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1. Glossary of Abbreviations

Table 1.1 Glossary of abbreviations

Abbreviation	Definition
AADF	Annual Average Daily Flow
AADT	Annual Average Daily Traffic
ACI	Airports Council International
ACOG	Airspace Change Organising Group
ACoW	Arboricultural Clerk of Works
ACP	Airspace Change Proposal
AD	Anno Domini
ADMS	Atmospheric Dispersion Modelling System
ADMS-6	Atmospheric Dispersion Modelling System model for point sources
ADMS- Airport	Atmospheric Dispersion Modelling System model for airport sources
ADMS- Roads	Atmospheric Dispersion Modelling System model for roads
AEOI	Adverse effects on the integrity
AHE	Assessment of Health Effects
AIA	Arboricultural impact assessment
AIP	Aeronautical Information Publication
ALARP	As Low as Reasonably Practicable
AMI	Acute Myocardial Infarction
AMS	Arboricultural method statement
ANC	Association of Noise Consultant
ANEG	Aircraft Noise Engagement Group
ANG	Air Navigation Guidance
ANM	Aviation Noise Metric
ANMAC	Aircraft Noise Monitoring Advisory Committee
ANPS	Airports National Policy Statement
AOC	Airline Operators Committee
AOD	Above Ordnance Datum
AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



Abbreviation	Definition
AP	Airspace Policy
APF	Aviation Policy Framework
APIS	Air Pollution Information System
APU	Auxiliary Power Units
AQAL	Air Quality Assessment Level
AQC	Air Quality Consultant
AQE	Air Quality England
AQMA	Air Quality Management Area
AQO	Air Quality Objectives
ASAS	Airport Surface Access Strategies
ASR	Air Quality Status Report
ATC	Air Traffic Control
ATM	Air Traffic Movement
AURN	Automatic Urban and Rural Network
BAA	British Airports Authority Limited
BGS	British Geological Survey
BNG	Biodiversity Net Gain
BNL	Basic Noise Level
ВОА	Biodiversity Opportunity Area
ВРМ	Best Practicable Mean
BS	British Standard
C0 ₂	Carbon Dioxide
CAA	Civil Aviation Authority
CAP	Civil Aviation Publication
CAS	Clean Air Strategy
CAZ	Clean Air Zone
CBS	Community Buildings Scheme
CCAR	Climate Change Adaptation Report
CCC	Climate Change Committee
CCR	Climate Change Resilience
CDA	Continuous Decent Approach



Abbreviation	Definition
CDM	Construction (Design and Management)
CEA	Cumulative Effects Assessment
CEMP	Construction Environmental Management Plan
CEZ	Construction exclusion zone
CFA	Continuous flight auger
CIEEM	Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management
CIEH	Chartered Institute of Environmental Health
CIfA	Chartered Institute for Archaeologists
CIRIA	Construction Industry Research and Information Association
CISHA	Council for the Independent Scrutiny of Heathrow Airport
CJEU	Court of Justice of the European Union
CLes	Critical levels
CLos	Critical loads
CLP	Clockhouse Lane Pit
CNG	Guidelines for Community Noise
CoCP	Code of Construction Practice
COMAH	Control of Major Accident Hazards
CoPA	Control of Pollution Act 1974
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
CPRE	Campaign to Protect Rural England
CRoW	Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000
СТА	Central Terminal Area
СТМР	Construction Traffic Management Plan
DALY	Disability Adjusted Life Year
DCLG	Department of, Communities and Local Government
DCO	Development Consent Order
Defra	Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
DfT	Department for Transport
DHCLG	Department of Housing, Communities and Local Government
DLL	District level licensing
DMRB	Design Manual for Roads and Bridges



