

# South Gloucestershire Landscape Character Assessment

## Annex II: Strategic Viewpoints

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## Appendix A

### Scoping Exercise for Local Viewpoints

**A.1** The following pages are an extract from the scoping exercise undertaken to initially assess the viewpoints against the criteria. It contains the viewpoints defined as 'Local Viewpoints' which did not meet enough of the criteria to be categorised as 'Strategic Viewpoints'.

## Viewpoint LVP 1: Severn Way (Northwick)

*Note: Similar views are available from SVP 1: Old Passage, located 2km to the north.*

- Popular, well known, or recorded viewpoint: No
- Viewpoints noted in the LCA: Yes, mentioned in 2014 LCA 20 (Pilning Levels)
- Publicly accessible viewpoints that are likely to attract many visitors: Yes - on public footpath and Severn Way promoted route
- Viewpoints where facilities for the enjoyment of the view have been provided: Not evident from desk study
- Viewpoint marked on ground by a toposcope or similar interpretation feature/signage: Not evident from desk study
- Viewpoints that allow appreciation of or provide notable views looking out from the CNL: N/A - not within the CNL and no views towards it.
- Provides a visually impressive, scenic vista that takes in notable landscape features: Provides panoramic views across the Severn Estuary and beyond to the hills of south Wales.
- Elevated viewpoint that facilitates a panoramic view (e.g. 180-360 degree) or broad prospect/appreciation of the surrounding landscape: Provides 360 degree panoramic views of the surrounding 'levels' landscape.
- Provides a view of a landmark/historic feature: The Severn Bridges are a notable landmark seen within the view
- Designed viewpoint with historic or cultural heritage associations: Not a designed view

## Viewpoint LVP 2: Baden Hill (Tytherington)

- Popular, well known, or recorded viewpoint: No.
- Viewpoints noted in the LCA: No.
- Publicly accessible viewpoints that are likely to attract many visitors: Located on Baden Hill Road, a minor singletrack lane.
- Viewpoints where facilities for the enjoyment of the view have been provided: No.
- Viewpoint marked on ground by a toposcope or similar interpretation feature/signage: No.
- Viewpoints that allow appreciation of or provide notable views looking out from the CNL: No.
- Provides a visually impressive, scenic vista that takes in notable landscape features: Offers long views across the agricultural vale/plain landscape towards the Wickwar Ridge.
- Elevated viewpoint that facilitates a panoramic view (e.g. 180-360 degree) or broad prospect/appreciation of the surrounding landscape: Where vegetation allows, there are long views south-east across the fields of Tytherington Plain (LCA 9) and Yate Vale (LCA 8) which slope very gently south-eastwards towards the Ladden Brook (approximately 1.2km south-east of the VP). The Wickwar Ridge features on the horizon.
- Provides a view of a landmark/historic feature: No landmark/historic features present in the view
- Designed viewpoint with historic or cultural heritage associations: Not a designed view

## Viewpoint LVP 3: M5 overbridge / gateway at Haw Wood

- Popular, well known, or recorded viewpoint: No.
- Viewpoints noted in the LCA: No.
- Publicly accessible viewpoints that are likely to attract many visitors: No.
- Viewpoints where facilities for the enjoyment of the view have been provided: No.
- Viewpoint marked on ground by a toposcope or similar interpretation feature/signage: No.
- Viewpoints that allow appreciation of or provide notable views looking out from the CNL: N/A - the VP is not within the CNL and does not provide view towards it
- Provides a visually impressive, scenic vista that takes in notable landscape features: No.
- Elevated viewpoint that facilitates a panoramic view (e.g. 180-360 degree) or broad prospect/appreciation of the surrounding landscape: No.
- Provides a view of a landmark/historic feature: No.
- Designed viewpoint with historic or cultural heritage associations: Not a designed view.



