backdrop of higher ground beyond. Foreground views are concentrated on the immediate graveyard setting where vegetation even in winter substantially limits views beyond.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational and residential</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view adjacent to a heritage asset and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users visiting the graveyard as well as views from adjacent residential properties. In both cases the receptor's attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction activity and taller plant including lighting associated with the Project Site would be barely discernible in the view. Intervening vegetation especially in the summer months would further screen views of the Project Site.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>Low</b> which when combined with the High sensitivity would result in a <b>Minor Adverse</b> effect.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> At this distance the stack and upper part of the Generating Equipment would be barely distinguishable from the surrounding landscape set against a backdrop of higher ground in the distance. The composition of the view would not change even during winter when the degree of intervening screening vegetation would be less effective.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>Low</b> which when combined with the High sensitivity would result in a <b>Minor Adverse</b> effect.</p>	<p><b>Minor Adverse</b>  Not significant</p> <p><b>Minor Adverse</b>  Not significant</p>	<p>Not considered in cumulative assessment as residual Project effects are not significant.</p> <p>Not considered in cumulative assessment as residual Project effects are not significant.</p>
<p><b>Viewpoint 12</b> Carnglas</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational and residential</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction activity associated with the Project Site would not be discernible from this location due to distance and intervening built form and vegetation.</p>	<p><b>No Effect</b></p>	<p>Not considered in cumulative assessment as residual Project effects are not significant.</p>

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<p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of residential and recreational users. The view is from an elevated location overlooking an industrial estate at Myndd bach-y-glo in the foreground and the north western edge of Swansea in the middle distance. On clear days distant views of the high ground at Cwmcerdinen and Tor Cawdd can be seen with the Brecon Beacons National Park in the far distance.</p>	<p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users and views from adjacent residential properties. In both cases the receptor's attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>	<p><u>Operational:</u> The Project Site would not be discernible from this location due to distance and intervening built form and vegetation.</p>	<p><b>No Effect</b></p>	<p>Not considered in cumulative assessment as residual Project effects are not significant.</p>
<p><b>Viewpoint 13</b> Three Crosses</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of residential and recreational users. The foreground of the view overlooks a shallow valley under pasture with riparian woodland on the lower slopes. Settlements at Waunarlwydd and the north western edge of Swansea are visible in the middle distance. Distant views extend to the higher ground at Cwmcerdinen and Tor Cawdd and the Brecon Beacons National Park in the far distance.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational and residential</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users and views from adjacent residential properties. In both cases the receptor's attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction activity associated with the Project Site would be entirely screened by intervening vegetation and would not be visible.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> The Project Site would be entirely screened by intervening vegetation.</p>	<p><b>No Effect</b></p>	<p>Not considered in cumulative assessment as residual Project effects are not significant.</p>
<p><b>Viewpoint 14</b> Public Right of Way near Maes-eglwys Farm</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u></p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational and residential</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction activity and plant associated with the Project Site would be prominent in views from this location. Whilst some of the construction of the lower sections of plant would be screened by tall hoardings (&gt;3 m high) and intervening vegetation in summer</p>	<p><b>Major Adverse Significant</b></p>	<p>No cumulative development would be visible from this viewpoint.</p>

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<p>This view is representative of recreational users of the PRoW and views from the nearby residential properties. Views from the path are occasionally screened by boundary planting but otherwise open out with foreground views of the pastoral field and cluster of properties and farm buildings at Maes-eglwys farm. The small fields are subdivided by low earth banks and hedgerow trees with woodland in the distance providing a vegetated backcloth to the view. Pylons and overhead lines are prominent features across the view and are often seen against the skyline.</p> <p>Maes-eglwys farm and associated residential buildings are apparent in the right hand side of the view. Views from the rear of the properties extend over the intervening farmland along with the pylons appearing prominent in the view.</p>	<p>but attractive elements of the landscape along with some detracting features but is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users of the PRoW and views from adjacent residential properties. In both cases the receptor's attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>	<p>months, the change to the view whilst temporary would be extensive and prominent affecting a wide part of the view.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>High</b> which when combined with the High sensitivity would result in a <b>Major Adverse</b> effect.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> The Project Site and in particular the upper part of the Generating Equipment would appear prominent in the view, at close range, changing an extensive proportion of the view. The stack would appear against the skyline at a similar height as the adjacent pylons but more apparent due to the solid mass of the stack structure. Whilst mitigation structure planting once established would help to screen lower parts of the Project Site, the taller structures would remain prominent. Overall there would be an extensive change to the composition of the existing view which cannot be mitigated by on-site planting</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>High</b> which combined with the High Sensitivity would result in a <b>Major Adverse</b> effect.</p>	<p><b>Major Adverse Significant</b></p>	<p>No cumulative development would be visible from this viewpoint.</p>
<p><b>Viewpoint 15</b> Public Right of Way and Minor Road</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of recreational users of the PRoW and minor road which lead to the small settlement of Pant-lasau. The PRoW follows the minor (no through) road and views are generally contained by roadside hedgerows and trees. Breaks in the hedgerow planting and field access gates provide views across agricultural land to extensive woodland which extends across the entire mid ground view. Land rises to the north and the mosaic of grazing land and hedgerow tree</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape along with some detracting features and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users walking along the Public Right of Way. Whilst their attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape the path does follow a minor road. Susceptibility is therefore considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Temporary construction activity and taller plant such as cranes associated with the construction of the stack and upper parts of the Project Site would be visible against the skyline. Intervening trees and woodland would limit the extent of construction activity visible in the view although, the degree of screening provided by existing vegetation would reduce during winter months when some construction plant and activities including lighting would be more visible through the intervening woodland and hedgerows.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>Medium</b> which combined with the Medium Sensitivity would result in a <b>Moderate Adverse</b> effect.</p>	<p><b>Moderate Adverse Significant</b></p>	<p>The construction of the following cumulative development would potentially be visible from this viewpoint:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 28-Morrison Hospital</li> </ul> <p>This is an Identified/Allocated site and little information is available about the future development, either in terms of location or scale. Construction plant and activity associated with the Project in combination with the construction of cumulative site 28 might result in small changes to the mid-ground view, although intervening vegetation would limit the extent of construction activity visible.</p> <p>At worst, cumulative magnitude of change would be <b>Low</b> which combined with the Medium Sensitivity would result in a <b>Minor Adverse</b> cumulative effect.</p>

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<p>planting is evident in the distance of the view with a backcloth of hills within the Mawr uplands in long distance views. Pylons and associated transmission lines are prominent across the view, appearing against the skyline with a cluster around the Substation which along with the Felindre Gas Compressor Station are noticeable built elements in the mid ground left of the view.</p>	<p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>	<p><u>Operational:</u> The taller structures in the Project Site including the stack would be visible from this viewpoint. The stack would be seen against the skyline and at a similar height as the adjacent pylons although would appear more prominent as it would be a denser structure and cannot be mitigated by mitigation planting. There would be a partial change to the composition of the view which whilst immediately visible would not become the key features in the view particularly given the existing industrial elements apparent in the view.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>Medium</b> which combined with the Medium Sensitivity would result in a <b>Moderate Adverse</b> effect.</p>	<p><b>Moderate Adverse</b> <b>Significant</b></p>	<p>The following cumulative development would potentially be visible from this viewpoint:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 28-Morrison Hospital</li> </ul> <p>This is an Identified/Allocated site and little information is available about the future development, either in terms of location or scale. There is a possibility that the Project would be visible in combination with cumulative site 28, however, intervening vegetation is likely to screen much of cumulative site 28 and the introduction of the Project into this cumulative picture would at worst result in a Low cumulative magnitude of change. This combined with the Medium Sensitivity would result in a <b>Minor Adverse</b> cumulative effect.</p>
<p><b>Viewpoint 16</b> Dorglwyd</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of views from Dorglwyd farmhouse looking northwest across agricultural land. Filtered views are available from this property through intervening boundary vegetation. Views of grazing land rising to the northwest are interspersed by woodland and hedgerow tree planting. Pylons and transmission lines are prominent features within the view, seen against the skyline. Moorland within the Mawr uplands is visible on the horizon in the far distance of the view.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Residential</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape along with some detracting features and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of views from a residential property where the views will be experienced daily and are an important part of the experience. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> The lower part of the Project Site would be screened by intervening trees during the construction period. Construction plant associated with the gas turbine unit and stack would be prominent in the view and visible against the skyline. The change to the view whilst temporary would be extensive and prominent affecting a wide part of the view.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>High</b> which combined with the High Sensitivity would result in a <b>Major Adverse</b> effect.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> Once operational there would be clear views of the taller structures within the Project Site, viewed over extensive intervening woodland. The stack would be prominent and seen against the skyline. Whilst it would appear smaller than the adjacent pylon in the view, the stack would appear as prominent due to its denser structure. During summer months the Project Site including the stack would be barely discernible due to the boundary screen planting, however, the degree of screening provided by this vegetation would reduce during winter months when the taller structures would remain prominent. Overall there would be an extensive change to the composition of the existing view which cannot be mitigated by landscape planting</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>High</b> which combined</p>	<p><b>Major Adverse</b> <b>Significant</b></p> <p><b>Major Adverse</b> <b>Significant</b></p>	<p>No cumulative development would be visible from this viewpoint.</p> <p>No cumulative development would be visible from this viewpoint.</p>

