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**Figure 5.3:**  
**Priority Views - Views to Chichester Cathedral**



**Key**

- Area of Search
- Viewcones to Chichester Cathedral
- Cathedral

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## **VIEW 9: VIEW FROM CHICHESTER MARINA/ YACHT BASIN**

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### **Character of the existing view**

- 5.57. There are views of the cathedral spire from the public footpath that borders Chichester Yacht Basin. This is a representative view from the eastern end of the basin. The foreground of the view is dominated by open water and reed beds which indicate the low lying nature of the Chichester's landscape setting. The middle ground is dominated by layers of hedgerows and trees which filter views to the cathedral. The Sussex Downs forms an attractive backdrop. The cathedral spire is the main focus of the view, rising above the treeline in the distance.

### **Quality/ integrity of the view**

- 5.58. This is an aesthetically pleasing view of the cathedral across marshes and farmland with no detractors visible. The view reveals the character of the lowland coastal plain landscape to the south-west of Chichester.

### **Viewpoint type and importance**

- 5.59. This viewpoint is from the marina and public footpath within the Chichester Harbour AONB. Many visitors to the marina and users of the public footpath experience this view of the cathedral. There is also a bird hide looking over the marshes towards the cathedral. Visitors to the AONB are likely to have a particular interest in the scenic quality of their surroundings.

### **Value of the view**

- 5.60. This view is valued locally by users of the marina and more widely by visitors to the AONB.

### **Important bands of trees/ vegetation**

- 5.61. Intermittent vegetation along the hedgerow on the field boundary east of New Barn and the A286 screen views beyond Crouchend.

## **VIEW 10: VIEW FROM SALTERNS COPSE**

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### **Character of the existing view**

- 5.62. There are views of the cathedral spire from the public footpath that runs along the edge of Salterns Copse to Copperas Point. This is a representative view from the north end of Saltern's Copse.
- 5.63. The foreground of this view is dominated by the open coastal landscape of Chichester Harbour and farmland which reveal the low lying nature of Chichester's landscape setting. The middle ground is dominated by farmed fields and layers of hedgerows and trees which filter views to the cathedral. The Sussex Downs form an attractive backdrop to the view. The buildings at Dell Quay and the cathedral spire are the two main focal points of the view.

### **Quality/ integrity of the view**

- 5.64. This is an aesthetically pleasing view of the cathedral across the harbour and open farmland with no visible detractors. There have been few changes since this view was painted by George Lambert in 1828 except for the location of some vegetation along the harbour edge and the addition of new buildings at Dell Quay.

### **Viewpoint type and importance**

- 5.65. This viewpoint is from within the Chichester Harbour AONB and is accessible on foot. The importance of this viewpoint is heightened due to its association with a painting from a point nearby by George Lambert in 1828.

### **Value of the view**

- 5.66. This view is valued by visitors to the AONB and users of the public footpath.

### **Important bands of trees/ vegetation**

- 5.67. Trees along the harbour edge south of Dell Quay filter views at close proximity. Another significant layer of vegetation occurs at Apuldram which provides a screen to views of the fields beyond this hamlet.

## **VIEW 11: VIEW FROM PUBLIC FOOTPATH ALONG WEST SIDE OF FISHBOURNE CHANNEL**

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### **Character of the existing view**

- 5.68. The cathedral is visible from a large part of Chichester Harbour including a substantial length of public footpath between the head of Fishbourne Channel and Oldpark Wood. This view is representative of a number of views from this public footpath and has been chosen because it provides a clear view of the cathedral (due to lower tree cover).
- 5.69. The foreground of this view is dominated by the open coastal edge of Chichester Harbour which confirms the low lying nature of the Chichester's landscape setting. The middle ground is dominated by layers of hedgerows and trees which filter views to the cathedral – houses on the outskirts of Chichester are also visible below. The Sussex Downs form an attractive backdrop to the view. The cathedral is the main focal point in this view.

### **Quality/ integrity of the view**

- 5.70. This is an aesthetically appealing view of the cathedral across the open water of the harbour. The outline of the nave, spire and bell tower, and the enormous scale of the cathedral, can be easily appreciated from this viewpoint. Some existing residential development is visible between trees on the shore line, but this does not detract from the quality of the view.

### **Viewpoint type and importance**

- 5.71. This is a popular viewpoint for users of the footpath along the harbour edge south of Fishbourne. The location within the Chichester Harbour AONB heightens the importance of this viewpoint. Visitors to the AONB are likely to have a particular interest in the scenic quality of their surroundings.

### **Value of the view**

- 5.72. This view is valued by visitors to the AONB and users of the footpath alongside Fishbourne Channel.