## Viewpoint LVP 4: Berwick Lodge Farm

- Popular, well known, or recorded viewpoint: No.
- Viewpoints noted in the LCA: No.
- Publicly accessible viewpoints that are likely to attract many visitors: No.
- Viewpoints where facilities for the enjoyment of the view have been provided: No.
- Viewpoint marked on ground by a toposcope or similar interpretation feature/signage: No.
- Viewpoints that allow appreciation of or provide notable views looking out from the CNL: N/A - the VP is not within the CNL and does not provide view towards it
- Provides a visually impressive, scenic vista that takes in notable landscape features: No - vegetation limits views
- Elevated viewpoint that facilitates a panoramic view (e.g. 180-360 degree) or broad prospect/appreciation of the surrounding landscape: No.
- Provides a view of a landmark/historic feature: No.
- Designed viewpoint with historic or cultural heritage associations: Not a designed view.

## Viewpoint LVP 5: Elbury Hill

- Popular, well known, or recorded viewpoint: No.
- Viewpoints noted in the LCA: No.
- Publicly accessible viewpoints that are likely to attract many visitors: The VP is located on a public footpath.
- Viewpoints where facilities for the enjoyment of the view have been provided: No.
- Viewpoint marked on ground by a toposcope or similar interpretation feature/signage: No.
- Viewpoints that allow appreciation of or provide notable views looking out from the CNL: The viewpoint is not located within the CNL. There are views west towards the Cotswold Scarp at Wotton-under-Edge
- Provides a visually impressive, scenic vista that takes in notable landscape features: Views into South Gloucestershire are limited by development in Charfield.: Views into South Gloucestershire are limited by development in Charfield.
- Elevated viewpoint that facilitates a panoramic view (e.g. 180-360 degree) or broad prospect/appreciation of the surrounding landscape: No.
- Provides a view of a landmark/historic feature: No notable landmarks present in views.
- Designed viewpoint with historic or cultural heritage associations: Not a designed view.

## Viewpoint LVP 6: Filton Golf Course

- Popular, well known, or recorded viewpoint: No.
- Viewpoints noted in the LCA: No.
- Publicly accessible viewpoints that are likely to attract many visitors: Accessible via a public footpath which runs through the golf course
- Viewpoints where facilities for the enjoyment of the view have been provided: No.
- Viewpoint marked on ground by a toposcope or similar interpretation feature/signage: No.
- Viewpoints that allow appreciation of or provide notable views looking out from the CNL: Not applicable.
- Provides a visually impressive, scenic vista that takes in notable landscape features: Not applicable.
- Elevated viewpoint that facilitates a panoramic view (e.g. 180-360 degree) or broad prospect/appreciation of the surrounding landscape: The viewpoint is located on a slightly elevated hillside, but is not at a significantly higher than the surrounding topography.
- Provides a view of a landmark/historic feature: No.
- Designed viewpoint with historic or cultural heritage associations: Not a designed view.

## Viewpoint LVP 7: Earth Sculpture (Cribbs Causeway)

- Popular, well known, or recorded viewpoint: No.
- Viewpoints noted in the LCA: No.
- Publicly accessible viewpoints that are likely to attract many visitors: No.
- Viewpoints where facilities for the enjoyment of the view have been provided: No.
- Viewpoint marked on ground by a toposcope or similar interpretation feature/signage: Not evident in desk study.
- Viewpoints that allow appreciation of or provide notable views looking out from the CNL: N/A - The VP is located 16km west of the CNL. There is no visual relationship.
- Provides a visually impressive, scenic vista that takes in notable landscape features: There are some views to the west/south-west to woodland on the southern end of the Severn Ridge.
- Elevated viewpoint that facilitates a panoramic view (e.g. 180-360 degree) or broad prospect/appreciation of the surrounding landscape: Views are primarily to the north and north-west.
- Provides a view of a landmark/historic feature: No notable landmarks present in the view.
- Designed viewpoint with historic or cultural heritage associations: Not a designed view.

