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PROPOSED BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM, ADJACENT TO THE CULHAM SCIENCE CENTRE

Appeal against the refusal of planning application P24/S1498/FUL

LANDSCAPE PROOF OF EVIDENCE FOR THE APPELLANT

LPoE APPENDIX 4: FIGURES MAY 2025

VSUALISATIONS TYPE 3
BASED ON THE APPEAL SCHEME
SUMMER VIEWS FROM THE PARKLAND

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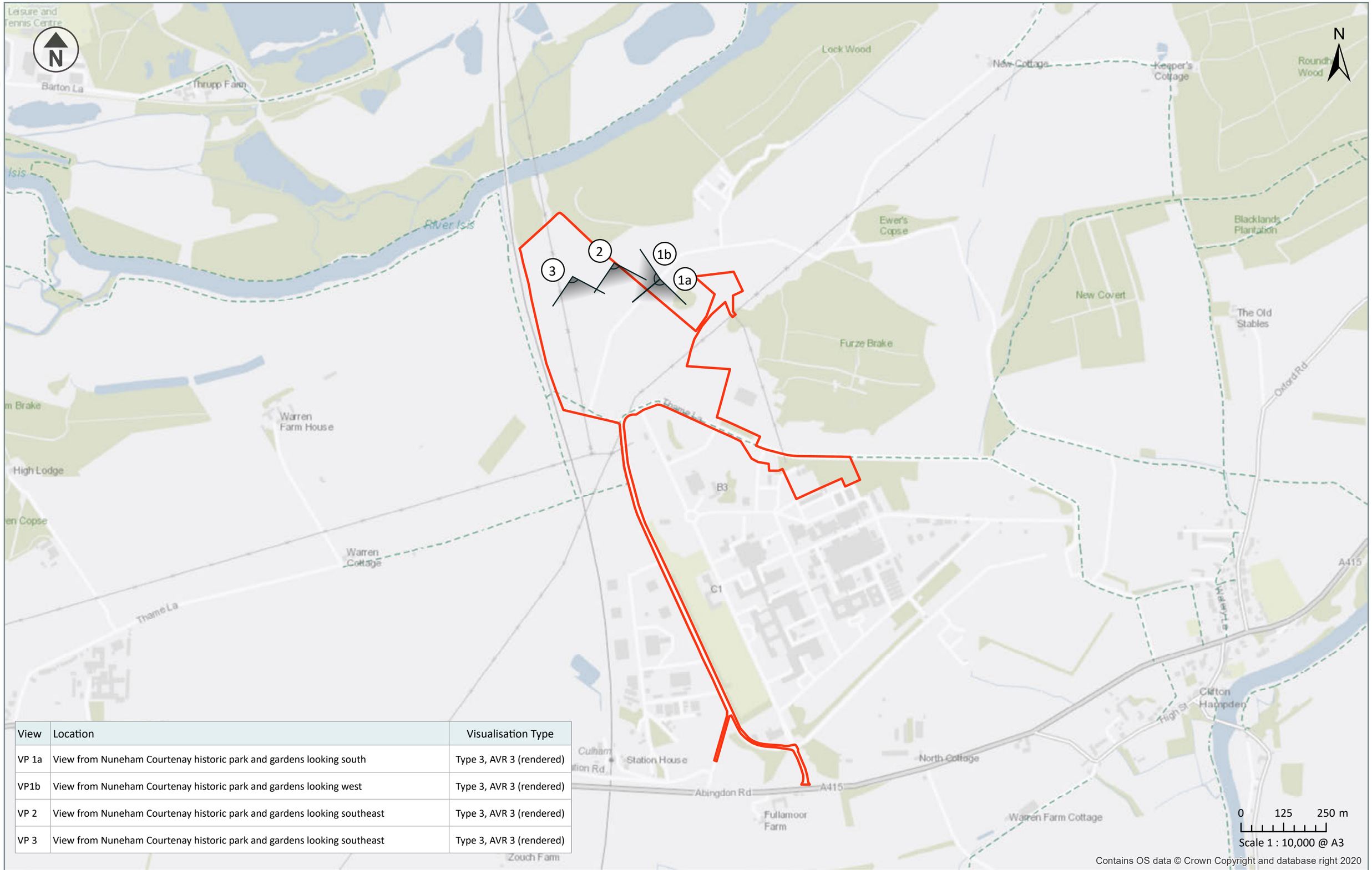

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View	Location	Visualisation Type
VP 1a	View from Nuneham Courtenay historic park and gardens looking south	Type 3, AVR 3 (rendered)
VP1b	View from Nuneham Courtenay historic park and gardens looking west	Type 3, AVR 3 (rendered)
VP 2	View from Nuneham Courtenay historic park and gardens looking southeast	Type 3, AVR 3 (rendered)
VP 3	View from Nuneham Courtenay historic park and gardens looking southeast	Type 3, AVR 3 (rendered)

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Key

Site boundary

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Project: Culham BESS
Client: Statera Energy
Title: Viewpoint location plan

Fig: 1

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Notes/comments:

Project:	Culham BESS
Client:	Statera Energy
Drawing title:	Viewpoint 1a Existing View

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Drawing title:	Viewpoint 1a Proposed View Year 1

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Drawing title:	Viewpoint 1a Proposed View Year 10

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Client:	Statera Energy
Drawing title:	Viewpoint 1a Proposed View Showing Established Tree Planting

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The field in the middle distance is the location of STRAT9 but since no detailed information on the design is available no development in this area has been modeled into the visualisations.