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<p><b>Viewpoint 17</b> Cefn Betingau Farm</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of views from the cluster of properties at Cefn Betingau Farm. Foreground views extend across the gardens of the properties and the small pastoral field defined by post and wire fence and hedgerow planting. Solar panels, part of the larger solar farm are prominent in the view with some mature specimen trees partially screening views towards them. Within the mid ground of the view extensive woodland planting screens the majority of views of the valley beyond. Where views extend to the valley beyond, grazed fields and further planting are apparent along with structures associated with the Felindre Gas Compressor Station. Pylons and transmission lines are prominent in the view and seen against the skyline. The northern suburbs of Swansea are visible in the distance.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Residential</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape along with some detracting features and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of views from residential properties where the views will be experienced daily and are an important part of the experience. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>	<p>with the High Sensitivity would result in a <b>Major Adverse</b> effect.</p> <p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction activity and plant associated with the Project Site would be prominent in views from this location. Whilst some of the construction of the lower sections of plant would be screened by extensive intervening woodland and landform the taller plant and lighting would be prominent in the view. Whilst the intervening woodland would limit the extent of construction activity visible in the view in the summer months, the degree of screening provided by the woodland would reduce during winter months when construction plant and activities including lighting, whilst temporary, would be extensive and prominent affecting a wide part of the view.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>High</b> which when combined with the High sensitivity would result in a <b>Major Adverse</b> effect.</p>	<p><b>Major Adverse</b> <b>Significant</b></p>	<p>No cumulative development would be visible from this viewpoint.</p>
		<p><u>Operational:</u> The Project Site and in particular the upper part of the Generating Equipment would appear prominent in the view, at close range, changing an extensive proportion of the view. The stack would appear against the skyline at a similar height as the adjacent pylons but more apparent due to the solid mass of the stack structure. Whilst mitigation structure planting once established would help to screen lower parts of the Project Site, the taller structures would remain prominent and cannot be mitigated. Overall there would be an extensive change to the composition of the existing view.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>High</b> which combined with the High Sensitivity would result in a <b>Major Adverse</b> effect.</p>	<p><b>Major Adverse</b> <b>Significant</b></p>	<p>No cumulative development would be visible from this viewpoint.</p>
<p><b>Viewpoint 18</b> Footpath on the north side of the A48 Clasemont Road</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of views from the residential properties which line the south side of Clasemont Road. There</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Residential</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape along with some detracting features and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Ground level construction activities associated with the Project Site would be mostly screened by intervening vegetation and landform. Taller plant and lighting would be distinguishable at this distance but would be seen against a backcloth of woodland and landform. These temporary changes would only affect a small portion of the view and would not change the composition of the view.</p>	<p><b>Minor Adverse</b> Not significant</p>	<p>Not considered in cumulative assessment as residual Project effects are not significant.</p>

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<p>are very few publicly accessible views due to the roadside hedgerow and tree planting which line the north side of the road and provide an effective screen even in the winter. Foreground views extend across grazing land with pockets of marshy vegetation. Extensive tree and woodland cover with hedgerows defining field boundaries extends across the mid ground of the view. Pylons and transmission lines are prominent features in the view converging on the Substation which is apparent in the centre of the middle ground of the view. The open moorland on the distant hills provides a backdrop to the view.</p>	<p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of views from residential properties where the views will be experienced daily and are an important part of the experience. However, extensive roadside planting screens the majority of the views north and as such susceptibility is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>	<p>Magnitude of change would be <b>Low</b> which when combined with a Medium sensitivity would result in a <b>Minor Adverse</b> effect.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> Once operational the Project Site would be viewed against a backdrop of higher ground in the distance where it would occupy a small portion of the view. The Project Site would be viewed in the context of other industrial structures and buildings of a similar scale already in the view and as such the composition of the view would remain unchanged.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>Low</b> which when combined with a Medium sensitivity would result in a <b>Minor Adverse</b> effect.</p>	<p><b>Minor Adverse</b></p> <p>Not significant</p>	<p>Not considered in cumulative assessment as residual Project effects are not significant.</p>

Table 2: Power Generation Plant

Visual Resource	Sensitivity of Visual Receptor	Magnitude of Visual Change	Level of Effect/Significance of Visual Effect	Cumulative Assessment
<p><b>Viewpoint 1</b> North side of J64 of M4, on B4489</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of road users travelling north along the B4489. Wide, panoramic views are experienced across the rural wooded landscape extending to the rising upland which defines the skyline to the north. Road infrastructure including lighting columns and signage are prominent in the foreground view along with the extensive network of pylons and overhead lines which extend into and across the mid-ground of the view, punctuating the skyline. The Felindre Gas Compressor Station and Substation are prominent features within the centre of the view, all set within the extensive wooded landscape.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Road Users</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is an ordinary view with many detracting elements. Value is considered to be <b>Low</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of road users where the view is incidental to the receptor's reason for being there. Susceptibility is <b>Low</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall visual sensitivity of views experienced by road users along the B4489 is considered to be <b>Low</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> For a temporary period of time and of short duration, some construction plant and activities would be visible in the mid-ground of the view. This is likely to be limited to tall plant such as cranes which would be visible in conjunction with the existing pylons which break the skyline. The majority of the construction plant and activity would be screened by intervening vegetation. Magnitude of effect is considered to be <b>Low</b>.</p> <p>Taking into account the Low sensitivity and Low magnitude resulting effects would be <b>Minor Adverse</b>.</p>	<p><b>Minor Adverse</b>  Not significant</p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not as individual components.</p>
		<p><u>Operational:</u> The Power Generation Plant would be viewed against a backdrop of higher ground noticeable within small portion of the periphery of the view and seen in the context of the existing Substation, Felindre Gas Compressor Station and network of pylons. The stack would be visible against the skyline, although the skyline is regularly disrupted by existing pylons which create prominent vertical elements common in the view. Magnitude of effect is considered to be <b>Low</b>.</p> <p>Taking into account the Low sensitivity and Low magnitude resulting effects would be <b>Minor Adverse</b>.</p>	<p><b>Minor Adverse</b>  Not significant</p>	
<p><b>Viewpoint 2</b> Fforest-newydd</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of views from a nearby residential property. Foreground views extend over gently rising grazing land with woodland along field boundaries to the periphery of the view. Pylons and associated overhead lines are prominent and dominate in the view.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Residential</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common elements of landscape including some detracting elements and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of views from a residential property where the views will be experienced daily and are an important part of the experience. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and</p>	<p>Views of the Project Site are screened by intervening landform.</p>	<p><b>No Effect</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>

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	susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b> .			
<p><b>Viewpoint 3</b> Gower Way, Felindre</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of views from the Gower Trail to the east of Felindre. Views extend over a shallow valley, under pasture with a farmstead in the middle distance. Woodland extends along the skyline and on the lower slopes of the valley as well as along field boundaries. Pylons and overhead lines are visible in the periphery of the view.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational Users</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users walking along the Gower Way, a mid-distance linear footpath, whose attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>	Views of the Project Site are screened by intervening landform and woodland.	<b>No Effect</b>	Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.
<p><b>Viewpoint 4</b> Llwyngwenno, Heol Glyn-Dyfal</p> <p><u>Description of the View:</u> This view is representative of views from an adjacent residential property, which sits in an elevated position above the road level. Views from this elevated position are wide and extend across the rolling mosaic of woodland and grazed fields subdivided by hedgerow planting and copses of trees. Prominent features include the Felindre Water Treatment Works buildings in the mid distance along with a network of pylons and overhead lines which converge at the Substation. Solar farms are also apparent in the view along with the Felindre Gas Compressor Station. The southern edge of</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Residential</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of views from a residential property where the views will be experienced daily and are an important part of the experience. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Some taller construction plant such as cranes and lighting would be visible in the distance of this wide view. The temporary and short-term construction activity would occupy a very small part of the view at long range and would not result in a change to the composition of the view. As such magnitude of change is considered to be <b>Negligible</b>.</p> <p>The High sensitivity combined with the Negligible magnitude would result in a <b>Negligible Effect</b> during construction.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> The Power Generation Plant would occupy a very small part of the distant view. It would be seen in the immediate context of the Water Treatment Works buildings, Felindre Gas Compressor Station and Substation and set within a wooded backdrop. The composition of the view would remain unchanged and the development would result in a barely perceptible change to the existing view.</p>	<p><b>Negligible Effect</b> Not significant</p> <p><b>Negligible Effect</b> Not significant</p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p> <p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>



