




 Extent of view from dining suite at eastern end of northern range (white = visible)

Figure 5c.
View 'envelope' from east end (dining suite) of the northern range

Owing to its prominent position, views gained from the upper storey dining suite at the east end of the northern range of the villa would have been extensive. It is possible that the decision to create a dining suite in this position was influenced by a wish to both view and display the extensiveness of the villa and surrounding (estate?) lands.

This possibility has been examined in this view plot. It has been assumed that windows in the dining suite looked to both south and east. This would give a panoramic view 'envelope'. It has also been assumed that an extensive southern range to the villa would have existed around the same time, of a similar length to the northern range.

Although not shown on this plot, if it was possible to see the Romano-Celtic temple from the gateway to the inner courtyard (as illustrated in Figure 5a), then it would certainly have been possible to gain an even better view of the temple from this dining suite.

The level of the ground floor of the northern range (east end) appears to have been much the same as the floor level of the covered walkway enclosing the east side of the inner courtyard. When looking westward from the upper floor windows of the northern range (east end), although it would have been possible to see over the roof of the single-storey covered way, the view would have been at a low angle of elevation. So it may not have been possible to see much - if any - of the ground level of the inner courtyard. However, the facades of the west range and parts of the south range would have been visible, as well much of the roofs of the villa. An overall impression would certainly have been gained of the scale and extent of the villa.