## Viewpoint LVP 8: Somerset Monument

- Popular, well known, or recorded viewpoint: No.
- Viewpoints noted in the LCA: Yes, noted in 2014 LCA 4 to: "*Permit expansive views of the vale landscape below*".
- Publicly accessible viewpoints that are likely to attract many visitors: Accessible via the Cotswold Way National Trail.
- Viewpoints where facilities for the enjoyment of the view have been provided: A bench is provided.
- Viewpoint marked on ground by a toposcope or similar interpretation feature/signage: No.
- Viewpoints that allow appreciation of or provide notable views looking out from the CNL: The viewpoint is located within the CNL however views from the viewpoint are restricted by topography and mature vegetation.
- Provides a visually impressive, scenic vista that takes in notable landscape features: Views from the viewpoint are restricted by topography and mature vegetation.
- Elevated viewpoint that facilitates a panoramic view (e.g. 180-360 degree) or broad prospect/appreciation of the surrounding landscape: The viewpoint is located along the Cotswold Scarp but views out are limited by mature vegetation.
- Provides a view of a landmark/historic feature: The Somerset Monument is located adjacent to the viewpoint.
- Designed viewpoint with historic or cultural heritage associations: Not a designed view.

## Viewpoint LVP 9: Wick Rocks

- Popular, well known, or recorded viewpoint: No.
- Viewpoints noted in the LCA: No.
- Publicly accessible viewpoints that are likely to attract many visitors: Located on public footpath LWA/39/20 and accessible via Golden Valley Nature Reserve.
- Viewpoints where facilities for the enjoyment of the view have been provided: A bench is provided.
- Viewpoint marked on ground by a toposcope or similar interpretation feature/signage: No.
- Viewpoints that allow appreciation of or provide notable views looking out from the CNL: The VP is located 620m north-west of the CNL boundary and offers views eastwards towards the Cotswold Scarp.
- Provides a visually impressive, scenic vista that takes in notable landscape features: Provides views into Wick Quarry workings and beyond to the Cotswold Ridge, including the distinctive row of trees on Freezing Hill.
- Elevated viewpoint that facilitates a panoramic view (e.g. 180-360 degree) or broad prospect/appreciation of the surrounding landscape: Offers panoramic views across Wick Quarry and the Boyd Valley towards the Cotswold scarp.
- Provides a view of a landmark/historic feature: There are views towards the locally distinctive 'line of trees' on Freezing Hill.
- Designed viewpoint with historic or cultural heritage associations: Not a designed view.

## Viewpoint LVP 10: Whiteshill Common, Winterbourne

- Popular, well known, or recorded viewpoint: No.
- Viewpoints noted in the LCA: No.
- Publicly accessible viewpoints that are likely to attract many visitors: The viewpoint is located on Whiteshill Common, an area of Registered Common Land in Winterbourne which is used for recreation by local residents.
- Viewpoints where facilities for the enjoyment of the view have been provided: Benches and bins are provided around the Common, but not specifically for the view (benches are not orientated towards Winterbourne Hill).
- Viewpoint marked on ground by a toposcope or similar interpretation feature/signage: No.
- Viewpoints that allow appreciation of or provide notable views looking out from the CNL: The viewpoint is not located within the CNL and there are no views towards it.
- Provides a visually impressive, scenic vista that takes in notable landscape features: There are views across the Common towards Winterbourne Hill, a locally important landmark.
- Elevated viewpoint that facilitates a panoramic view (e.g. 180-360 degree) or broad prospect/appreciation of the surrounding landscape: The views from Whiteshill common are relatively limited as the Common is enclosed by woodland and buildings of Winterbourne village.
- Provides a view of a landmark/historic feature: Whiteshill School, Hambrook War Memorial and Whiteshill Evangelical Church (all Grade II listed buildings) are all located within 100m of the viewpoint and feature in views from the common.
- Designed viewpoint with historic or cultural heritage associations: Not a designed view.