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<p>Swansea is visible in the distance with the DVLA premises a noticeable landmark building on the skyline.</p> <p>Note: The baseline photograph was taken from the road at the end of the property's drive. Tall hedgerows along earth banks surround the Heol Glyn-Dyfal minor road which screen large sections of the view described above.</p>		<p>Magnitude of change would be <b>Negligible</b> which when combined with a High sensitivity would result in a <b>Negligible effect</b>.</p>		
<p><b>Viewpoint 5</b> Mynydd Pysgodlyn</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of walkers using the Public Right of Way that follows a farm track to access neighbouring communities. Views are panoramic from this elevated position on the edge of the high moorland sweeping across a series of wide, shallow valleys towards the northern suburbs of Swansea. This expansive view sweeps from the surrounding moorland across the rolling valleys beyond where a mosaic of fields interspersed by vegetated field boundaries and tracts of woodland predominate. The Felindre Welsh Water Treatment Works buildings, Felindre Gas Compressor Station and Substation are visible in the middle distance of the view along with network of pylons and transmission lines which are prominent in the view.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users walking along the Public Right of Way, whose attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Some taller construction plant such as cranes and lighting would be visible in the distance of this wide panoramic view but would be barely discernible. The temporary and short-term construction activity would occupy a very small part of the view at long range and would not result in a change to the composition of the view. As such magnitude of change is considered to be <b>Negligible</b>.</p> <p>The Medium sensitivity combined with the Negligible magnitude would result in a <b>Negligible Effect</b> during construction.</p>	<p><b>Negligible Effect</b>  Not significant</p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>
		<p><u>Operational:</u> The Power Generation Plant would occupy a very small part of the distant view. It would be seen in the immediate context of the Water Treatment Works buildings, Felindre Gas Compressor Station and Substation and set within a wooded backdrop. The composition of the view would remain unchanged and the development would result in a barely perceptible change to the existing view.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>Negligible</b> which when combined with a Medium sensitivity would result in a <b>Negligible effect</b>.</p>	<p><b>Negligible Effect</b>  Not significant</p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>
<p><b>Viewpoint 6</b> Tor Clawdd, adjacent to Ring Cairn</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational</p> <p><u>Value:</u></p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> At this distance construction plant and activities would be barely distinguishable in the view. Views would be limited to taller construction plant such as cranes and lighting but these would be barely discernible features</p>	<p><b>Negligible Effect</b>  Not significant</p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>

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<p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of walkers using the open access area, near a heritage feature (Ring Cairn – a banked and ditched circular earthwork, about 20 m in diameter). Views from this exposed hillside are expansive with wide views to the south over moorland towards distant valleys and hills. The northern suburbs of Swansea and the DVLA premises provide a distant backdrop to views. Pylons and associated transmission lines are discernible stretching across the middle distance of the view.</p>	<p>This is a view typical of an upland landscape, containing a heritage asset of interest and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users accessing the open access area, near the heritage asset, whose attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape and the heritage features within it. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>	<p>within the distance of this wide panoramic view. The temporary and short-term construction activity would occupy a very small part of the view at long range and would not result in a change to the composition of the view. As such magnitude of change is considered to be <b>Negligible</b>.</p> <p>The High sensitivity combined with the Negligible magnitude would result in a <b>Negligible Effect</b> during construction.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> The Power Generation Plant would occupy a very small part of the distant view. At this distance the Pant would be barely discernible within the view and the stack would be barely distinguishable from the surrounding landscape and backdrop of Swansea/Gorseinon in the distance. The composition of the view would remain unchanged and the development would result in a barely perceptible change to the existing view.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>Negligible</b> which when combined with a High sensitivity would result in a <b>Negligible effect</b>.</p>	<p><b>Negligible Effect</b>  Not significant</p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>
<p><b>Viewpoint 7</b> Tor Clawdd, southern end</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of road users travelling along the local road to Ammanford, just north of Rhhd-y-gwin overlooking the patchwork of smaller pastoral fields on the lower valley sides that give way to open grazed moorland on the upper slopes. Views extend into the well wooded Afon Llan valley where extensive woodland cover is evident with large mature trees. Pylons and transmission lines are apparent within the view terminating at the Substation in the middle distance of the view.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Road Users</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view typical of an upland landscape, with relatively common but attractive elements and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of road users travelling along a local road who anticipate some enjoyment of the landscape as part of the journey but where the attention is not primarily focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> At this distance construction plant and activities would be barely distinguishable in the view. Views would be limited to taller construction plant such as cranes and lighting but these would be barely discernible features within the distance of this wide panoramic view. The temporary and short-term construction activity would occupy a very small part of the view at long range and would not result in a change to the composition of the view. As such magnitude of change is considered to be <b>Negligible</b>.</p> <p>The High sensitivity combined with the Negligible magnitude would result in a <b>Negligible Effect</b> during construction.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> The Power Generation Plant would occupy a very small part of the distant view. At this distance the Plant would be barely discernible within the view and the</p>	<p><b>Negligible Effect</b>  Not significant</p> <p><b>Negligible Effect</b>  Not significant</p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p> <p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>

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<p>The northern suburbs of Swansea including the DVLA premises are visible in the distance along with the distant Gower peninsula.</p>	<p>susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>	<p>stack would be barely distinguishable from the surrounding predominantly wooded landscape and the wider backdrop of Swansea in the distance. The composition of the view would remain unchanged and the development would result in a barely perceptible change to the existing view.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>Negligible</b> which when combined with a High sensitivity would result in a <b>Negligible effect</b>.</p>		
<p><b>Viewpoint 8</b> Rhyd-y-pandy road near Cynghordy</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of road users travelling along Rhyd-y-pandy road near the property of Cynghordy. Views from the majority of this local road are screened by the adjacent earth banks and hedgerows. This view is taken from a break in the roadside vegetation where views of scrub and rough grassland can be seen in the foreground of the view with glimpsed views of pasture enclosed by hedgerows and mature trees in the middle distance. Swansea is visible in the distance against a ridgeline with a rural backdrop. Pylons and wood pole lines are prominent vertical features in both the foreground and mid ground of the view.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Road Users</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common elements of landscape including some detracting features and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of road users travelling along a local road who anticipate some enjoyment of the landscape as part of the journey but where the attention is not primarily focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Only construction plant and activity associated with the upper part of the gas turbine unit and stack would be visible in the view. Much of the Project Site would be screened by woodland and scrub vegetation, hedgerows and an intervening low ridge. The degree of screening provided by existing vegetation would reduce during winter months when some construction plant and activities including lighting would be more visible through the intervening woodland and hedgerows. These temporary changes would only affect a small portion of the view and would not change the composition of the view.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>Low</b> which when combined with a Medium sensitivity would result in a <b>Minor Adverse effect</b>.</p>	<p><b>Minor Adverse</b> <b>Not significant</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>
		<p><u>Operational:</u> Once operational the upper part of the gas turbine and stack would be visible against the vegetated backcloth of higher ground within a small portion of the mid ground of the view. They would be noticeable elements in the view but would be seen in the immediate context of the pylons which are prominent features in the existing view. The composition of the view would remain unchanged and in summer months the Project would be barely discernible due to the screening vegetation.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>Low</b> which when combined with a Medium sensitivity would result in a <b>Minor Adverse effect</b>.</p>	<p><b>Minor Adverse</b> <b>Not significant</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>
<p><b>Viewpoint 9</b> Public Right of Way, north of Aber-gelli fach</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> This view overlooks the Project Site where construction plant and activity associated with the upper parts of the</p>	<p><b>Moderate Adverse</b> <b>Significant</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>