Abbreviation	Definition
DNS	Developments of National Significance
DoH	Determinants of Health
DPD	Development Plan Document
DSM	Digital surface model
DTM	Digital Terrain Model
EAL	Environment Assessment Level
EASA	European Aviation Safety Agency
EcIA	Ecological Impact Assessment
EEA	European Economic Area
EEG	Electroencephalogram
EFT	Emissions Factor Toolkit
EfW	Energy from Waste
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ELC	European Landscape Convention
EPA	Environmental Protection Act 1990
EPUK	Environmental Protection UK
ERCD	Environmental Research and Consultancy Department
ERF	Exposure response function
ES	Environmental Statement
EU	European Union
FEGP	Fixed Electrical Ground Power
FOA	First Order Approximation
FoV	Field of View
FRA	Flood Risk Assessment
FTF	Flightpath to the Future
GCN	Great Crested Newt
GDP	Gross domestic product
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
GLA	Greater London Authority
GLAAS	Greater London Archaeology Advisory Service
GLVIA3	Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment, Third Edition



Abbreviation	Definition
GNMP	Ground Noise Management Plan
GPA	Good Practice Advice
GPS	Global Positioning System
GPU	Ground power unit
GRE	Ground running enclosure
GRIP	Getting Research Into Practice
GSE	Ground Support Equipment
GVA	Gross Value Added
На	Hectare
НА	Highly annoyed
HACAN	Heathrow Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise
HAL	Heathrow Airport Limited
HCNF	Heathrow Community Noise Forum
HCT	Heathrow Community Trust
HDV	Heavy Duty Vehicle
HEP	Heathrow Expansion Project
HER	Historic Environment Record
HGV	Heavy Goods Vehicle
HHASAM	Heathrow Highway Assignment and Surface Access Model
HIA	Health Impact Assessment
HLC	Historic landscape characterisation
HLP	Hillingdon Local Plan
НММР	Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan
HMSO	Her Majesty's Stationery Office
НРА	Health Protection Agency
HPI	Habitats of Principle Importance
HRA	Habitats Regulations Assessment
HSD	Highly sleep disturbed
HSPG	Heathrow Strategic Planning Group
IANL	Indoor Ambient Noise Level
IAQM	Institute of Air Quality Management



Abbreviation	Definition
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organisation
ICE	Inventory of Carbon and Energy
IEMA	Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment
IGVLH	Inter-Departmental Group for the Valuation of Life and Health
IHD	Ischaemic heart disease
ILS	Instrument Landing System
IMD	Index of Multiple Deprivation
IoA	Institute of Acoustics
IPA	Independent Parallel Approaches
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IRZ	Impact Risk Zone
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
JNCC	Joint Nature Conservation Committee
JZSNZA	Jet Zero: Strategy for Net Zero Aviation by 2050
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
LAEI	London Atmospheric Emissions Inventory
LAeq	Equivalent Continuous Sound Pressure Level
LAQM	Local Air Quality Management
LBH	London Borough of Hillingdon
LCA	Landscape Character Area
LC Act	Land Compensation Act
LCRM	Land Contaminated Risk Management
LCT	Landscape Character Type
LDD	Local Development Document
LEZ	Low Emission Zone
LGV	Light Goods Vehicle
LiDAR	Light Detection and Ranging
LLFA	Lead Local Flood Authority
LNR	Local Nature Reserve
LOAEL	Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level
LPA	Local Planning Authority



Abbreviation	Definition
LSE	Likely Significant Effect
LSOA	Lower Super Output Area
LTO	Landing and Take-Off
LVIA	Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
LWS	Local Wildlife Site
MA&D	Major Accidents and Disasters
MAGIC	Multi Agency Geographic Information for the Countryside
MHCLG	Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (formerly Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities)
mppa	Million passengers per annum
MSL	Mean sea level
MtCO₂e	Metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent
NACF	Noise and Airspace Community Forum
NAP	Noise Action Plan
NATS	National Air Traffic Services
NCA	National character area
NERC	Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NGR	National Grid Reference
NH ₃	Ammonia
NHLE	National Heritage List for England
NHS	National Health Service
NIR	Noise Insulation (Amendment) Regulations 1988
NJUG	National Joint Utilities Group
NLA	Natural Landscape Area
nm	Nautical mile
NNG	Night Noise Guidelines
NNR	National Nature Reserve
NO	Nitric Oxide
NO ₂	Nitrogen Dioxide
NOTAM	Notices to Airmen
NO _x	Nitrogen Oxides