## Viewpoint LVP 11: Beaver Close, Winterbourne

- Popular, well known, or recorded viewpoint: No.
- Viewpoints noted in the LCA: No.
- Publicly accessible viewpoints that are likely to attract many visitors: The viewpoint is located on Beaver Close, a residential road in Winterbourne, and as such is unlikely to attract large numbers of visitors.
- Viewpoints where facilities for the enjoyment of the view have been provided: There are two benches on Beaver Close, however they are positioned facing away from the Frome Valley.
- Viewpoint marked on ground by a toposcope or similar interpretation feature/signage: No.
- Viewpoints that allow appreciation of or provide notable views looking out from the CNL: The viewpoint is not located within the CNL and there are no views towards it.
- Provides a visually impressive, scenic vista that takes in notable landscape features: Provides some illustration of the Frome valley landform and field pattern, which acts as a 'green gap' between the settlements of Winterbourne and Frampton Cotterell.
- Elevated viewpoint that facilitates a panoramic view (e.g. 180-360 degree) or broad prospect/appreciation of the surrounding landscape: Provides a view across the Frome Valley towards Frampton Cotterell and illustrates the setting of the village in the landscape.
- Provides a view of a landmark/historic feature: No notable landmark or historic features are present in the view.
- Designed viewpoint with historic or cultural heritage associations: Not a designed view.



## Viewpoint LVP 12: View from Winterbourne Hill

- Popular, well known, or recorded viewpoint: No.
- Viewpoints noted in the LCA: No.
- Publicly accessible viewpoints that are likely to attract many visitors: The viewpoint is located on Winterbourne Hill, a main road through Winterbourne, and as such is unlikely to attract large numbers of visitors.
- Viewpoints where facilities for the enjoyment of the view have been provided: No facilities are provided.
- Viewpoint marked on ground by a toposcope or similar interpretation feature/signage: No.
- Viewpoints that allow appreciation of or provide notable views looking out from the CNL: The viewpoint is not located within the CNL and there are no views towards it.
- Provides a visually impressive, scenic vista that takes in notable landscape features: No notable landscape features are present in the view.
- Elevated viewpoint that facilitates a panoramic view (e.g. 180-360 degree) or broad prospect/appreciation of the surrounding landscape: The viewpoint is located in an elevated position at the top of Winterbourne Hill and provides a view west across the Bradley Brook towards Harry Stoke and Stoke Gifford, illustrating the location of these settlements in the wider landscape context. However, views are partially or fully screened by existing development within Winterbourne. These views are better represented by SVP 12: Church Lane, Winterbourne.
- Provides a view of a landmark/historic feature: There are no landmark or historic features present in the view.
- Designed viewpoint with historic or cultural heritage associations: Not a designed view.

## Viewpoint LVP 13: Cloisters Road, Winterbourne

- Popular, well known, or recorded viewpoint: No.
- Viewpoints noted in the LCA: No.
- Publicly accessible viewpoints that are likely to attract many visitors: The viewpoint is located on Cloisters Road, a residential road in Winterbourne, and as such is unlikely to attract large numbers of visitors.
- Viewpoints where facilities for the enjoyment of the view have been provided: No facilities are provided.
- Viewpoint marked on ground by a toposcope or similar interpretation feature/signage: No.
- Viewpoints that allow appreciation of or provide notable views looking out from the CNL: The viewpoint is not located within the CNL and there are no views towards it.
- Provides a visually impressive, scenic vista that takes in notable landscape features: Provides a view along the Frome Valley, allowing appreciation of the broad valley landform.
- Elevated viewpoint that facilitates a panoramic view (e.g. 180-360 degree) or broad prospect/appreciation of the surrounding landscape: The viewpoint is relatively low-lying and views out are restricted by the rising topography of the valley sides.
- Provides a view of a landmark/historic feature: The Huckford Viaduct is a notable landmark feature present in views to the south.
- Designed viewpoint with historic or cultural heritage associations: Not a designed view.