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<p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of walkers using the Public Right of Way north of Aber-gelli fach, just south of the junction of footpaths LC35B and LC35A. Views extend across pasture with occasional farm buildings in view. Field boundaries defined by hedgerows and mature trees are particular features in the view along with extensive woodland beyond the farm. Pylons and wood pole lines are prominent in the view along with solar farms visible in the periphery of the view. The northern Swansea suburbs are visible in the distance with the DVLA building visible against the skyline.</p>	<p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users walking along the Public Right of Way, whose attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>	<p>gas turbine units and stack would be visible in the view. Much of the Project Site would be screened by intervening woodland and scrub vegetation. The degree of screening provided by existing vegetation would reduce during winter months when some construction plant and activities including lighting would be more visible through the intervening woodland and hedgerows.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>Medium</b> which when combined with a Medium sensitivity would result in a <b>Moderate Adverse</b> effect.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> Once operational the upper part of the gas turbine and stack would be visible against the vegetated backcloth of rising ground to the south, within a small portion of the centre of the mid ground of the view. They would be noticeable elements in the view although seen in the immediate context of the pylons and whilst the stack would not be visible against the skyline it would introduce a noticeable element into the view resulting in a partial change to the composition of the view .</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>Medium</b> which when combined with a Medium sensitivity would result in a <b>Moderate Adverse</b> effect.</p>	<p><b>Moderate Adverse Significant</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>
<p><b>Viewpoint 10</b> – This viewpoint will be removed as the Site visit of November 2017 revealed that foreground views now contain a solar farm and associated security fencing. Viewpoint 17 will replace this view.</p>				
<p><b>Viewpoint 11</b> Llangyfelach Churchyard</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of people visiting the churchyard and views from adjacent residential properties. The view is from the northern side of the valley looking towards Abergelli where the Felindre Gas Compressor Station, Substation and pylons and solar farms are noticeable in the mid ground view with a backdrop of higher ground beyond. Foreground views are concentrated on the immediate graveyard setting where</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational and residential</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view adjacent to a heritage asset and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users visiting the graveyard as well as views from adjacent residential properties. In both cases the receptor's attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u></p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction activity and taller plant including lighting associated with the Project Site would be barely discernible in the view. Intervening vegetation especially in the summer months would further screen views of the Project Site.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>Low</b> which when combined with the High sensitivity would result in a <b>Minor Adverse</b> effect.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> At this distance the stack and upper part of the Generating Equipment would be barely distinguishable from the surrounding landscape set against a backdrop of higher ground in the distance. The composition of the view would not change even during winter when the degree of intervening screening vegetation would be less effective.</p>	<p><b>Minor Adverse</b> Not significant</p> <p><b>Minor Adverse</b> Not significant</p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p> <p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>

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vegetation even in winter substantially limits views beyond.	Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b> .	Magnitude of change would be <b>Low</b> which when combined with the High sensitivity would result in a <b>Minor Adverse</b> effect.		
<b>Viewpoint 12</b> Carnglas  <u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of residential and recreational users. The view is from an elevated location overlooking an industrial estate at Myndd bach-y-glo in the foreground and the north western edge of Swansea in the middle distance. On clear days distant views of the high ground at Cwmcerdinen and Tor Cawdd can be seen with the Brecon Beacons National Park in the far distance.	<u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational and residential  <u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b> .  <u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users and views from adjacent residential properties. In both cases the receptor's attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>High</b> .  <u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b> .	<u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction activity associated with the Project Site would not be discernible from this location due to distance and intervening built form and vegetation.	<b>No Effect</b>	Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.
		<u>Operational:</u> The Project Site would not be discernible from this location due to distance and intervening built form and vegetation.	<b>No Effect</b>	Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.
<b>Viewpoint 13</b> Three Crosses  <u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of residential and recreational users. The foreground of the view overlooks a shallow valley under pasture with riparian woodland on the lower slopes. Settlements at Waunarlwydd and the north western edge of Swansea are visible in the middle distance. Distant views extend to the higher ground at Cwmcerdinen and Tor Cawdd and the Brecon Beacons National Park in the far distance.	<u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational and residential  <u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b> .  <u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users and views from adjacent residential properties. In both cases the receptor's attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>High</b> .  <u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is	<u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction activity associated with the Project Site would be entirely screened by intervening vegetation and would not be visible.	<b>No Effect</b>	Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.
		<u>Operational:</u> The Project Site would be entirely screened by intervening vegetation.	<b>No Effect</b>	Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.

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	considered to be <b>High</b> .			
<p><b>Viewpoint 14</b> Public Right of Way near Maes-eglwys Farm</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of recreational users of the PRow and views from the nearby residential properties. Views from the path are occasionally screened by boundary planting but otherwise open out with foreground views of the pastoral field and cluster of properties and farm buildings at Maes-eglwys farm. The small fields are subdivided by low earth banks and hedgerow trees with woodland in the distance providing a vegetated backcloth to the view. Pylons and overhead lines are prominent features across the view and are often seen against the skyline.</p> <p>Maes-eglwys farm and associated residential buildings are apparent in the right hand side of the view. Views from the rear of the properties extend over the intervening farmland along with the pylons appearing prominent in the view.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational and residential</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape along with some detracting features but is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users of the PRow and views from adjacent residential properties. In both cases the receptor's attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction activity and plant associated with the Project Site would be prominent in views from this location. Whilst some of the construction of the lower sections of plant would be screened by tall hoardings (&gt;3 m high) and intervening vegetation in summer months, the change to the view whilst temporary would be extensive and prominent affecting a wide part of the view.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>High</b> which when combined with the High sensitivity would result in a <b>Major Adverse</b> effect.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> The Project Site and in particular the upper part of the Generating Equipment would appear prominent in the view, at close range, changing an extensive proportion of the view. The stack would appear against the skyline at a similar height as the adjacent pylons but more apparent due to the solid mass of the stack structure. Whilst mitigation structure planting once established would help to screen lower parts of the Project Site, the taller structures would remain prominent. Overall there would be an extensive change to the composition of the existing view which cannot be mitigated by on-site planting.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>High</b> which combined with the High Sensitivity would result in a <b>Major Adverse</b> effect.</p>	<p><b>Major Adverse</b> <b>Significant</b></p> <p><b>Major Adverse</b> <b>Significant</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p> <p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>
<p><b>Viewpoint 15</b> Public Right of Way and Minor Road</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of recreational users of the PRow and minor road which lead to the small settlement of Pant-lasau. The PRow follows the minor (no through) road and views are generally contained by roadside</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape along with some detracting features and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Temporary construction activity and taller plant such as cranes associated with the construction of the stack and upper parts of the Project Site would be visible against the skyline. Intervening trees and woodland would limit the extent of construction activity visible in the view although, the degree of screening provided by existing vegetation would reduce during winter months when some construction plant and activities including lighting would be more visible through the intervening woodland and hedgerows.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>Medium</b> which</p>	<p><b>Moderate Adverse</b> <b>Significant</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>

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<p>hedgerows and trees. Breaks in the hedgerow planting and field access gates provide views across agricultural land to extensive woodland which extends across the entire mid ground view. Land rises to the north and the mosaic of grazing land and hedgerow tree planting is evident in the distance of the view with a backcloth of hills within the Mawr uplands in long distance views. Pylons and associated transmission lines are prominent across the view, appearing against the skyline with a cluster around the Substation which, along with the Felindre Gas Compressor Station, is noticeable built elements in the mid ground left of the view.</p>	<p>recreational users walking along the Public Right of Way. Whilst their attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape the path does follow a minor road. Susceptibility is therefore considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>	<p>combined with the Medium Sensitivity would result in a <b>Moderate Adverse</b> effect.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> The taller structures in the Project Site including the stack would be visible from this viewpoint. The stack would be seen against the skyline and at a similar height as the adjacent pylons although would appear more prominent as it would be a denser structure. There would be a partial change to the composition of the view which whilst immediately visible would not become the key features in the view particularly given the existing industrial elements apparent in the view.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>Medium</b> which combined with the Medium Sensitivity would result in a <b>Moderate Adverse</b> effect.</p>	<p><b>Moderate Adverse Significant</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>
<p><b>Viewpoint 16</b> Dorglwyd</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of views from Dorglwyd farmhouse looking northwest across agricultural land. Filtered views are available from this property through intervening boundary vegetation. Views of grazing land rising to the northwest are interspersed by woodland and hedgerow tree planting. Pylons and transmission lines are prominent features within the view, seen against the skyline. Moorland within the Mawr uplands is visible on the horizon in the far distance of the view.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Residential</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape along with some detracting features and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of views from a residential property where the views will be experienced daily and are an important part of the experience. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> The lower part of the Project Site would be screened by intervening trees during the construction period. Construction plant associated with the gas turbine unit and stack would be prominent in the view and visible against the skyline. The change to the view whilst temporary would be extensive and prominent affecting a wide part of the view.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>High</b> which combined with the High Sensitivity would result in a <b>Major Adverse</b> effect.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> Once operational there would be clear views of the taller structures within the Project Site, viewed over extensive intervening woodland. The stack would be prominent and seen against the skyline. Whilst it would appear smaller than the adjacent pylon in the view, the stack would appear as prominent due to its denser structure. During summer months the Project Site including the stack would be barely discernible due to the boundary screen planting, however, the degree of screening provided by this vegetation would reduce during winter months when the taller structures would remain prominent. Overall there would be an extensive change to the composition of the existing view which cannot be mitigated by landscape planting</p>	<p><b>Major Adverse Significant</b></p> <p><b>Major Adverse Significant</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p> <p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>