Abbreviation	Definition
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
NPR	Noise Preferred Route
NPS	National Policy Statement
NPSE	Noise Policy Statement for England
NPV	Net-present-value
NRHE	National Record of the Historic Environment
NRW	Natural Resources Wales
NSIP	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project
NSR	Noise sensitive receptor
NTM	Natural Tranquility Method
nvPM	Non-volatile particulate matter
NVQ3	National Vocational Qualification 3
O ₃	Ozone
OANPS	Overarching Aviation Noise Policy Statement
OD	Ordnance Datum
OEP	Office for Environmental Protection
OHSMS	Occupational Health and Safety Management System
OLS	Obstacle Limitation Surface
ОМН	Open Mosaic Habitat
ONS	Office for National Statistics
os	Ordnance Survey
Pa	Per annum
PC	Personal computer
PCA	Pre-Conditioned Air
PDA	Potential disturbance agent
PEA	Preliminary Ecological Appraisal
PEIR	Preliminary Environmental Information Report
PHE	Public Health England
PIV	Positive Input Ventilation
PM _{2.5}	Small airborne particles less than 2.5 micrometres in aerodynamic diameter
PM ₁₀	Small airborne particles, more specifically particulate matter less than 10 micrometres in aerodynamic diameter



Abbreviation	Definition
PP	Pod parking
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
PPG	Planning Practice Guidance
PPG-N	Planning Practice Guidance – Noise
PPV	Peak particle velocity
ProPG	Professional Practice Guidance
PRoW	Public Right of Way
PRTS	Personal Rapid Transport System
pSPA	Potential Special Protection Area
QC	Quota Count
QNS	Quieter Neighbourhood Support
QOF	Quality Outcomes Framework
QSP	Quieter Schools Programme
RAT	Runway Access Taxiway
RIAA	Report to Inform the Appropriate Assessment
RICS	Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors
RIS	Residential Insulation Scheme
RoFSW	Risk of Flooding from Surface Water
RoSPA	Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents
RPA	Root protection area
RWG	Respite Working Group
SAC	Special Area of Conservation
SAF	Sustainable Aviation Fuel
SCI	Site of Community Importance
SFRA	Strategic Flood Risk Assessment
SID	Standard instrument departure
SINC	Site of Importance for Nature Conservation
SLM	Sound Level Meter
SLR	Single lens reflex
SMI	Site of Metropolitan Importance
SMR	Standardised Mortality Ratio



Abbreviation	Definition
SMS	Safety Management System
SOAEL	Significant Observed Adverse Effect Level
SON	Statement of Need
SoNA	Survey of Noise Attitude
SoS	Secretary of State
SPA	Special Protection Area
SPD	Supplementary Planning Document
SPG	Supplementary Planning Guidance
SPI	Species of Principal Importance
SRO	Single Runway Operations
SSA	Slight Steeper Approaches
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
SuDs	Sustainable Drainage Systems
SWMP	Site Waste Management Plan
SWOT	Surface Water Outfall Tunnel
TAG	Transport Analysis Guidance
TCPA	Town and Country Planning Act
TCPA	Town and Country Planning Association
TEAM	Tactically Enhanced Arrival Mode
TfL	Transport for London
TORA	Take-Off Run Available
ТРО	Tree preservation order
TRPP	Tree removal and protection plan
UAEL	Unacceptable Adverse Effect Level
UDP	Unitary Development Plan
UFP	Ultra Fine Particles
UK	United Kingdom
ULEZ	Ultra Low Emission Zone
VIPS	Vortex Impact and Prevention Scheme
VOLY	Value of Life Year
VSR	Vibration sensitive receptor