## Viewpoint LVP 14: Redford Lane, Pucklechurch

- Popular, well known, or recorded viewpoint: No.
- Viewpoints noted in the LCA: No.
- Publicly accessible viewpoints that are likely to attract many visitors: The viewpoint is located on a public right of way on the south-eastern edge of Pucklechurch, adjacent to Abson Road.
- Viewpoints where facilities for the enjoyment of the view have been provided: No facilities are provided.
- Viewpoint marked on ground by a toposcope or similar interpretation feature/signage: No.
- Viewpoints that allow appreciation of or provide notable views looking out from the CNL: There are views east towards the Cotswold Scarp.
- Provides a visually impressive, scenic vista that takes in notable landscape features: The viewpoint enables appreciation of the Cotswold Scarp and its wider landscape setting.
- Elevated viewpoint that facilitates a panoramic view (e.g. 180-360 degree) or broad prospect/appreciation of the surrounding landscape: Affords broad views across the Boyd Valley (LCA 6), enabling appreciation of the rural landscape surrounding Pucklechurch.
- Provides a view of a landmark/historic feature: Provides a view to the St James' Church in Abson (Grade I listed), a locally important landmark noted in LCA 6: Pucklechurch Ridge and Boyd Valley as being a focal point in the wider landscape. There are also views towards Dyrham Park Registered Park and Garden.
- Designed viewpoint with historic or cultural heritage associations: Not a designed view.

## Viewpoint LVP 15: Horton Camp Hillfort

*Note: similar views are available from Little Sodbury Hillfort located 1.5km to the south, illustrated in SVP 13.*

- Popular, well known, or recorded viewpoint: The viewpoint is described on the National Trails website route description for the Cotswold Way section 'Hawkesbury Upton to Tormarton' stating that *"the Trail climbs up onto Horton Fort with extensive views opening out over the Severn Vale and beyond."* **[See reference 1]**
- Viewpoints noted in the LCA: No.
- Publicly accessible viewpoints that are likely to attract many visitors: The viewpoint is located on the Cotswold Way National Trail.
- Viewpoints where facilities for the enjoyment of the view have been provided: No facilities are provided.
- Viewpoint marked on ground by a toposcope or similar interpretation feature/signage: No.
- Viewpoints that allow appreciation of or provide notable views looking out from the CNL: The viewpoint affords extensive views out from the CNL looking west over the Severn Vale, however, views are screened by vegetation in summer months.
- Provides a visually impressive, scenic vista that takes in notable landscape features: Provides views along the Cotswold Scarp, with long distance views west towards Wales. Views out are screened by vegetation in summer months.

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- Elevated viewpoint that facilitates a panoramic view (e.g. 180-360 degree) or broad prospect/appreciation of the surrounding landscape: Provides panoramic views from the Cotswold Scarp over the Little Avon Valley and lower-lying 'vale' landscapes to the west.
- Provides a view of a landmark/historic feature: No.
- Designed viewpoint with historic or cultural heritage associations: Represents views from Horton Camp Hillfort (a Scheduled Monument).

## Viewpoint LVP 16: Tockington Hill

- Popular, well known, or recorded viewpoint: No.
- Viewpoints noted in the LCA: Yes - LCA 18 (page 51) notes that "*Views are most extensive from the upper scarp edge, including places such as Spaniorum Hill, Almondsbury Hill and Tockington Hill.*"
- Publicly accessible viewpoints that are likely to attract many visitors: The viewpoint is accessible via several public rights of way which run along the hillside from Old Down and Tockington.
- Viewpoints where facilities for the enjoyment of the view have been provided: No facilities are provided.
- Viewpoint marked on ground by a toposcope or similar interpretation feature/signage: No.
- Viewpoints that allow appreciation of or provide notable views looking out from the CNL: The viewpoint is not located within the CNL and there are no views towards it.

