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On account of the designation - in the Kilkenny County Development Plan - of views from the road from Ballymartin Crossroads, a separate more detailed study has been undertaken consisting of the measured cross-sections with accompanying photographs that are provided in this appendix.

This section of road has potential views from along approximately 2 km of its length, in practice most of the view is screened by either forestry or tall hedges. Along two lengths - one around 350m in length, the other around 200m in length - a combination of steep slopes and/or a lack of tall vegetation means that uninterrupted panoramic views are available to the south-west, west and north-west.

Three visualisations have been prepared to examine the effect on these views [See following map and photography].

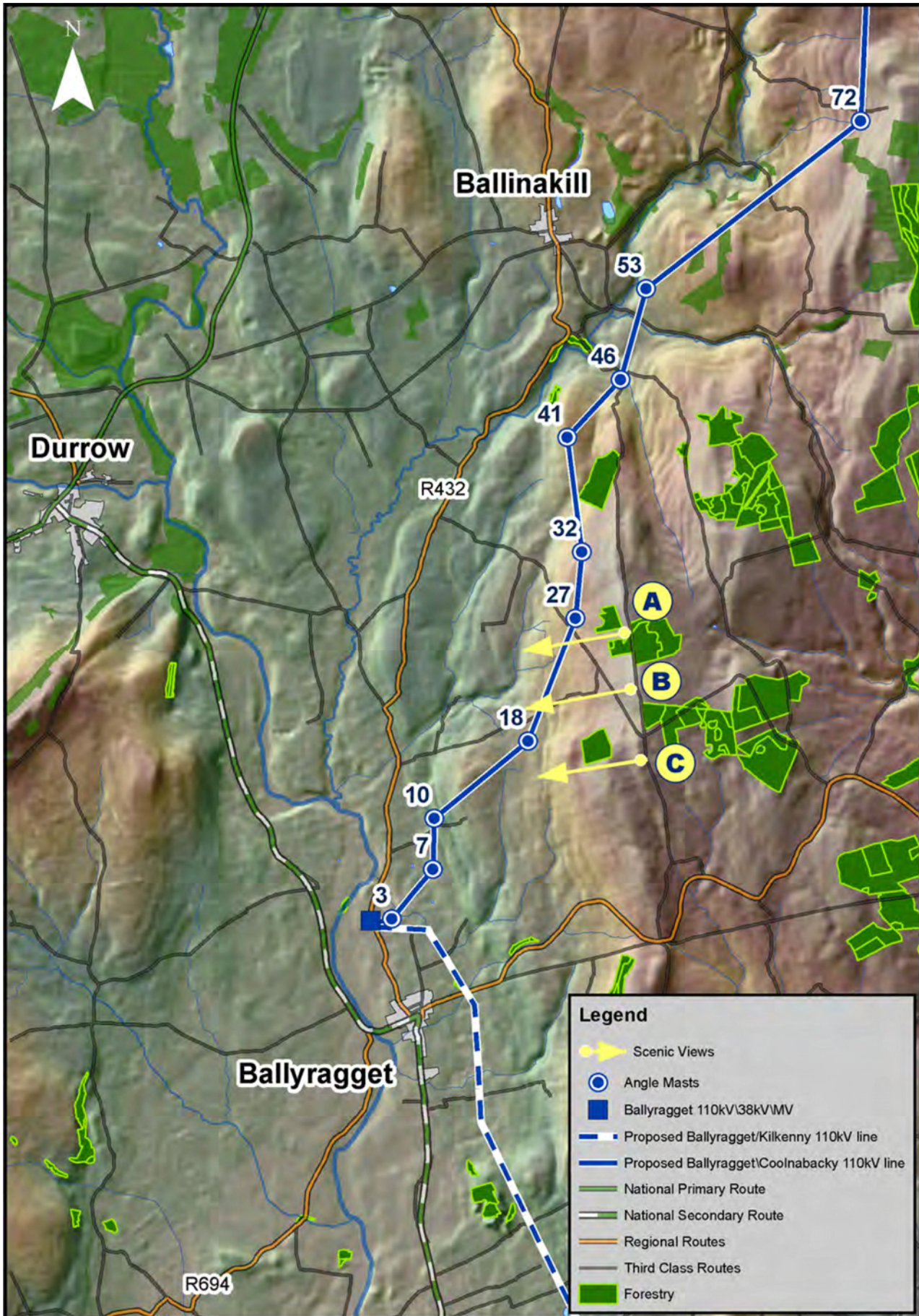
View A shows the northernmost view, where the recent improvement of pasture has removed tall gorse and saplings to expose panoramic views including areas where the OHL will be located. The new structures will be visible from this location and will be seen in the context of a working landscape that contains many visible manmade structures [field boundaries, dwellings and agricultural structures]. This view shows a point where the road and line are closest and is the most northern open panorama. Further north of this point vegetation and topography screen views from the road.