Abbreviation	Definition
WCA	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)
WD	With Easterly Alternation
WeBS	Wetland Bird Survey
WHO	World Health Organisation
WLC	Whole Life-Cycle Carbon
WLCA	Whole Life Carbon Assessment
WoD	Without Easterly Alternation
ZEF	Zero emission flight
Zol	Zone of Influence
ZTV	Zone of theoretical visibility
μg/m³	Microgrammes per cubic metre



2. Glossary of Terminology

Table 2.1 Glossary of Terminology

Term	Definition
Assessment	A process by which information about effects of a proposed plan, project or intervention is collected, assessed and used to inform decision-making.
Baseline conditions	The environment as it appears (or would appear) immediately prior to the implementation of the Proposed Development together with any known or foreseeable future changes that will take place before completion of the Proposed Development.
Beneficial or Adverse Types of Landscape Effect	The landscape effects may be beneficial, neutral, or adverse. In landscape terms – a beneficial effect would require development to add to the landscape quality and character of an area. Neutral landscape effects would include low or negligible changes that may be considered as part of the 'normal' landscape processes such as maintenance or harvesting activities. An adverse effect may include the loss of landscape elements such as mature trees and hedgerows as part of construction leading to a reduction in the landscape quality and character of an area.
Beneficial or Adverse Types of Visual Effect	The visual effects may be beneficial, neutral, or adverse. In visual terms – beneficial or adverse effects are less easy to define or quantify and require a subjective consideration of a number of factors affecting the view, which may be beneficial, neutral, or adverse. However, it is not the assumption of this assessment that all change, including significant change is a negative experience. Rather this assessment has considered factors such as the visual composition of the landscape in the view together with the design and composition, which may or may not be reasonably, accommodated within the scale and character of the landscape as perceived from the receptor location.
Best Practice	The undertaking of assessments in line with nationally and internationally recognised assessment guidelines.
BS 5837	British Standard BS 5837:2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations
Construction Environmental Management Plan	Developed prior to any works commencing on site, the primary purpose which is to guide environmental management of implementation of the project, as required by the overseeing organisation.
Construction Phase	The phase of the Proposed Development during which construction activities will be undertaken.
Consultation	A process by which regulatory authorities, statutory and non-statutory bodies are approached for information and opinions regarding a development proposal.
Cumulative Effects Assessment	Assessment of impacts as a result of the incremental changes caused by other past, present and reasonably foreseeable human activities and natural processes together with the Proposed Development.



Term	Definition
Cumulative visual effects: In combination In succession Sequentially	Effects that can be caused by combined visibility, which 'occurs where the observer is able to see two or more developments from one viewpoint' and/or sequential effects which 'occur when the observer has to move to another viewpoint to see different developments' (SNH 2012): • In combination: Where two or more developments are or would be within the observer's arc of vision at the same time without moving his/her head (GLVIA3, 2013 Table 7.1). • In succession: Where the observer has to turn his/her head to see the various developments – actual and visualised (GLVIA 3, 2013 Table 7.1). • Sequential cumulative effect. Occurs where the observer has to move to another viewpoint to see the same or different developments. Sequential effects may be assessed for travel along regularly used routes such as major roads or popular paths (GLVIA3, 2013 Table 7.1).
Decibel (dB)	The decibel scale compares the level of a sound relative to another and is a logarithmic scale used to quantify these levels using a more manageable range of values.
Decommissionin g	The period during which a development and its associated processes are removed from active operation.
Degree of change	A combination of the scale extent and duration of an effect also defined as 'magnitude'.
Designated Landscape	Areas of landscape identified as being of importance at international, national or local levels, either defined by statue or identified in development plans or other documents.
Design Manual for Roads and Bridges	It is a Stationery Office publication containing current Standards, Advice Notes and other guidance documents relating to the maintenance, operation and improvement of motorways and trunk roads. It is often applied by highway authorities to non-trunk roads, however, greater flexibility may be appropriate in these cases.
Designations	Notable sites, areas, buildings or structures protected by planning or other laws. Can be applied at local, regional, national and international level.
Effect	Term used to express the consequence of an impact (expressed as the 'significance of effect'), which is determined by correlating the magnitude of the impact to the importance, or sensitivity, of the receptor or resource in accordance with defined significance criteria. For example, land clearing during construction results in habitat loss (impact), the effect of which is the significance of the habitat loss on the ecological resource.
Elements	Individual parts which make up the landscape, such as, for example, trees, hedges and buildings.
Embedded environmental measures	Equate to 'primary environmental measures' as defined by Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (2016). They are measures to avoid or reduce environmental effects that are directly incorporated into the preferred masterplan for the Proposed Development.
Environment	Our physical surroundings, including land, air and water.