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Client:	Statera Energy
Drawing title:	Viewpoint 1b Existing View

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Client:	Statera Energy
Drawing title:	Viewpoint 1b Proposed View Year 1

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Drawing title:	Viewpoint 1b Proposed View Year 10

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Client:	Statera Energy
Drawing title:	Viewpoint 1b Proposed View Showing Established Tree Planting

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Distance to site:	On site
Bearing to:	163° from north
Viewpoint grid reference:	E: 452919 N: 196740
Viewpoint ground height:	74 m AOD
Date & time of photo:	30/08/2024 10:02
Camera:	SONY ILCE-7
Lens, FL, max aperture:	50mm fixed lens, panorama, F11

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Client:	Statera Energy
Drawing title:	Viewpoint 2 Existing View

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Notes/comments:

Project:	Culham BESS
Client:	Statera Energy
Drawing title:	Viewpoint 2 Proposed View Year 1

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Notes/comments:

Project:	Culham BESS
Client:	Statera Energy
Drawing title:	Viewpoint 2 Proposed View Year 10

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Notes/comments:

Project:	Culham BESS
Client:	Statera Energy
Drawing title:	Viewpoint 2 Proposed View Showing Established Tree Planting

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Distance to site:	On site
Bearing to:	160° from north
Viewpoint grid reference:	E: 452798 N: 196702
Viewpoint ground height:	68.5 m AOD
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Camera:	SONY ILCE-7
Lens, FL, max aperture:	50mm fixed lens, panorama, F9

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Notes/comments:

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Client:	Statera Energy
Drawing title:	Viewpoint 3 Existing View

Fig:

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Distance to site:	On site
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Drawing title:	Viewpoint 3 Proposed View Year 1

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Drawing title:	Viewpoint 3 Proposed View Year 10

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Project:	Culham BESS
Client:	Statera Energy
Drawing title:	Viewpoint 3 Proposed View Showing Established Tree Planting

Fig: 5.4

Appendix A: Methodology

The purpose of the viewpoint visualisations is to accurately and objectively demonstrate the proposed development in-situ, using standardised, best practice recommendations. This is to aid and facilitate in the planning and decision making process.

The following information is true, and has been prepared and provided in accordance with the current professional guidelines*

The camera/viewpoint locations were identified by Sightline Landscape.

Site visit, photography & equipment

- **Sony Alpha 7 full frame sensor camera**
- **Tamron 50mm F/3.5**
- **Neewer Professional Heavy Duty Panoramic Head**
- **Harwerrel 120mm Quick Release Plate**
- **Manfrotto MT055XPRO3 Tripod**
- **Andoer Tri-wheel Leveller**
- **Tape measure**
- **Tri-axis camera mounted spirit level**

At each location the camera body and lens were attached to a panoramic head with a leveller. A tripod was used and set to a height of 1.6m to represent the average height of the human eye. 28mm single frame photographs were used on viewpoints A & B where proximity to the site justifies the use of a wider focal length to capture more context, see Appendix 1 para 1.1.7 LI TGN-060-19. 50mm and 50mm equivalent focal lengths were used on the remaining viewpoints (C & D). 50mm is the industry standard for the visual representation of a development. 50mm has been chosen as the focal length which closely matches human eyesight and minimising optical distortion (please read the Landscape Institutes' guidance for more information)

Modelling & visualisation production process

The photographs taken from the site visit were stitched together in Photoshop to create the panoramas using the cylindrical layout method.

An accurate geo-referenced 3D model was created by precisely combining the information from the Block Plan (SL254_L_X_GA_1_Culham Block Plan_Rev A) and 1m LiDAR DSM (Digital Surface Model) into one universal 3D model.

Additional information was taken from the detailed planting plans.

The viewpoint coordinates were input into the 3D model space using the OS British National Grid system (OS GB 1936). Virtual 'cameras' were then created and aligned to these coordinates, replicating the position, focal length/field of view and elevation of the original viewpoint photographs. Photograph locations were not surveyor measured as this was not considered proportionate for the Type of visualisations selected.

Common reference points were then added to the model. These reference points locate elements that can be seen in the view such as; existing building corners, roof apexes and lampposts. This method was used to aid in aligning the model to the real image and allowed to further increase the accuracy of the proposal's scale and position.

