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Comment on Section 7.3.4 and Table 7.1 Designated Strategic Views

I am writing to you on behalf of the Waterlow Park Trust. The Trust is the custodian of Waterlow Park, a 26 acre green oasis in N6, on the slopes of Highgate, north London. The Park was given to the people of London by Sir Sydney Waterlow and is fortunate to enjoy remarkable views over the city, and particularly of St Paul's Cathedral from the vantage point near his statue. The Cathedral dome is framed against the backdrop of the southern hills with the Shard, and other buildings, enhancing the Cathedral's prominence. The attached pictures illustrate this.

The uniqueness of this perspective of St Paul's has been noted in guidebooks and is considered by many to give the best view of the Cathedral from north London. The importance of conserving this viewpoint was also recognised when the Shard was under construction. Regular checks were made by surveyors to ensure that the view was not impeded in any way.

The park Trustee Advisory Group is acting on behalf of park users, the Friends of Waterlow Park, the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum, Lauderdale House, and the London Borough of Camden in making this submission to preserve this sight-line by requesting that this view be formally added to your list of protected views.

A map of the sight-line we are requesting be listed to enjoy protection is at: <http://share.diditon.com/fUKLnz>

Dr Sue Tatum, Chair of the Waterlow Park Trust Advisory Group

See: <http://waterlowparktrust.org.uk/>

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