



Viewpoint Location On the railway causeway, immediately south of the weir.

Height AOD (approx)

Distance from Route

0m

## LANDSCAPE AND VISUAL ASSESSMENT

## **VIEWPOINT 5**

View Description Northwards from the railway embankment maintenance track with the fields of Kilcrea Townlands visible ahead on the northern shore. The abutments to the proposed greenway bridge are to the right. The dramatic effects of the water coursing between the two parts of the estuary through the weir are apparent.

View during Construction

This view would not be obtained from this location during construction, as the causeway would remain closed to the public.

View on Completion The maintenance track would be improved to form the greenway with a waist-high stone wall to the left. Views would be retained of the weir by the use of railings. The bridge would be completed to the right. The effects of the proposed lighting on the causeway would be clearly visible from this viewpoint, but would be in keeping with the engineered character of the rail embankment and railway infrastructure.

Mitigation Measures

The quality of robust detailing to the walls, railings and surfaces would enable the greenway to sit comfortably within the exposed estuarine environment.

Status of Effects Construction effects would be short-term and temporary. Operational effects would be long-term and permanent.

Magnitude of Effects Not applicable as no publicly accessible views are currently enjoyed from this viewpoint.

Viewpoint Sensitivity

High - the receptors are likely to be users of recreational facilities focussed on the landscape, or the local community who place a high value on the views.

Visual Impact Assessment

Short term during Construction

N/A

Residual during Operation

Moderate positive.