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View B shows the view across a longer section of road that has open views. The new structures will be also visible from this location and will be seen in the context of a working landscape that contains many visible manmade structures [field boundaries, dwellings and agricultural structures].

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View C shows a typical View south of Ballymartin Cross Roads and it illustrates how there is no visibility from these areas on account of intervening topography.



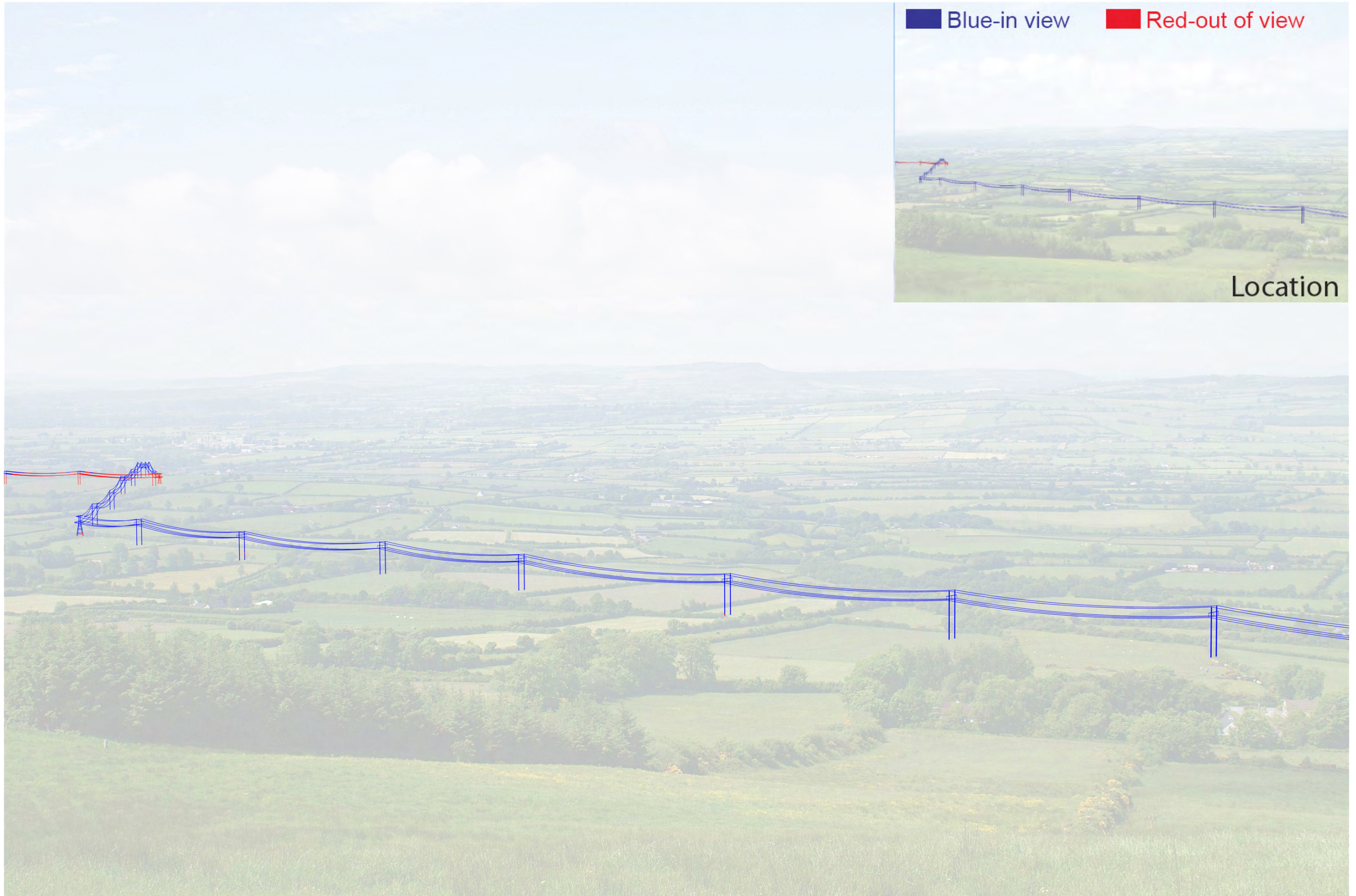
Location Map



View A Original