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		<p>Magnitude of change would be <b>High</b> which combined with the High Sensitivity would result in a <b>Major Adverse</b> effect.</p>		
<p><b>Viewpoint 17</b> Cefn Betingau Farm</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of views from the cluster of properties at Cefn Betingau Farm. Foreground views extend across the gardens of the properties and the small pastoral field defined by post and wire fence and hedgerow planting. Solar panels, part of the larger solar farm are prominent in the view with some mature specimen trees partially screening views towards them. Within the mid ground of the view extensive woodland planting screens the majority of views of the valley beyond. Where views extend to the valley beyond, grazed fields and further planting are apparent along with structures associated with the Felindre Gas Compressor Station. Pylons and transmission lines are prominent in the view and seen against the skyline. The northern suburbs of Swansea are visible in the distance.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Residential</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape along with some detracting features and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of views from residential properties where the views will be experienced daily and are an important part of the experience. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction activity and plant associated with the Project Site would be prominent in views from this location. Whilst some of the construction of the lower sections of plant would be screened by extensive intervening woodland and landform the taller plant and lighting would be prominent in the view. Whilst the intervening woodland would limit the extent of construction activity visible in the view in the summer months, the degree of screening provided by the woodland would reduce during winter months when construction plant and activities including lighting, whilst temporary, would be extensive and prominent affecting a wide part of the view.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>High</b> which when combined with the High sensitivity would result in a <b>Major Adverse</b> effect.</p>	<p><b>Major Adverse</b> <b>Significant</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>
		<p><u>Operational:</u> The Project Site and in particular the upper part of the Generating Equipment would appear prominent in the view, at close range, changing an extensive proportion of the view. The stack would appear against the skyline at a similar height as the adjacent pylons but more apparent due to the solid mass of the stack structure. Whilst mitigation structure planting once established would help to screen lower parts of the Project Site, the taller structures would remain prominent and cannot be mitigated. Overall there would be an extensive change to the composition of the existing view.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>High</b> which combined with the High Sensitivity would result in a <b>Major Adverse</b> effect.</p>	<p><b>Major Adverse</b> <b>Significant</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>
<p><b>Viewpoint 18</b> Footpath on the north side of the A48 Clasemont Road</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Residential</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Ground level construction activities associated with the Project Site would be mostly screened by intervening vegetation and landform. Taller plant and lighting would be distinguishable at this distance but would be seen against a backcloth of woodland and landform. These temporary changes would only affect a small portion of</p>	<p><b>Minor Adverse</b> Not significant</p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>



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<p>views from the residential properties which line the south side of Clasemont Road. There are very few publicly accessible views due to the roadside hedgerow and tree planting which line the north side of the road and provide an effective screen even in the winter. Foreground views extend across grazing land with pockets of marshy vegetation. Extensive tree and woodland cover with hedgerows defining field boundaries extends across the mid ground of the view. Pylons and transmission lines are prominent features in the view converging on the Substation which is apparent in the centre of the middle ground of the view. The open moorland on the distant hills provides a backdrop to the view.</p>	<p>along with some detracting features and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of views from residential properties where the views will be experienced daily and are an important part of the experience. However, extensive roadside planting screens the majority of the views north and as such susceptibility is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>	<p>the view and would not change the composition of the view.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>Low</b> which when combined with a Medium sensitivity would result in a <b>Minor Adverse</b> effect.</p>		
		<p><u>Operational:</u> Once operational the Project Site would be viewed against a backdrop of higher ground in the distance where it would occupy a small portion of the view. The Project Site would be viewed in the context of other industrial structures and buildings of a similar scale already in the view and as such the composition of the view would remain unchanged.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>Low</b> which when combined with a Medium sensitivity would result in a <b>Minor Adverse</b> effect.</p>	<p><b>Minor Adverse</b></p> <p>Not significant</p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>

Table 3: Gas Connection

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<p><b>Viewpoint 1</b> North side of J64 of M4, on B4489</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of road users travelling north along the B4489. Wide, panoramic views are experienced across the rural wooded landscape extending to the rising upland which defines the skyline to the north. Road infrastructure including lighting columns and signage are prominent in the foreground view along with the extensive network of pylons and overhead lines which extend into and across the mid-ground of the view, punctuating the skyline. The Felindre Gas Compressor Station and Substation are prominent features within the centre of the view, all set within the extensive wooded landscape.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Road Users</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is an ordinary view with many detracting elements. Value is considered to be <b>Low</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of road users where the view is incidental to the receptor's reason for being there. Susceptibility is <b>Low</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall visual sensitivity of views experienced by road users along the B4489 is considered to be <b>Low</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> For a temporary period of time and of short duration, some construction plant and activities including temporary stockpiles of soil associated with the construction of the Gas Connection pipeline route would be visible in the mid-ground to distance in the periphery of the view. The majority of the construction plant and activity would be screened by intervening vegetation. Magnitude of effect is considered to be <b>Low</b>.</p> <p>Taking into account the Low sensitivity and Low magnitude resulting effects would be <b>Minor Adverse</b>.</p>	<p><b>Minor Adverse</b> Not significant</p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>
		<p><u>Operational:</u> The AGI would not be visible and the Gas Connection pipeline route would be fully reinstated once operational. Whilst the boundary hedgerow and tree planting would not be fully established at year of opening this would not be apparent at this distance with no discernible change to the view. Magnitude of effect is considered to be <b>Negligible</b>.</p> <p>Taking into account the Low sensitivity and Negligible magnitude resulting effects would be <b>Negligible</b>.</p>	<p><b>Negligible</b> Not significant</p>	
<p><b>Viewpoint 2</b> Fforest-newydd</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of views from a nearby residential property. Foreground views extend over gently rising grazing land with woodland along field boundaries to the periphery of the view. Pylons and associated overhead lines are prominent and dominate in the view.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Residential</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common elements of landscape including some detracting elements and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of views from a residential property where the views will be experienced daily and are an important part of the experience. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p>	<p>Views of the Gas Connection are screened by intervening landform.</p>	<p><b>No Effect</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>

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	<p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>			
<p><b>Viewpoint 3</b> Gower Way, Felindre</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of views from the Gower Trail to the east of Felindre. Views extend over a shallow valley, under pasture with a farmstead in the middle distance. Woodland extends along the skyline and on the lower slopes of the valley as well as along field boundaries. Pylons and overhead lines are visible in the periphery of the view.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational Users</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users walking along the Gower Way, a mid-distance linear footpath, whose attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>	<p>Views of the Gas Connection are screened by intervening landform and woodland.</p>	<p><b>No Effect</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>
<p><b>Viewpoint 4</b> Llwyngwenno, Heol Glyn-Dyfal</p> <p><u>Description of the View:</u> This view is representative of views from an adjacent residential property, which sits in an elevated position above the road level. Views from this elevated position are wide and extend across the rolling mosaic of woodland and grazed fields subdivided by hedgerow planting and copses of trees. Prominent features include the Felindre Water Treatment Works buildings in the mid distance along with a network of pylons and overhead lines which converge at the Substation.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Residential</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of views from a residential property where the views will be experienced daily and are an important part of the experience. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction of the Gas Connection would not be visible from this location.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> The AGI would not be visible from this location.</p>	<p><b>No Effect</b></p> <p><b>No Effect</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p> <p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>

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<p>Solar farms are also apparent in the view along with the Felindre Gas Compressor Station. The southern edge of Swansea is visible in the distance with the DVLA premises a noticeable landmark building on the skyline.</p> <p>Note: The baseline photograph was taken from the road at the end of the property's drive. Tall hedgerows along earth banks surround the Heol Glyn-Dyfal minor road which screen large sections of the view described above.</p>	<p>considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>			
<p><b>Viewpoint 5</b> Mynydd Pysgodlyn</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of walkers using the Public Right of Way that follows a farm track to access neighbouring communities. Views are panoramic from this elevated position on the edge of the high moorland sweeping across a series of wide, shallow valleys towards the northern suburbs of Swansea. This expansive view sweeps from the surrounding moorland across the rolling valleys beyond where a mosaic of fields interspersed by vegetated field boundaries and tracts of woodland predominate. The Felindre Welsh Water Treatment Works buildings, Felindre Gas Compressor Station and Substation are visible in the middle distance of the view along with network of pylons and transmission lines</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users walking along the Public Right of Way, whose attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction of the Gas Connection would not be visible from this location.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> The AGI would not be visible from this location.</p>	<p><b>No Effect</b></p> <p><b>No Effect</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p> <p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>

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which are prominent in the view.				
<p><b>Viewpoint 6</b> Tor Clawdd, adjacent to Ring Cairn</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of walkers using the open access area, near a heritage feature (Ring Cairn – a banked and ditched circular earthwork, about 20 m in diameter). Views from this exposed hillside are expansive with wide views to the south over moorland towards distant valleys and hills. The northern suburbs of Swansea and the DVLA premises provide a distant backcloth to views. Pylons and associated transmission lines are discernible stretching across the middle distance of the view.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view typical of an upland landscape, containing a heritage asset of interest and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users accessing the open access area, near the heritage asset, whose attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape and the heritage features within it. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction of the Gas Connection would not be visible from this location.</p>	<b>No Effect</b>	Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.
		<p><u>Operational:</u> The AGI would not be visible from this location.</p>	<b>No Effect</b>	Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.
<p><b>Viewpoint 7</b> Tor Clawdd, southern end</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of road users travelling along the local road to Ammanford, just north of Rhhd-y-gwin overlooking the patchwork of smaller pastoral fields on the lower valley sides that give way to open grazed moorland on the upper slopes. Views extend into the well wooded Afon Llan valley where extensive woodland cover is evident with large mature trees. Pylons and transmission lines are apparent within the view terminating at the Substation in the middle distance of the view. The northern suburbs of Swansea</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Road Users</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view typical of an upland landscape, with relatively common but attractive elements and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of road users travelling along a local road who anticipate some enjoyment of the landscape as part of the journey but where the attention is not primarily focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Small sections of the Gas Connection pipeline route would be visible in the distance of the view. However, due to the intervening distance construction activities would be barely distinguishable. As such magnitude of change is considered to be <b>Negligible</b>.</p> <p>The High sensitivity combined with the Negligible magnitude would result in a <b>Negligible Effect</b> during construction.</p>	<p><b>Negligible Effect</b></p> <p>Not significant</p>	Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.
		<p><u>Operational:</u> The Gas Connection pipeline route would be fully reinstated upon operation and the AGI would not be visible from this location.</p>	<b>No Effect</b>	Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.