The Culham BESS Block Plan Rev A CAD model provided the development parameters.

At post-production stage, Photoshop software was used to allow for fine tuning of the integration of the proposed rendered image into the viewpoint photograph. This was where masking of the proposal, by existing obscuring features (like foreground vegetation and buildings) occurred.

Reproduction

A3 single frame views are included as this represents the minimum distortion created by panoramas and is more comfortable to read whilst making on site comparison.

The printed result allows for the viewer to make direct compassion's between the proposed viewpoint visualisations and the real-life existing view. This can be achieved by standing in-situ at the relevant viewpoint location and holding up the printed images at a comfortable arm's length. Please be sure the printed image is to scale (A3 respectively).

TGN-06-19 Para 1.2.13 page 2 of 58; *"Two-dimensional visualisations, however detailed and sophisticated, can never fully substitute what people would see in reality. They should, therefore, be considered an approximation of the three-dimensional visual experiences that an observer might receive in the field."*

Each viewpoint is supplied with a viewpoint map, tripod location and the following metadata:

- **Distance to site (metres)**
- **Bearing (degrees)**
- **Viewpoint location (coordinates)**
- **Viewpoint ground height (mAOD)**
- **Camera make/model**
- **Lens Type, Focal length (FL) and max aperture**
- **Weather**
- **Visibility**
- **Date & time of photo:**
- **Field of View (HFoV)**

** Landscape Institute TGN-06-19 Visual Representation of Development Proposals*

Appendix B: Technical Methodology

Visualisation Types 1	2	3	4	Photography	Responses
✓	✓	✓	✓	Visualisation Types Methodology	Yes- see page viewpoint location plan and view information page prior to visualisations
		✓	✓	Method used to establish the camera location (e.g. handheld GPS/GNSS, GNSS/RTK, survey point, visual reference)	Hand held GPS
		✓	✓	Likely level of accuracy of location	2m
		✓	✓	If lenses other than 50mm have been used, explain why a different lens is appropriate	50mm used.
			✓	Written description of procedures for image capture and processing	Yes- see 'Appendix A: Methodology'
			✓	If panoramas used: make and type of Pano head and equipment used to level head	See 'Appendix A: Methodology'
			✓	If working outside the UK, geographic co-ordinate system (GCS) used (e.g. WGS-84)	N/A
				3D Model / Visualisation	
		✓	✓	Source of topographic height data and its resolution	LiDAR 1m DSM (Digital Surface Model)
		✓	✓	How have the model and the camera locations been placed in the software?	Point coordinates added to geo-referenced dwg file containing topo survey and proposed layout. Points loaded into 3D program and camera added to points.
			✓	Elements in the view used as target points to check the horizontal alignment	Multiple existing features in photograph/view matched to topo plan, used a reference points/markers, camera automatically set to level horizontally
			✓	Elements in the view used as target points to check the vertical alignment	Multiple existing features in photograph/view are matched to topo plan, used a reference points/markers, camera automatically set to level vertical alignment
				Generally	
✓		✓	✓	Any limitations in the overall methodology for preparation of the visualisations?	The visual representations are based on an outline planning layout rather than a fully detailed scheme.

Appendix B: Technical Methodology

Visualisation Types				Photography	Responses
1	2	3	4		
✓	✓	✓	✓	Visualisation Type	Type 3
		✓	✓	Projection	Planar (A3 single frames)
		✓	✓	Enlargement factor for intended sheet size	See individual sheets for image enlargement factors
		✓	✓	Date and Time of captured photography	Dates and times vary, see view information page prior to visualisations
			✓	Make and model of camera, and its sensor format	Sony Alpha 7 with a full frame sensor
			✓	Make, focal length of the camera lens(es) used.	Tamron 50mm
			✓	Horizontal Field of View (HFoV) of photograph / visual	See HFoV in degrees on top of each visualisation sheet
		✓	✓	Direction of View: bearing from North (0°) or Compass Direction	Bearings vary, see view information page prior to visualisations
		✓	✓	Camera location grid coordinates: eastings & northings to relevant accuracy; height of ground in mAOD	See view information page prior to visualisations
			✓	Distance to the nearest site boundary, or key development feature, as most appropriate.	See view information page prior to visualisations
			✓	Height of the camera lens above ground level and, if above 1.65m or below 1.5m, why?	1.6m
				Additional imagery	
✓		✓	✓	Baseline photograph	Exisitng view / baseline photograph included prior to visualisations
			✓	A composite view generated by overlaying multiple layers of image data: the photograph, 3D model of terrain (LiDAR DTM) and / or 3D model of LiDAR DSM, 3D model of proposed development, 3D model of landscape mitigation. This can explain how the photomontage has been generated.	N/A
			✓	A photograph of the tripod location to confirm the camera / tripod location	N/A