Term	Definition
Environmental Impact Assessment	The process of evaluating the likely significant environmental effects of a proposed project or development over and above the existing circumstances (or 'baseline').
Environmental Measures	Measures which are proposed to prevent, reduce and where possible offset any significant adverse effects (or to avoid, reduce and if possible, remedy identified effects (GLVIA 3, 2013 Para 3.37).
Environmental Statement	The written output presenting the full findings of the Environmental Impact Assessment.
Exceedance	A period of time when the concentration of a pollutant is greater than the appropriate air quality objective. This applies to specified locations with relevant exposure
Feature	Particularly prominent or eye-catching elements in the landscape such as tree clumps, church towers or wooded skylines OR a particular aspect of the project proposal.
Focus Area	Location that not only exceeds the annual mean limit value for NO ₂ but also has a high level of human exposure
Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment, Third Edition	Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment, Third Edition, published jointly by the Landscape Institute and Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment, 2013.
Heritage	The historic environment and especially valued assets and qualities such as historic buildings and cultural traditions.
Impact	The changes resulting from an action.
Indirect effects	Effects that result indirectly from the proposed project as a consequence of the direct effects, often occurring away from the site, or as a result of a sequence of interrelationships or a complex pathway. They may be separated by distance or in time from the source of the effects. Often used to describe effects on landscape character that are not directly impacted by the Proposed Development such as effects on perceptual characteristics and qualities of the landscape.
Key characteristics	Those combinations of elements which are particularly important to the current character of the landscape and help to give an area its particularly distinctive sense of place.
LAmax	The maximum sound level reached during a measurement period.
Land cover	The surface cover of the land, usually expressed in terms of vegetation cover or lack of it. Related to but not the same as land use.
Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment	A tool used to identify and assess the likely significance of the effects of change resulting from development both on the landscape as an environmental resource in its own right and on people's views and visual amenity.
Landscape character	A distinct, recognisable and consistent pattern of elements in the landscape that makes one landscape different from another, rather than better or worse.



Term	Definition
Landscape Character Area	These are single unique areas which are the discrete geographical areas of a particular landscape type.
Landscape Character Assessment	The process of identifying and describing variation in the character of the landscape and using this information to assist in managing change in the landscape. It seeks to identify and explain the unique combination of elements and features that make landscapes distinctive. The process results in the production of a Landscape Character Assessment.
Landscape Character Types	Distinct types of landscape which are relatively homogenous in character. They are generic in nature in that they may occur in different areas in different parts of the country, but wherever they occur they share broadly similar combinations of geology, topography, drainage patterns, vegetation and historical land use and settlement patterns, and perceptual and aesthetic attributes (GLVIA 3 2013).
Landscape	Effects on the landscape as a resource in its own right.
effects	An assessment of landscape effects deals with the effects of change and development on landscape as a resource. The concern here is with how the proposal will affect the elements that make up the landscape, the aesthetic and perceptual aspects of the landscape and its distinctive character (GLVIA 3 2013, Para 5.1).
Landscape patterns	Spatial distributions of landscape elements combining to form patterns, which may be distinctive, recognisable and describable e.g., hedgerows and stream patterns.
Landscape qualities	A term used to describe the aesthetic or perceptual and intangible characteristics of the landscape such as scenic quality, tranquillity, sense of wildness or remoteness. Cultural and artistic references may also be described here.
Landscape quality (condition)	A measure of the physical state of the landscape. It may include the extent to which typical character is represented in individual areas, the intactness of the landscape and the condition of individual elements.
Landscape receptors	Defined aspects of the landscape resource that have the potential to be affected by a proposal.
Landscape resource	The combination of elements that contribute to landscape context, character, and value.
Landscape sensitivity	The sensitivity of the landscape to a particular development considers the susceptibility of the landscape and its value.
Landscape value	The relative value that is attached to different landscapes by society. A landscape may be valued by different stakeholders for a whole variety of reasons.
Legislation	A law or set of laws suggested by a government and made official by a parliament.
Level of effect	Determined through the combination of sensitivity of the receptor and the proposed magnitude of change brought about by the development.



