

## Appendix 2: Viewpoint Descriptions

No.	View location	Direction of View	Reasons
Vp1	Junction of Wakefield Road, Old Mill Lane and Burton Road	S-W	Representative viewpoint from footpath on Wakefield Road, providing views to the site.
Vp2	Public Footpath off Rotherham Road	W	Representative viewpoint from a public footpath off Rotherham Road providing clear views across to the town centre.
Vp3	Old Mill Lane	W	Representative viewpoint from pavement / road users on Old Mill Lane, providing potential mid-range view to the site.

The following tables identify and describe the nature of the views assessed as part of the Visual Impact Assessment.

<b>Representative Viewpoint 1 Junction of Wakefield Road, Old Mill Lane and Burton Road</b>						
<b>Orientation / Location</b>						
The image presented on Page 6 of Appendix 1 illustrates the baseline view from this point.						
Viewpoint 1 is a long-distance view, circa 900m north east of the development site. The view looks across various commercial and residential buildings, as well as vegetation in the Dearne River Valley.						
<b>Description</b>						
This location is from the footway of a major highways junction to the north east of Barnsley Town Centre. This is a key junction for access into the town centre from the east, attracting significant road traffic throughout the day, as well as some pedestrian footfall.						
The viewpoint location is on the opposite side of the Dearne River Valley to the town centre, and thus offers a long-range view across to the town centre and proposed development site.						
This is an undesignated view and does not provide key views to any notable landmarks. Whilst some town centre buildings are visible, they are a substantial distance away from the receptor and are not the main focus or purpose of the view.						
The visual setting of the proposed development site from this viewpoint is within the context of existing development in Barnsley Town Centre, and several key buildings are visible on the skyline. The Barnsley College building, DMC01, and Grade II Listed Town Hall stand out as 'tall buildings' in an otherwise low-rise context.						
Based on the descriptions above the value of the view is considered to be low and the susceptibility to change is considered to be low.						
Overall the visual sensitivity of both road and footway users is considered to be Low.						
<b>Footway User</b>	<b>Susceptibility</b>	Low	<b>Value</b>	Low	<b>Visual Sensitivity</b>	Low
<b>Road User</b>	<b>Susceptibility</b>	Low	<b>Value</b>	Low	<b>Visual Sensitivity</b>	Low

**Representative Viewpoint 2 Public Footpath off Rotherham Road**

**Orientation / Location**

The image presented on Page 10 of Appendix 1 illustrates the baseline view from this point.

Viewpoint 2 is a long-distance view, circa 1.5km to the east of the proposed development site. The view looks across residential neighbourhoods in the east of Barnsley as well as the Dearne River Valley.

**Description**

This location is from a footpath off Rotherham Road, providing access to residential properties on Helston Crescent and the Dearne Valley Park.

The viewpoint location is on the opposite side of the Dearne River Valley to the town centre, and thus offers a long-range view across to the town centre and proposed development site. The visual receptors are likely to be residents in their homes, or pedestrians, potentially visiting the Dearne Valley Park.

This is an undesignated view and does not provide key views to any notable landmarks. Whilst some town centre buildings are visible, they are a substantial distance away from the receptor and are not the main focus or purpose of the view. Nevertheless, this view provides an aesthetically pleasing view of the Barnsley skyline across the Dearne Valley, which may be appreciated by both residents and footpath users.

The visual setting of the proposed development site is varied. In the foreground, there are short and medium-range views of the residential neighbourhood, medium-range views of the Dearne River Valley, and long-range views of Barnsley Town Centre, including a number of taller buildings, within which the proposed development will fall.

Based on the descriptions above the value of the view is considered to be medium and the susceptibility to change is considered to be low-medium.

Overall the visual sensitivity of both residential and footpath users is considered to be Medium.

<b>Footpath</b>	<b>Susceptibility</b>	Low-Medium	<b>Value</b>	Medium	<b>Visual Sensitivity</b>	Medium
<b>Residential</b>	<b>Susceptibility</b>	Low-Medium	<b>Value</b>	Medium	<b>Visual Sensitivity</b>	Medium

**Representative Viewpoint 3 Old Mill Lane**

**Orientation / Location**

The image presented on Page 13 of Appendix 1 illustrates the baseline view from this point.

Viewpoint 3 is a middle-distance view, circa 200m to the east of the proposed development site. The view looks westwards up Old Mill Lane towards the proposed development site and Barnsley College.

**Description**

This location is from a footway along Old Mill Lane which is a key road providing access to both the proposed development site and the wider town centre.

The viewpoint location is near the development site and represents a medium-range view of the site. The visual receptors are likely to be pedestrians and road users along Old Mill Lane.

This is an undesignated view and does not provide views to any notable landmarks. Some elements of the Barnsley College building are visible in the background of the view however these are obstructed by intervening development, trees, and the railway bridge.

The proposed development site sits behind the residential properties on the left hand side of the view, and is also screened by mature trees which run along the eastern edge of the site. The majority of the view is dominated by highways infrastructure on Old Mill Lane and residential properties on either side of the road.

Whilst the proposed development site is not immediately apparent in this view, it has been included to determine the impact of proposed new buildings on the medium-range views to the site.

Based on the descriptions above the value of the view is considered to be low and the susceptibility to change is considered to be low.

Overall the visual sensitivity of both road and footway users is considered to be Low.

<b>Footpath User</b>	<b>Susceptibility</b>	Low	<b>Value</b>	Low	<b>Visual Sensitivity</b>	Low
<b>Road User</b>	<b>Susceptibility</b>	Low	<b>Value</b>	Low	<b>Visual Sensitivity</b>	Low