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In response to concerns that vegetation or lighting at a particular time of year is unrepresentative, an assessment was carried out of likely effect taking account of vegetation in winter. Photography in winter has less foliage to screen views – though lighting conditions are often criticised as being too dark or indistinct. Photography in summer has excellent lighting and contrast – but such photographs are often criticised because summer foliage offers additional screening.

This appendix consists of photography from late spring – when foliage is still largely absent – but lighting levels are optimal]. In all instances – except one – the visibility was demonstrated to be the same.

Assessment of likely effect of showing vegetation in winter in visualisations				
View	Foliage on vegetation substantially screening visibility	Likely effect of showing vegetation in winter	Reason	Comment
1	Slight	none	Foliage slightly screens the lower portions of some elements, remaining lower elements are consistently screened by woody vegetation.	Note this view is not taken in full summer foliage.
2	No	none	Foreground and middle distance are unscreened by foliage, distance screened by layers of woody vegetation.	
3	Very slight	none	Foreground and middle distance are unscreened by foliage, distance screened by layers of woody vegetation.	Sample A
4	Sight	Slight	Foliage slightly screens the lower portions of some elements, remaining lower elements are consistently screened by woody vegetation.	
5	No	None	Foreground and middle distance are unscreened by foliage, distance screened by layers of woody vegetation.	
6	No	None	Foreground and middle distance are unscreened by foliage.	
7	Slight	Slight	Foliage screens parts of the conductor, no pylons or pole sets will be visible in winter because these elements are consistently screened by woody vegetation	Sample B
8	No	None	Foreground and middle distance are unscreened by foliage. Distance is screened by topography and structures.	
9	No	None	Foreground is unscreened by foliage. Distance and middle distance are screened by topography and forestry.	
10	Very slight	None	Foliage screens parts of the conductor, no pylons or pole sets will be visible in winter because these elements are consistently screened by woody vegetation	
11	Very slight	None	Foreground is unscreened by foliage. Distance and middle distance are screened by dense woody vegetation.	
12	Very slight	None	Foreground is unscreened by foliage. Distance and middle distance are screened by dense woody vegetation.	
13	Yes	Increased visibility	Summer herbaceous vegetation, on the left of the image, is likely to provide additional screening. In winter there is likely to be	Sample C

			slightly [20%] more visibility of one pole set and the lower conductors.	
14	No	None	Foreground and middle distance are unscreened by foliage. Distance is screened by topography and dense woody vegetation.	
15	No	None	Foreground is unscreened by foliage. Distance and middle distance are screened by topography and dense woody vegetation.	
16	Sight	Slight	Foliage slightly screens the lower portions of some elements, remaining lower elements are consistently screened by woody vegetation.	Sample D
17	Very slight	None	Foliage slightly screens the lower portions of some elements, remaining lower elements are consistently screened by woody vegetation.	Sample E
18a	No	None	Foreground is unscreened by foliage. Distance and middle distance are screened by topography and dense woody vegetation.	
18b	Sight	Slight	Foliage slightly screens the lower portions of some elements, remaining lower elements are consistently screened by woody vegetation.	
19a	Slight	Slight	Summer foliage is likely to provide additional screening. In winter there is likely to be slightly more visibility of the pole sets at the centre and right of the image and the lower conductors.	
19b	Slight	Slight	Foliage screens parts of the conductor, no pylons or pole sets will be visible in winter because these elements are consistently screened by woody vegetation	
20a	Slight	Slight	Foliage screens parts of the conductor, no additional pylons or pole sets will be visible in winter because these elements are consistently screened by topography woody vegetation	
20b	Slight	None	Foliage slightly screens the lower portions of some elements, remaining lower elements are consistently screened by woody vegetation.	
21	No	None	Foreground is unscreened by foliage. Distance and middle distance are screened by topography and dense woody vegetation.	
22	Slight	Slight	Foliage screens parts of the conductor, no additional pylons or pole sets will be visible in winter because these elements are consistently screened by woody vegetation	
23	No	None	Foreground is unscreened by foliage. Small portions of conductors may be more visible in winter.	

24	No	None	No additional pylons or pole sets will be visible in winter because these elements are consistently screened by woody vegetation	Sample F
25	No	None	Foreground is unscreened by foliage. Distance and middle distance are screened by topography and dense woody vegetation.	
26a	Very Slight	None	There may be a very slight increase of the winter visibility of a distant conductor near the centre of the image. No additional pylons or pole sets will be visible in because these elements are consistently screened by woody vegetation	Sample G
26b	No	None	No additional pylons or pole sets will be visible in winter because these elements are consistently screened by topography and woody vegetation	
27	Yes	Slight increase	Summer foliage is likely to provide additional screening. In winter there is likely to be slightly more visibility of the pole sets at the centre and right of the image and the lower conductors.	Sample H
28a	No	None	Foreground is unscreened by foliage. No additional pylons or pole sets will be visible in winter because these elements are consistently screened by topography and woody vegetation	
28b	No	None	Foreground is unscreened by foliage. No additional pylons or pole sets will be visible in winter because these elements are consistently screened by topography and woody vegetation	
29	No	None	Foreground is unscreened by foliage. No additional pylons or pole sets will be visible in winter because these elements are consistently screened by topography and woody vegetation	
30a	Slight	None	Foliage screens upper parts of two distant pole sets and parts of the conductor all other elements are consistently screened by woody vegetation	
30b	No	None	Foreground is unscreened by foliage. No additional pylons or pole sets will be visible in winter because these elements are consistently screened by topography and woody vegetation	
31	No	None	Foreground is unscreened by foliage. No additional pylons or pole sets will be visible in winter because these elements are consistently screened by topography and woody vegetation	
32	No	None	Foreground is unscreened by foliage. No	

			additional pylons or pole sets will be visible in winter because these distant elements are consistently screened by topography and woody vegetation	
33	No	None	Foreground is unscreened by foliage. No additional pylons or pole sets will be visible in winter because these distant elements are consistently screened by woody vegetation	
34	No	None	Foreground is unscreened by foliage. No additional pylons or pole sets will be visible in winter because these distant elements are consistently screened by woody vegetation	
35	Slight	None	Foliage screens lower parts of two distant pylons and parts of the conductor all other elements are consistently screened by woody vegetation	
36	No	None	Foreground is partially screened by foliage. No additional pylons or pole sets will be visible in winter because these distant elements are consistently screened by woody vegetation	



View 3 Summer [Above] and Winter [Below]



SAMPLE A



View 7 Summer [Above] and Winter [Below]





View 13 Summer [Above] and Winter [Below]



SAMPLE C



View 16 Summer [Above] and Winter [Below]





View 17 Summer [Above] and Winter [Below]





View 24 Summer [Above] and Winter [Below]



SAMPLE F



View 26a Summer [Above] and Winter [Below]





View 27 Summer [Above] and Winter [Below] [image is blurred due to a raindrop on the lense]