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including the DVLA premises are visible in the distance along with the distant Gower peninsula.				
<p><b>Viewpoint 8</b> Rhyd-y-pandy road near Cynghordy</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of road users travelling along Rhyd-y-pandy road near the property of Cynghordy. Views from the majority of this local road are screened by the adjacent earth banks and hedgerows. This view is taken from a break in the roadside vegetation where views of scrub and rough grassland can be seen in the foreground of the view with glimpsed views of pasture enclosed by hedgerows and mature trees in the middle distance. Swansea is visible in the distance against a ridgeline with a rural backdrop. Pylons and wood pole lines are prominent vertical features in both the foreground and mid ground of the view.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Road Users</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common elements of landscape including some detracting features and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of road users travelling along a local road who anticipate some enjoyment of the landscape as part of the journey but where the attention is not primarily focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction of the Gas Connection would not be visible from this location.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> The AGI would not be visible from this location.</p>	<p><b>No Effect</b></p> <p><b>No Effect</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p> <p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>
<p><b>Viewpoint 9</b> Public Right of Way, north of Aber-gelli fach</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of walkers using the Public Right of Way north of Aber-gelli fach, just south of the junction of footpaths LC35B and LC35A. Views extend across pasture with occasional farm buildings in view. Field boundaries defined by hedgerows and mature trees</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users walking along the Public Right of Way, whose attention and interest is</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> The Gas Connection route would cut across the fields to the right of the view where the construction activity and plant would be a prominent although temporary element of the view. Further south some screening would be provided by intervening trees and hedges. Whilst the construction of the AGI would not be visible from this particular point on the PRow, construction of it would be prominent in the view of walkers as they travel north.</p> <p>Magnitude of change would be <b>Medium</b> which when combined with a Medium sensitivity would result in a <b>Moderate Adverse</b> effect.</p>	<p><b>Moderate Adverse</b></p> <p><b>Significant</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>

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<p>are particular features in the view along with extensive woodland beyond the farm. Pylons and wood pole lines are prominent in the view along with solar farms visible in the periphery of the view. The northern Swansea suburbs are visible in the distance with the DVLA building visible against the skyline.</p>	<p>likely to be focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>	<p><u>Operational:</u> Once operational the Gas Connection route would be fully reinstated, although at year of opening the grazing land and reinstated field boundaries would not have established and so a corridor cutting across the landscape would remain visible until the mitigation planting and seeding establishes. Similarly the screen planting around the AGI would take time to establish and whilst it would not be visible from this particular point on the PRoW it would be a noticeable feature in views as walkers travel north until the screen planting becomes mature.</p> <p>Whilst the reinstatement planting establishes the magnitude of change would be Low which when combined with a Medium sensitivity would result in a Minor Adverse effect at year of opening. Once the reinstatement planting associated with the Gas Connection route becomes fully established (year 15) there would be no discernible change in the view resulting in a <b>Negligible</b> magnitude and <b>Negligible</b> Effect.</p>	<p><b>Negligible</b> <b>Not significant</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>
<p><b>Viewpoint 10</b> – This viewpoint will be removed as the Site visit of November 2017 revealed that foreground views now contain a solar farm and associated security fencing. Viewpoint 17 will replace this view.</p>				
<p><b>Viewpoint 11</b> Llangyfelach Churchyard</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of people visiting the churchyard and views from adjacent residential properties. The view is from the northern side of the valley looking towards Abergelli where the Felindre Gas Compressor Station, Substation and pylons and solar farms are noticeable in the mid ground view with a backdrop of higher ground beyond. Foreground views are concentrated on the immediate graveyard setting</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational and residential</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view adjacent to a heritage asset and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users visiting the graveyard as well as views from adjacent residential properties. In both cases the receptor's attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction of the Gas Connection would not be visible from this location.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> The AGI would not be visible from this location.</p>	<p><b>No Effect</b> <b>No Effect</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.  Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>

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where vegetation even in winter substantially limits views beyond.	susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b> .			
<b>Viewpoint 12</b> Carnglas  <u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of residential and recreational users. The view is from an elevated location overlooking an industrial estate at Myndd bach-y-glo in the foreground and the north western edge of Swansea in the middle distance. On clear days distant views of the high ground at Cwmcerdinen and Tor Cawdd can be seen with the Brecon Beacons National Park in the far distance.	<u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational and residential  <u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b> .  <u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users and views from adjacent residential properties. In both cases the receptor's attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>High</b> .  <u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b> .	<u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction of the Gas Connection would not be visible from this location.	<b>No Effect</b>	Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.
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<b>Viewpoint 13</b> Three Crosses  <u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of residential and recreational users. The foreground of the view overlooks a shallow valley under pasture with riparian woodland on the lower slopes. Settlements at Waunarlwydd and the north western edge of Swansea are visible in the middle distance. Distant views extend to the higher ground at Cwmcerdinen and Tor Cawdd and the Brecon Beacons National Park in the far distance.	<u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational and residential  <u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b> .  <u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users and views from adjacent residential properties. In both cases the receptor's attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>High</b> .  <u>Sensitivity:</u>	<u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction of the Gas Connection would not be visible from this location.	<b>No Effect</b>	Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.
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<p><b>Viewpoint 14</b> Public Right of Way near Maes-eglwys Farm</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of recreational users of the PRow and views from the nearby residential properties. Views from the path are occasionally screened by boundary planting but otherwise open out with foreground views of the pastoral field and cluster of properties and farm buildings at Maes-eglwys farm. The small fields are subdivided by low earth banks and hedgerow trees with woodland in the distance providing a vegetated backcloth to the view. Pylons and overhead lines are prominent features across the view and are often seen against the skyline.</p> <p>Maes-eglwys farm and associated residential buildings are apparent in the right hand side of the view. Views from the rear of the properties extend over the intervening farmland along with the pylons appearing prominent in the view.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational and residential</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape along with some detracting features but is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users of the PRow and views from adjacent residential properties. In both cases the receptor's attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction of the Gas Connection would not be visible from this location.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> The AGI would not be visible from this location.</p>	<p><b>No Effect</b></p> <p><b>No Effect</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p> <p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>
<p><b>Viewpoint 15</b> Public Right of Way and Minor Road</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of recreational users of the PRow and minor road which lead to</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape along with some detracting features and is valued locally. Value is considered to be</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction of the Gas Connection would not be visible from this location.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> The AGI would not be visible from this location.</p>	<p><b>No Effect</b></p> <p><b>No Effect</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p> <p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>

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<p>the small settlement of Pant-lasau. The PRoW follows the minor (no through) road and views are generally contained by roadside hedgerows and trees. Breaks in the hedgerow planting and field access gates provide views across agricultural land to extensive woodland which extends across the entire mid ground view. Land rises to the north and the mosaic of grazing land and hedgerow tree planting is evident in the distance of the view with a backcloth of hills within the Mawr uplands in long distance views. Pylons and associated transmission lines are prominent across the view, appearing against the skyline with a cluster around the Substation which along with the Felindre Gas Compressor Station are noticeable built elements in the mid ground left of the view.</p>	<p><b>Medium.</b></p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users walking along the Public Right of Way. Whilst their attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape the path does follow a minor road. Susceptibility is therefore considered to be <b>Medium.</b></p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>Medium.</b></p>			
<p><b>Viewpoint 16</b> Dorglwyd</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of views from Dorglwyd farmhouse looking northwest across agricultural land. Filtered views are available from this property through intervening boundary vegetation. Views of grazing land rising to the northwest are interspersed by woodland and hedgerow tree planting. Pylons and transmission lines are prominent features within the view, seen against the skyline. Moorland within the Mawr uplands is visible on the horizon</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Residential</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape along with some detracting features and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium.</b></p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of views from a residential property where the views will be experienced daily and are an important part of the experience. Susceptibility is <b>High.</b></p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction of the Gas Connection would not be visible from this location.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> The AGI would not be visible from this location.</p>	<p><b>No Effect</b></p> <p><b>No Effect</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p> <p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>