Term	Definition
Likely Significant Effects	It is a requirement of Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations to determine the likely significant effects of the Proposed Development on the environment which should relate to the level of an effect and the type of effect.
Local Plans	Local Plans, prepared by a local planning authority in consultation with its community, set out a vision and a framework for the future development of an area. Once in place, Local Plans become part of the statutory development plan. The statutory development plan for the area is the starting point for determining local planning applications.
Magnitude	A combination of the scale, extent and duration of a given effect.
Magnitude (of change)	A term that combines judgements about the size and scale of the effect, the extent of the area over which it occurs, whether it is reversible or irreversible and whether it is short term or long term in duration. Also known as the 'degree' or 'nature' of change.
Methodology	The specific approach and techniques used for a given study.
Mitigation	Measures intended to avoid, reduce and, where possible, remedy significant adverse environmental effects.
National Planning Policy Framework	Framework that sets out the UK government's planning policies for England.
Noise	A noise can be described as an unwanted sound. Noise can cause nuisance.
Objectives	A nationally defined set of health-based concentrations for nine pollutants, seven of which are incorporated in Regulations, setting out the extent to which the standards should be achieved by a defined date. There are also vegetation-based objectives for sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxides
Perception	Combines the sensory (that we receive through our senses) with the cognitive (our knowledge and understanding gained from many sources and experiences).
Perceptual Aspects	A landscape may be valued for its perceptual qualities, notably wildness and/or tranquillity (GLVIA 3, 2013 Box 5.1).
Photomontage	A visualisation which superimposes an image of the Proposed Development upon a photograph or series of photographs.
Planning Inspectorate	The Planning Inspectorate deals with planning appeals, national infrastructure planning applications, examinations of local plans and other planning-related and specialist casework in England and Wales.
Planning practice guidance	Planning practice guidance notes covering various aspects of the planning system including transport which provide further information in addition to National Planning Policy Framework.
PM _{2.5}	Small airborne particles less than 2.5 micrometres in aerodynamic diameter
PM ₁₀	Small airborne particles, more specifically particulate matter less than 10 micrometres in aerodynamic diameter
Proposed Development	The Development that is subject to the application for consent, as described in Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development.



