

VIEWPOINT 2

HAMILTON

STRATHCLYDE
COUNTRY PARK

M74

RAITH
ROUNDBOUT

BOTHWELL

A725 EASTBOUND

BOTHWELL
PARK SINC



PROPOSED ACCESS ROAD TO DOUGLAS
PARK COTTAGES

ACCESS ROAD TO BE REMOVED

PROPOSED A725 WESTBOUND
WIDENING




FOOTPATH

A725 WESTBOUND

PROPOSED A725 WESTBOUND AND
EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAYS

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RECEPTOR	DESCRIPTION OF VIEW	NATURE OF EFFECT & MITIGATION	CONSTRUCTION	RESIDUAL SIGNIFICANCE OF EFFECTS
Transport route A725 (Westbound) and access road to Kilmallie House	Foreground - Infrastructure and traffic dominant (right of view) roadside planting limits views towards existing Raith roundabout. Associated planting along existing access road partially screens views into country park.	A725 westbound widening and the underpass alignment will involve the removal of existing roadside planting opening views towards Strathclyde Country Park and Bothwell. Landcover change due to increase road pavement provision. Left of view a new access road to serve properties around Douglas Park Cottages towards the base of the new embankment. Area of community land will be lost. Extensive views over Raith roundabout will be uncovered along with views over M74.		The scheme would cause a barely perceptible deterioration in the existing view, Does not quite fit into the scale of the landscape. Screening has been lost that can not be fully mitigated.
CLASSIFICATION OF RECEPTOR				
Location - Direct line of A725 widening 1050m from new interchange AOD 50m (Approx.)	Mid/Far Distance - The extensive tree cover within mid distance Strathclyde Country Park/M74/ Raith Haugh / Carmichael Plantation / Bothwell residential area visible within wooded slope (right of view). Horizon made up of conurbation of outer Hamilton punctuated with isolated high-rise built form.	Vehicular movement dominates right hand view. New woodland planting along the westbound carriageway will minimise the visual envelope into the Camping and Caravan Park (Country Park). New recreational route overbridge will be partially visible at the enlarged Raith roundabout due to the mature planting retained. New planting looks to minimise any adverse effects related to the underpass structure and enlarged road interchange layout. Permanent loss of vegetation in the central reservation will open extensive views over towards Blue Bell pond and Bothwell.	OPERATIONAL STAGE	
Sensitivity : - Moderate			15 YEARS FROM OPERATION (LONG TERM)	
		Mature woodland planting adds to the seasonal screening of existing vegetation and linking of valuable features. More scenic views far left towards Strathclyde Country Park, right towards the residential area of Bothwell retaining open views and character. Tree planting around overbridge structures at new interchange matures to screen visual effects (vehicles and bridges). Signage and lighting difficult to mitigate fully. Ecological & recreational benefits.		Notable changes to the existing vista in a limited area main changes to right of viewpoint with the loss of vegetation in central reservation.

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