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in the far distance of the view.	susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b> .			
<b>Viewpoint 17</b> Cefn Betingau Farm  <u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of views from the cluster of properties at Cefn Betingau Farm. Foreground views extend across the gardens of the properties and the small pastoral field defined by post and wire fence and hedgerow planting. Solar panels, part of the larger solar farm are prominent in the view with some mature specimen trees partially screening views towards them. Within the mid ground of the view extensive woodland planting screens the majority of views of the valley beyond. Where views extend to the valley beyond, grazed fields and further planting are apparent along with structures associated with the Felindre Gas Compressor Station. Pylons and transmission lines are prominent in the view and seen against the skyline. The northern suburbs of Swansea are visible in the distance.	<u>Receptor Group:</u> Residential  <u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape along with some detracting features and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b> .  <u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of views from residential properties where the views will be experienced daily and are an important part of the experience. Susceptibility is <b>High</b> .  <u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b> .	<u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction of the Gas Connection would not be visible from this location.	<b>No Effect</b>	Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.
		<u>Operational:</u> The AGI would not be visible from this location.	<b>No Effect</b>	Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.
<b>Viewpoint 18</b> Footpath on the north side of the A48 Clasemont Road  <u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of views from the residential properties which line the south side of Clasemont Road. There are very few publicly accessible	<u>Receptor Group:</u> Residential  <u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape along with some detracting features and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b> .	<u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction of the Gas Connection would not be visible from this location.	<b>No Effect</b>	
		<u>Operational:</u> The AGI would not be visible from this location.	<b>No Effect</b>	Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.

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<p>views due to the roadside hedgerow and tree planting which line the north side of the road and provide an effective screen even in the winter. Foreground views extend across grazing land with pockets of marshy vegetation. Extensive tree and woodland cover with hedgerows defining field boundaries extends across the mid ground of the view. Pylons and transmission lines are prominent features in the view converging on the Substation which is apparent in the centre of the middle ground of the view. The open moorland on the distant hills provides a backdrop to the view.</p>	<p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of views from residential properties where the views will be experienced daily and are an important part of the experience. However, extensive roadside planting screens the majority of the views north and as such susceptibility is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>			

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<p><b>Viewpoint 1</b> North side of J64 of M4, on B4489</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of road users travelling north along the B4489. Wide, panoramic views are experienced across the rural wooded landscape extending to the rising upland which defines the skyline to the north. Road infrastructure including lighting columns and signage are prominent in the foreground view along with the extensive network of pylons and overhead lines which extend into and across the mid-ground of the view, punctuating the skyline. The Felindre Gas Compressor Station and Substation are prominent features within the centre of the view, all set within the extensive wooded landscape.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Road Users</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is an ordinary view with many detracting elements. Value is considered to be <b>Low</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of road users where the view is incidental to the receptor's reason for being there. Susceptibility is <b>Low</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall visual sensitivity of views experienced by road users along the B4489 is considered to be <b>Low</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction of the Electrical Connection would not be visible from this location.</p>	<b>No Effect</b>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>
		<p><u>Operational:</u> At operation the Electrical Connection would be buried and the low level marker posts would not be visible from this location.</p>	<b>No Effect</b>	
<p><b>Viewpoint 2</b> Fforest-newydd</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of views from a nearby residential property. Foreground views extend over gently rising grazing land with woodland along field boundaries to the periphery of the view. Pylons and associated overhead lines are prominent and dominate in the view.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Residential</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common elements of landscape including some detracting elements and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of views from a residential property where the views will be experienced daily and are an important part of the experience. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u></p>	<p>Views of the Electrical Connection are screened by intervening landform.</p>	<b>No Effect</b>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>

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	Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b> .			
<p><b>Viewpoint 3</b> Gower Way, Felindre</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of views from the Gower Trail to the east of Felindre. Views extend over a shallow valley, under pasture with a farmstead in the middle distance. Woodland extends along the skyline and on the lower slopes of the valley as well as along field boundaries. Pylons and overhead lines are visible in the periphery of the view.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational Users</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users walking along the Gower Way, a mid-distance linear footpath, whose attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>	Views of the Electrical Connection are screened by intervening landform and woodland.	<b>No Effect</b>	Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.
<p><b>Viewpoint 4</b> Llwyngweno, Heol Glyn-Dyfal</p> <p><u>Description of the View:</u> This view is representative of views from an adjacent residential property, which sits in an elevated position above the road level. Views from this elevated position are wide and extend across the rolling mosaic of woodland and grazed fields subdivided by hedgerow planting and copses of trees. Prominent features include the Felindre Water Treatment Works buildings in the mid distance along with a network of pylons and overhead lines which converge at the Substation. Solar farms are also apparent in</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Residential</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of views from a residential property where the views will be experienced daily and are an important part of the experience. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction of the Electrical Connection would not be visible from this location.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> At operation the Electrical Connection would be buried and the low level marker posts would not be visible from this location.</p>	<b>No Effect</b>	Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.

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<p>the view along with the Felindre Gas Compressor Station. The southern edge of Swansea is visible in the distance with the DVLA premises a noticeable landmark building on the skyline.</p> <p>Note: The baseline photograph was taken from the road at the end of the property's drive. Tall hedgerows along earth banks surround the Heol Glyn-Dyfal minor road which screen large sections of the view described above.</p>				
<p><b>Viewpoint 5</b> Mynydd Pysgodlyn</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of walkers using the Public Right of Way that follows a farm track to access neighbouring communities. Views are panoramic from this elevated position on the edge of the high moorland sweeping across a series of wide, shallow valleys towards the northern suburbs of Swansea. This expansive view sweeps from the surrounding moorland across the rolling valleys beyond where a mosaic of fields interspersed by vegetated field boundaries and tracts of woodland predominate. The Felindre Welsh Water Treatment Works buildings, Felindre Gas Compressor Station and Substation are visible in the middle distance of the view along with network of pylons and transmission lines which are prominent in the view.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users walking along the Public Right of Way, whose attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction of the Electrical Connection would not be visible from this location.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> At operation the Electrical Connection would be buried and the low level marker posts would not be visible from this location.</p>	<p><b>No Effect</b></p> <p><b>No Effect</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p> <p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not individual components.</p>

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<p><b>Viewpoint 6</b> Tor Clawdd, adjacent to Ring Cairn</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of walkers using the open access area, near a heritage feature (Ring Cairn – a banked and ditched circular earthwork, about 20 m in diameter). Views from this exposed hillside are expansive with wide views to the south over moorland towards distant valleys and hills. The northern suburbs of Swansea and the DVLA premises provide a distant backcloth to views. Pylons and associated transmission lines are discernible stretching across the middle distance of the view.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view typical of an upland landscape, containing a heritage asset of interest and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users accessing the open access area, near the heritage asset, whose attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape and the heritage features within it. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction of the Electrical Connection would not be visible from this location.</p>	<p><b>No Effect</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not as individual components.</p>
		<p><u>Operational:</u> At operation the Electrical Connection would be buried and the low level marker posts would not be visible from this location.</p>	<p><b>No Effect</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not as individual components.</p>
<p><b>Viewpoint 7</b> Tor Clawdd, southern end</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of road users travelling along the local road to Ammanford, just north of Rhhd-y-gwin overlooking the patchwork of smaller pastoral fields on the lower valley sides that give way to open grazed moorland on the upper slopes. Views extend into the well wooded Afon Llan valley where extensive woodland cover is evident with large mature trees. Pylons and transmission lines are apparent within the view terminating at the Substation in the middle distance of the view. The northern suburbs of Swansea</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Road Users</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view typical of an upland landscape, with relatively common but attractive elements and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of road users travelling along a local road who anticipate some enjoyment of the landscape as part of the journey but where the attention is not primarily focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction of the Electrical Connection would not be visible from this location.</p>	<p><b>No Effect</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not as individual components.</p>
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including the DVLA premises are visible in the distance along with the distant Gower peninsula.				
<p><b>Viewpoint 8</b> Rhyd-y-pandy road near Cynghordy</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of road users travelling along Rhyd-y-pandy road near the property of Cynghordy. Views from the majority of this local road are screened by the adjacent earth banks and hedgerows. This view is taken from a break in the roadside vegetation where views of scrub and rough grassland can be seen in the foreground of the view with glimpsed views of pasture enclosed by hedgerows and mature trees in the middle distance. Swansea is visible in the distance against a ridgeline with a rural backdrop. Pylons and wood pole lines are prominent vertical features in both the foreground and mid ground of the view.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Road Users</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common elements of landscape including some detracting features and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of road users travelling along a local road who anticipate some enjoyment of the landscape as part of the journey but where the attention is not primarily focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction of the Electrical Connection would not be visible from this location.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> At operation the Electrical Connection would be buried and the low level marker posts would not be visible from this location.</p>	<p><b>No Effect</b></p> <p><b>No Effect</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not as individual components.</p> <p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not as individual components.</p>
<p><b>Viewpoint 9</b> Public Right of Way, north of Aber-gelli fach</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of walkers using the Public Right of Way north of Aber-gelli fach, just south of the junction of footpaths LC35B and LC35A. Views extend across pasture with occasional farm buildings in view. Field boundaries defined by hedgerows and mature trees</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users walking along the Public Right of Way, whose attention and interest is</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction of the Electrical Connection would not be visible from this location.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> At operation the Electrical Connection would be buried and the low level marker posts would not be visible from this location.</p>	<p><b>No Effect</b></p> <p><b>No Effect</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not as individual components.</p> <p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not as individual components.</p>