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- Provides a visually impressive, scenic vista that takes in notable landscape features: There are glimpsed views along the Severn Ridge and occasional views out to the Levels beyond. Views out are often heavily filtered by vegetation.
- Elevated viewpoint that facilitates a panoramic view (e.g. 180-360 degree) or broad prospect/appreciation of the surrounding landscape: An elevated viewpoint that provides a broad view across the Severn Ridge landscape, with glimpsed views into the adjacent Levels landscape.
- Provides a view of a landmark/historic feature: No notable landmark/historic features are visible in the view due to the intervening vegetation.
- Designed viewpoint with historic or cultural heritage associations: Not a designed view.

## Viewpoint LVP 17: The Scop, Almondsbury

*Note: Similar views are afforded from SVP 4: Almondsbury Scenic Viewpoint, located approximately 0.4km to the south.*

- Popular, well known, or recorded viewpoint: No.
- Viewpoints noted in the LCA: No.
- Publicly accessible viewpoints that are likely to attract many visitors: The viewpoint is located on a public footpath within The Scop Field, a public open green space.
- Viewpoints where facilities for the enjoyment of the view have been provided: There are benches and bins within The Scop Field.

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- Viewpoint marked on ground by a toposcope or similar interpretation feature/signage: No.
- Viewpoints that allow appreciation of or provide notable views looking out from the CNL: The viewpoint is not located within the CNL and there are no views towards it.
- Provides a visually impressive, scenic vista that takes in notable landscape features: There are views to the Levels and Severn Estuary, and beyond to the South Wales hills on the skyline. Views out are frequently filtered by vegetation, particularly in summer months.
- Elevated viewpoint that facilitates a panoramic view (e.g. 180-360 degree) or broad prospect/appreciation of the surrounding landscape: A relatively elevated viewpoint that provides a broad view across the Severn Ridge landscape with glimpsed views into the adjacent Levels landscape, and beyond to the Severn Estuary and South Wales.
- Provides a view of a landmark/historic feature: The Severn Bridge can be seen in the view, however is partially screened by vegetation in summer months when trees are in leaf.
- Designed viewpoint with historic or cultural heritage associations: Not a designed view.

## Viewpoint LVP 18: Footpath west of Falfield

- Popular, well known, or recorded viewpoint: No.
- Viewpoints noted in the LCA: Not specifically mentioned, however LCA 3: Falfield Vale notes the *"Uninterrupted views towards the Severn Ridge and Cotswold Scarp which contain the landscape, as well as wide views across the vale from elevated areas"* as a key sensitivity in the LCA. These views are represented by this viewpoint.

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- Publicly accessible viewpoints that are likely to attract many visitors: The viewpoint is located on a public footpath.
- Viewpoints where facilities for the enjoyment of the view have been provided: No facilities are provided.
- Viewpoint marked on ground by a toposcope or similar interpretation feature/signage: No.
- Viewpoints that allow appreciation of or provide notable views looking out from the CNL: There are views east towards the Cotswold scarp.
- Provides a visually impressive, scenic vista that takes in notable landscape features: There are broad views across the vale towards the Cotswold Scarp in the east.
- Elevated viewpoint that facilitates a panoramic view (e.g. 180-360 degree) or broad prospect/appreciation of the surrounding landscape: Provides a broad (180 degree) view east over Falfield Vale (LCA 7) including the parkland landscape associated with Eastwood Park, and towards the Cotswold Scarp beyond.
- Provides a view of a landmark/historic feature: The spire of St George's Church (Grade II listed) in Falfield can be seen nestled within the wooded pastoral landscape. The Somerset Monument at Hawkesbury Upton forms a notable feature on the skyline.
- Designed viewpoint with historic or cultural heritage associations: Not a designed view.