Term	Definition
Public right of way	A public right of way is a right by which the public can pass along linear routes over land at all times. Although the land may be owned by a private individual, the public have a legal right across that land along a specific route.
Rarity	The presence of rare elements or features in the landscape or the presence of a rare Landscape Character Type (GLVIA 3 (Landscape Institute and IEMA, 2013), Box 5.1).
Receptor	A component of the natural or built environment (such as a human being, water, air, a building or a plant) that is affected by an impact of construction works and/or the operation of a proposed development.
Regulations	Official rules or acts to control something.
Representativen ess	Whether the landscape contains a particular character and/or features or elements which are considered particularly important examples.
Residual Effect	Effects that may exist after mitigation measures have been successfully implemented.
Scenic quality	Depends upon perception and reflects the particular combination and pattern of elements in the landscape, its aesthetic qualities, its more intangible sense of place or 'genius loci' and other more intangible qualities (GLVIA 3 2013, Box 5.1).
Sense of Place (genius loci)	The essential character and spirit of an area: 'genius loci' literally means 'spirit of the place'.
Sensitivity	A term applied to specific receptors, combining judgements of the susceptibility of the receptor to the specific type of change or development proposed and the value associated to that receptor.
Significance	A measure of the importance of the environmental effect, defined by criteria specific to the environmental aspect.
Significant effects	It is a requirement of the EIA Regulations to determine the likely significant effects of the development on the environment which should relate to the level of an effect and the type of effect. Where possible significant effects should be mitigated. The significance of an effect gives an indication as to the degree of importance (based on the magnitude of the effect and the sensitivity of the receptor) that should be attached to the impact described. Whether or not an effect should be considered significant is not absolute and requires the application of professional judgement. Significant – 'noteworthy, of considerable amount or effect or importance, not insignificant or negligible'. The Concise Oxford Dictionary. Those levels and types of landscape and visual effect likely to have a major or important/noteworthy or special effect of which a decision maker should take particular note.
Site	All land within the Site Boundary.
Standards	A nationally defined set of concentrations for nine pollutants below which health effects do not occur or are minimal.
Susceptibility	The ability of a defined landscape or visual receptor to accommodate the specific Proposed Development without undue negative consequences.



Term	Definition
Temporary or permanent effects	Effects may be considered as temporary or permanent. In the case of the noise barrier, the development is assumed to be permanent and reversible.
Type or Nature of effect	Whether an effect is direct or indirect, temporary or permanent, positive (beneficial), neutral or negative (adverse) or cumulative.
Vibration	Vibration is defined as a repetitive oscillatory motion. Vibration can be transmitted to the human body through the supporting surfaces; the feet of a standing person, the buttocks, back and feet of a seated person or the supporting area of a recumbent person. In most situations, entry into the human body will be through the supporting ground or through the supporting floors of a building. Vibration is often complex, containing many frequencies, occurring in many directions and changing over time. There are many factors that influence human response to vibration. Physical factors include vibration magnitude, vibration frequency, vibration axis, duration, point of entry into the human body and posture of the human body. Other factors include the exposed persons experience, expectation, arousal and activity. Experience shows that disturbance or annoyance from vibration in residential situations is likely to arise when the magnitude of vibration is only slightly in excess of the threshold of perception.
Viewpoints	Selected for illustration of the visual effects fall broadly into three groups: Representative Viewpoints: selected to represent the experience of different types of visual receptor, where larger numbers of viewpoints cannot all be included individually and where the significant effects are unlikely to differ – for example certain points may be chosen to represent the view of users of particular public footpaths and bridleways; Specific Viewpoints: chosen because they are key and sometimes promoted viewpoints within the landscape, including for example specific local visitor attractions, such as landscapes with statutory landscape designations or viewpoints with particular cultural landscape associations. Illustrative Viewpoints: chosen specifically to demonstrate a particular effect or specific issues, which might, for example, be the restricted visibility at certain locations (GLVIA 3 2013, Para 6.19).
Visual amenity	The overall views and surroundings, which provide a visual setting or backdrop to the activities of people living, working, recreating, visiting or travelling through an area.
Visual effect	Effects on specific views and on the general visual amenity experienced by people.
Visual Receptors	Individuals and/or defined groups of people who have the potential to be affected by a proposal.
Visual sensitivity	The sensitivity of visual receptors such as residents, relative to their location and context, to visual change proposed by development.
Visualisation	Computer visualisation, photomontage, or other technique to illustrate the appearance of the development from a known location.
Wireline	A computer-generated line drawing of the DTM (digital terrain model) and the Proposed Development from a known location.



Term	Definition
Zone of Theoretical Visibility	A map, usually digitally produced, showing areas of land within which, a development is theoretical visible.