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<p>are particular features in the view along with extensive woodland beyond the farm. Pylons and wood pole lines are prominent in the view along with solar farms visible in the periphery of the view. The northern Swansea suburbs are visible in the distance with the DVLA building visible against the skyline.</p>	<p>likely to be focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>			
<p><b>Viewpoint 10</b> – This viewpoint will be removed as the Site visit of November 2017 revealed that foreground views now contain a solar farm and associated security fencing. Viewpoint 17 will replace this view.</p>				
<p><b>Viewpoint 11</b> Llangyfelach Churchyard</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of people visiting the churchyard and views from adjacent residential properties. The view is from the northern side of the valley looking towards Abergelli where the Felindre Gas Compressor Station, Substation and pylons and solar farms are noticeable in the mid ground view with a backdrop of higher ground beyond. Foreground views are concentrated on the immediate graveyard setting where vegetation even in winter substantially limits views beyond.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational and residential</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view adjacent to a heritage asset and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users visiting the graveyard as well as views from adjacent residential properties. In both cases the receptor's attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction of the Electrical Connection would not be visible from this location.</p>	<p><b>No Effect</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not as individual components.</p>
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<p><b>Viewpoint 12</b> Carnglas</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of residential and recreational users. The view is from an elevated location overlooking an industrial estate at Myndd bach-</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational and residential</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction of the Electrical Connection would not be visible from this location.</p>	<p><b>No Effect</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not as individual components.</p>
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<p>y-glo in the foreground and the north western edge of Swansea in the middle distance. On clear days distant views of the high ground at Cwmcerdinen and Tor Cawdd can be seen with the Brecon Beacons National Park in the far distance.</p>	<p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users and views from adjacent residential properties. In both cases the receptor's attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>			
<p><b>Viewpoint 13</b> Three Crosses</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of residential and recreational users. The foreground of the view overlooks a shallow valley under pasture with riparian woodland on the lower slopes. Settlements at Waunarwydd and the north western edge of Swansea are visible in the middle distance. Distant views extend to the higher ground at Cwmcerdinen and Tor Cawdd and the Brecon Beacons National Park in the far distance.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational and residential</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users and views from adjacent residential properties. In both cases the receptor's attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction of the Electrical Connection would not be visible from this location.</p>	<p><b>No Effect</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not as individual components.</p>
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<p><b>Viewpoint 14</b> Public Right of Way near Maes-eglwys Farm</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of recreational users of the PRow and views from the nearby residential properties. Views from the path are occasionally</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational and residential</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape along with some detracting features but is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction activity and plant associated with the construction of the Electrical Connection would be visible in a small section of the periphery of the view. Most activity would be screened by intervening vegetation and a <b>Low</b> magnitude of change would result.</p> <p>The High sensitivity combined with the Low magnitude would result in a <b>Minor Adverse</b> effect.</p>	<p><b>Minor Adverse</b> <b>Not significant</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not as individual components.</p>

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<p>screened y boundary planting but otherwise open out with foreground views of the pastoral field and cluster of properties and farm buildings at Maes-eglwys farm. The small fields are subdivided by low earth banks and hedgerow trees with woodland in the distance providing a vegetated backcloth to the view. Pylons and overhead lines are prominent features across the view and are often seen against the skyline.</p> <p>Maes-eglwys farm and associated residential buildings are apparent in the right hand side of the view. Views from the rear of the properties extend over the intervening farmland along with the pylons appearing prominent in the view.</p>	<p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users of the PRow and views from adjacent residential properties. In both cases the receptor's attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>	<p><u>Operational:</u> At operation the Electrical Connection would be buried and the low level marker posts would not be visible from this location.</p>	<p><b>No Effect</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not as individual components.</p>
<p><b>Viewpoint 15</b> Public Right of Way and Minor Road</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of recreational users of the PRow and minor road which lead to the small settlement of Pant-lasau. The PRow follows the minor (no through) road and views are generally contained by roadside hedgerows and trees. Breaks in the hedgerow planting and field access gates provide views across agricultural land to extensive woodland which extends across the entire mid ground view. Land rises to the north and the mosaic of grazing land and hedgerow tree planting is evident in the</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Recreational</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape along with some detracting features and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of recreational users walking along the Public Right of Way. Whilst their attention and interest is likely to be focussed on the landscape the path does follow a minor road. Susceptibility is therefore considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction of the Electrical Connection would not be visible from this location.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> At operation the Electrical Connection would be buried and the low level marker posts would not be visible from this location.</p>	<p><b>No Effect</b></p> <p><b>No Effect</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not as individual components.</p> <p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not as individual components.</p>

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<p>distance of the view with a backcloth of hills within the Mawr uplands in long distance views. Pylons and associated transmission lines are prominent across the view, appearing against the skyline with a cluster around the Substation which along with the Felindre Gas Compressor Station are noticeable built elements in the mid ground left of the view.</p>	<p>susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>			
<p><b>Viewpoint 16</b> Dorglwyd</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of views from Dorglwyd farmhouse looking northwest across agricultural land. Filtered views are available from this property through intervening boundary vegetation. Views of grazing land rising to the northwest are interspersed by woodland and hedgerow tree planting. Pylons and transmission lines are prominent features within the view, seen against the skyline. Moorland within the Mawr uplands is visible on the horizon in the far distance of the view.</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Residential</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape along with some detracting features and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of views from a residential property where the views will be experienced daily and are an important part of the experience. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction of the Electrical Connection would not be visible from this location.</p>	<p><b>No Effect</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not as individual components.</p>
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<p><b>Viewpoint 17</b> Cefn Betingau Farm</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of views from the cluster of properties at Cefn Betingau Farm. Foreground views extend across the gardens of the properties and the small</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Residential</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape along with some detracting features and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction of the Electrical Connection would not be visible from this location.</p>	<p><b>No Effect</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not as individual components.</p>
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<p>pastoral field defined by post and wire fence and hedgerow planting. Solar panels, part of the larger solar farm are prominent in the view with some mature specimen trees partially screening views towards them. Within the mid ground of the view extensive woodland planting screens the majority of views of the valley beyond. Where views extend to the valley beyond, grazed fields and further planting are apparent along with structures associated with the Felindre Gas Compressor Station. Pylons and transmission lines are prominent in the view and seen against the skyline. The northern suburbs of Swansea are visible in the distance.</p>	<p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of views from residential properties where the views will be experienced daily and are an important part of the experience. Susceptibility is <b>High</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>High</b>.</p>			
<p><b>Viewpoint 18</b> Footpath on the north side of the A48 Clasemont Road</p> <p><u>Description of View:</u> This view is representative of views from the residential properties which line the south side of Clasemont Road. There are very few publicly accessible views due to the roadside hedgerow and tree planting which line the north side of the road and provide an effective screen even in the winter. Foreground views extend across grazing land with pockets of marshy vegetation. Extensive tree and woodland cover with hedgerows defining field boundaries extends across the mid ground of the view. Pylons and transmission lines are prominent features in the view</p>	<p><u>Receptor Group:</u> Residential</p> <p><u>Value:</u> This is a view containing relatively common but attractive elements of the landscape along with some detracting features and is valued locally. Value is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Susceptibility:</u> This viewpoint is representative of views from residential properties where the views will be experienced daily and are an important part of the experience. However, extensive roadside planting screens the majority of the views north and as such susceptibility is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p> <p><u>Sensitivity:</u> Taking into account value judgements and susceptibility to change, overall sensitivity is considered to be <b>Medium</b>.</p>	<p><u>Construction/decommissioning Phase:</u> Construction of the Electrical Connection would not be visible from this location.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> At operation the Electrical Connection would be buried and the low level marker posts would not be visible from this location.</p>	<p><b>No Effect</b></p> <p><b>No Effect</b></p>	<p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not as individual components.</p> <p>Cumulative assessment undertaken for Project as a whole and not as individual components.</p>

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<p>converging on the Substation which is apparent in the centre of the middle ground of the view. The open moorland on the distant hills provides a backdrop to the view.</p>				