## Viewpoint LVP 19: A38 south of Falfield

- Popular, well known, or recorded viewpoint: No.
- Viewpoints noted in the LCA: No.
- Publicly accessible viewpoints that are likely to attract many visitors: The viewpoint is located on the pavement along the A38 south of Falfield and as such is unlikely to attract large numbers of visitors.
- Viewpoints where facilities for the enjoyment of the view have been provided: No facilities are provided.
- Viewpoint marked on ground by a toposcope or similar interpretation feature/signage: No.
- Viewpoints that allow appreciation of or provide notable views looking out from the CNL: There are views east towards the Cotswold Scarp.
- Provides a visually impressive, scenic vista that takes in notable landscape features: There are broad views east across the vale towards the Cotswold Scarp.
- Elevated viewpoint that facilitates a panoramic view (e.g. 180-360 degree) or broad prospect/appreciation of the surrounding landscape: Provides a broad (180 degree) view east over Falfield Vale (LCA 7) and towards the Cotswold Scarp.
- Provides a view of a landmark/historic feature: There are glimpsed views towards Eastwood Park House (Grade II listed) to the west, although views are heavily filtered by intervening vegetation. To the east there are views to Tortworth Arboretum, and the Tyndale Monument at North Nibley can be seen on the skyline in long distance views to the north-east.

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- Designed viewpoint with historic or cultural heritage associations: Not a designed view.

### Viewpoint LVP 20: A38 north of Buckover

- Popular, well known, or recorded viewpoint: No.
- Viewpoints noted in the LCA: No.
- Publicly accessible viewpoints that are likely to attract many visitors: The viewpoint is located on a footpath along the A38 to the south of Milbury Heath and as such is unlikely to attract large numbers of visitors.
- Viewpoints where facilities for the enjoyment of the view have been provided: No facilities are provided.
- Viewpoint marked on ground by a toposcope or similar interpretation feature/signage: No.
- Viewpoints that allow appreciation of or provide notable views looking out from the CNL: There are views north and east towards the Cotswold Scarp.
- Provides a visually impressive, scenic vista that takes in notable landscape features: Locally important landscape features that can be seen from the viewpoint include Rudge Wood (ancient woodland and SNCI) and the Cotswold Scarp.
- Elevated viewpoint that facilitates a panoramic view (e.g. 180-360 degree) or broad prospect/appreciation of the surrounding landscape: The viewpoint provides a broad (270 degree) view across the vale landscape and allows appreciation of features within their landscape setting including the setting of Whitfield hamlet.

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- Provides a view of a landmark/historic feature: The Tyndale Monument near North Nibley is visible on the skyline in views to the north-east.
- Designed viewpoint with historic or cultural heritage associations: Not a designed view.

## Viewpoint LVP 21: Cuttsheath Road, Milbury Heath

- Popular, well known, or recorded viewpoint: No.
- Viewpoints noted in the LCA: No.
- Publicly accessible viewpoints that are likely to attract many visitors: The viewpoint is located on Cuttsheath Road from Milbury Heath, which is part of the Avon Cycleway locally promoted cycling route. There is also a public footpath running to the north.
- Viewpoints where facilities for the enjoyment of the view have been provided: A bench is provided to facilitate enjoyment of the view.
- Viewpoint marked on ground by a toposcope or similar interpretation feature/signage: No.
- Viewpoints that allow appreciation of or provide notable views looking out from the CNL: The viewpoint is not located within the CNL and there are no views towards it.
- Provides a visually impressive, scenic vista that takes in notable landscape features: Provides glimpsed views west and north-west towards the Severn Estuary and beyond to South Wales and the Forest of Dean ridgeline.

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- Elevated viewpoint that facilitates a panoramic view (e.g. 180-360 degree) or broad prospect/appreciation of the surrounding landscape: Provides an elevated view over the Falfield Vale landscape (LCA 3) towards Eastwood Park.
- Provides a view of a landmark/historic feature: No notable landmark/historic features are visible from the viewpoint.
- Designed viewpoint with historic or cultural heritage associations: Not a designed view.

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- 1 National Trails website Cotswold Way Route description. (No date). Available at: [https://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/en\\_GB/trails/cotswold-way/route/](https://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/en_GB/trails/cotswold-way/route/)

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