View A Montage



Blue-in view

Red-out of view

Location

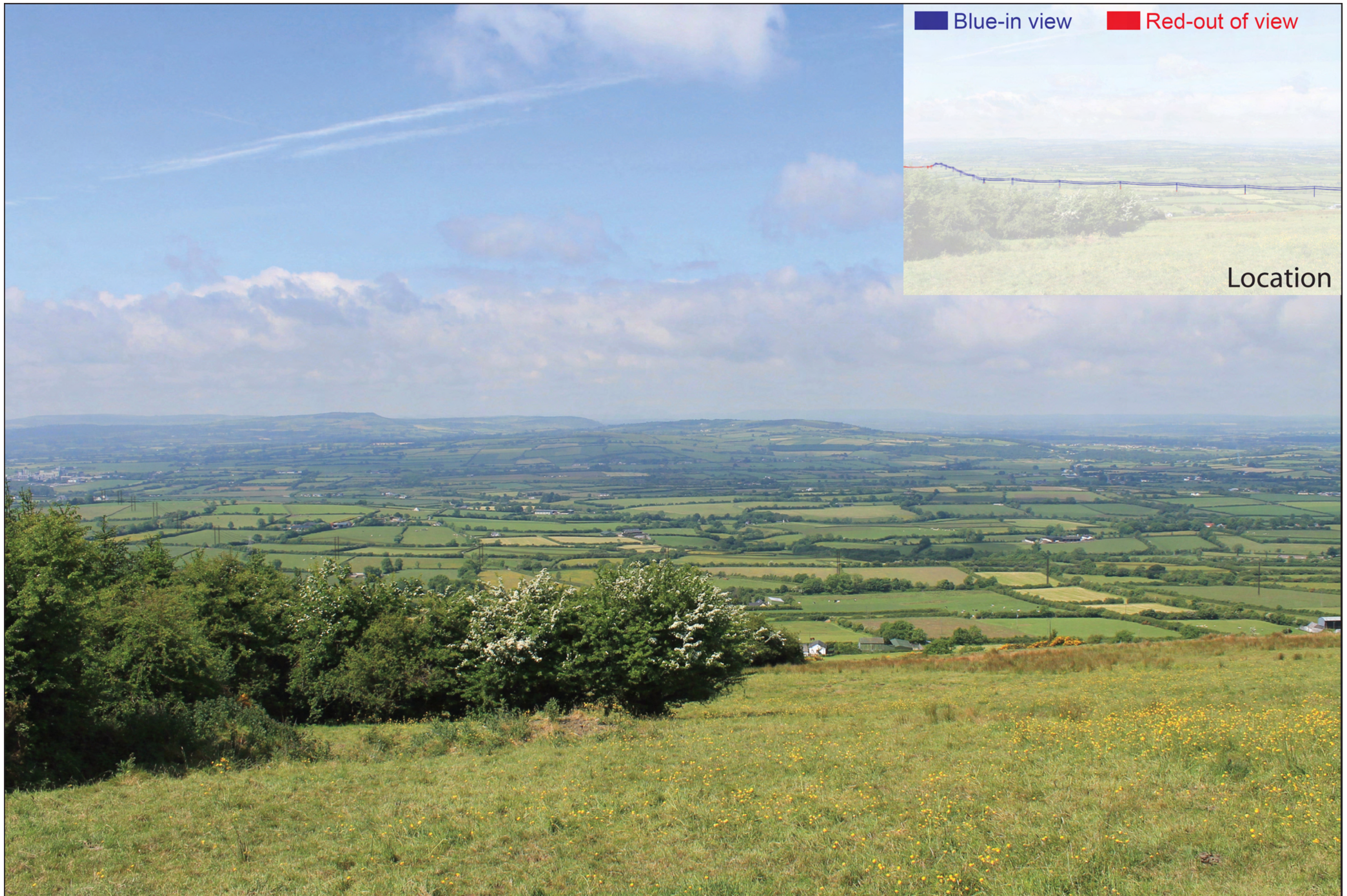
View A Red Line



View B Original



View B Montage



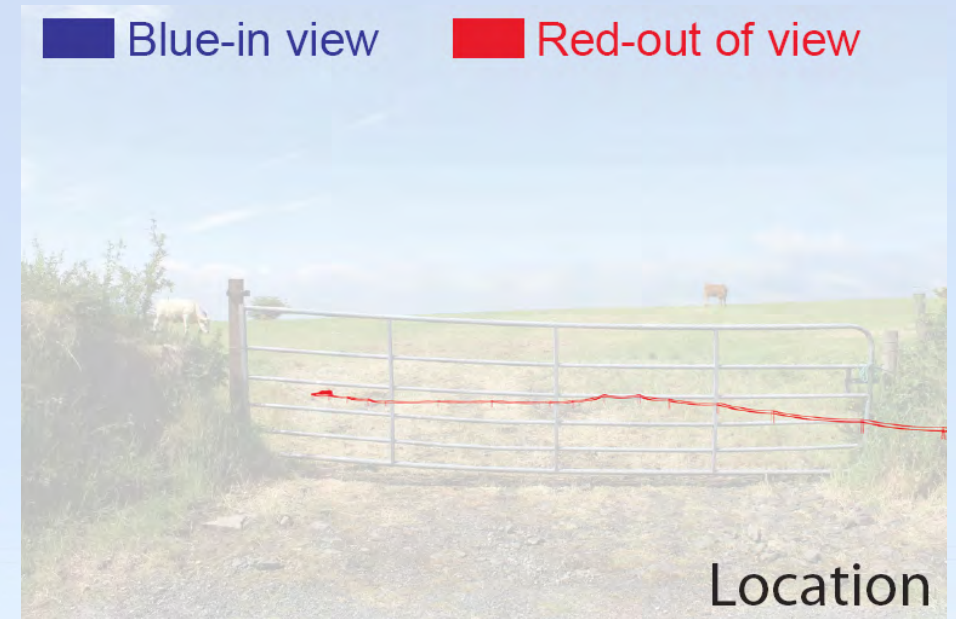
View B Red Line



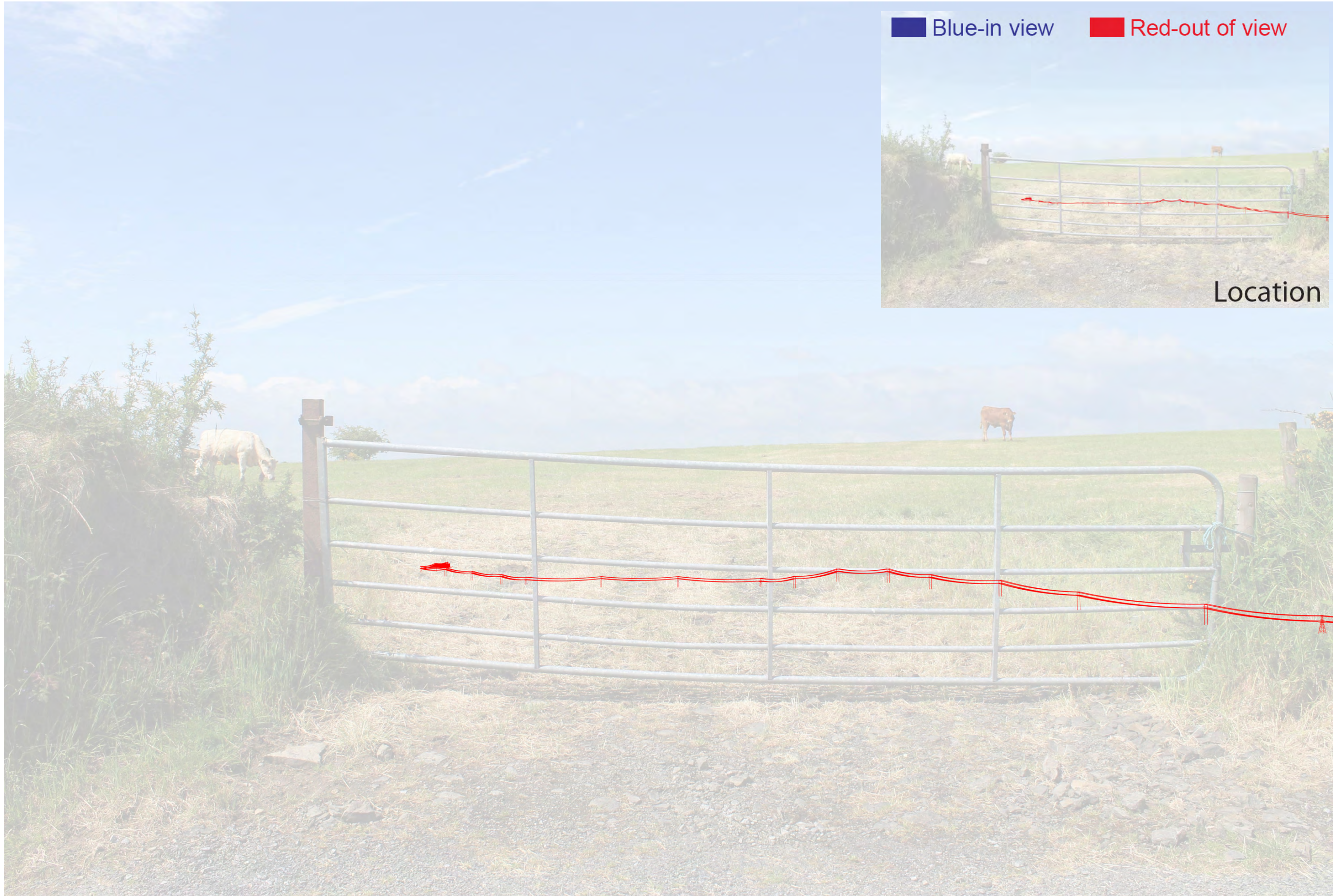
View C Original

Blue-in view

Red-out of view



Location



View C Red Line