### **Important bands of trees/ vegetation**

- 5.73. Vegetation around the manor House and along Apuldram Lane screens views of fields to the east of Apuldram Lane.

## **VIEW 12: VIEW FROM FISHBOURNE CHANNEL**

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### **Character of the existing view**

- 5.74. The cathedral is visible from a large part of Chichester Harbour including much of the Fishbourne Channel. This view is representative of the view from the Fishbourne channel and has been chosen because it represents the clearest views of the cathedral.
- 5.75. The foreground of this view is open water, the midground dominated by trees that line the harbour shores and the cathedral spire the focal point of the view.

### **Quality/ integrity of the view**

- 5.76. This is a generally a high quality view with few incongruous features. The sewage treatment works, on the eastern bank of the Channel, interrupts the wooded shoreline in the middle ground of the view and is the only detracting feature in this view.

### **Viewpoint type and importance**

- 5.77. This is a popular viewpoint for sailors on the Fishbourne Channel and for users of the footpaths along the harbour edge south of Fishbourne. The location within the Chichester Harbour AONB heightens the importance of this viewpoint.

### **Value of the view**

- 5.78. This view has existed since the cathedral was built. It is therefore an historic viewpoint which has been appreciated by sailors for centuries. It is valued today by visitors to the AONB as well as everyday users of the Fishbourne channel and surrounding public footpaths.

### **Important bands of trees/ vegetation**

- 5.79. Vegetation along the harbour edge and rows of hedgerow trees filter views of the fields between the harbour and Chichester.

## **VIEW 13: VIEW FROM PARK LANE ON THE BOSHAM PENINSULA**

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### **Character of the existing view**

- 5.80. The cathedral is visible from a large part of Chichester Harbour including a large part of the Bosham Peninsula. This view is representative of the view from the Bosham Peninsula and has been chosen because it represents a clear view of the cathedral from a public highway.
- 5.81. The foreground and middle ground of this view are dominated by open farmland of the Bosham Peninsula, punctuated by hedgerows and copses. In the distance development on the outskirts of Chichester can be seen in front of the cathedral, but it is the cathedral that draws the eye.

### **Quality/ integrity of the view**

- 5.82. Overhead wires are the only detractors in this middle ground of this high quality view of the cathedral. The outline of the nave, spire and bell tower and the enormous scale of the cathedral can be appreciated from this viewpoint

### **Viewpoint type and importance**

- 5.83. This viewpoint is from Park Lane which winds its way across the Bosham Peninsula within the Chichester Harbour AONB. It is also representative of the views from the public footpaths that cross the peninsula to the east of Park Lane.

### **Value of the view**

- 5.84. This view of the cathedral is valued by visitors to the AONB (both by car and on foot) and by residents on the Bosham Peninsula.

### **Important bands of trees/ vegetation**

- 5.85. Trees in copses around farms and vegetation along the water's edge filter views towards Chichester thereby limiting views at ground level. Locations closer to Chichester are therefore less visible from this viewpoint.

## **VIEW 14: VIEW FROM DELL QUAY ROAD**

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### **Character of the existing view**

- 5.86. There are views of the cathedral from the open fields to the south-west of Chichester. This viewpoint has been chosen because it is representative of views from this direction and is from the busy road to Dell Quay as well as at a junction of a public footpath.
- 5.87. The foreground of this view is dominated by a ploughed field with intermittent field boundaries. The middle ground is characterised by hedgerows and belts of trees which form a wooded setting to the cathedral. The Sussex Downs form an attractive backdrop to the view. The cathedral is the main focus of the view whose spire is seen against an open sky.

### **Quality/ integrity of the view**

- 5.88. The degraded quality of the field boundaries in the foreground and overhead wires detract from the quality of this view. However, it still remains a clear view of the cathedral in which the nave, spire and bell tower can be appreciated.

### **Viewpoint type and importance**

- 5.89. Although the foreground to this viewpoint is somewhat degraded, this viewpoint is from the access road to the historic Dell Quay and on a public footpath within the Chichester Harbour AONB. Visitors to the AONB are likely to have a particular interest in the scenic quality of their surroundings.

### **Value of the view**

- 5.90. This view is valued by visitors to the AONB (both on the road to and from Dell Quay and on the public footpath between Chichester Marina and Apuldram).

### **Important bands of trees/ vegetation**

- 5.91. Some low and intermittent hedgerows dividing the fields around Apuldram partially filter views of fields beyond this point, but the area remains generally open. Vegetation along the ring road screens views of buildings on the existing edge of Chichester.