

VALE OF WHITE HORSE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
LOCAL PLAN PART 1 EXAMINATION HEARING  
INSPECTOR'S REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM THE COUNCIL

**INSPECTOR'S REQUEST:**

The Council to consider and if appropriate suggest modifications to policy CP5 and/or the supporting text in relation to the flexibility in applying the Science Vale boundary/ Ring-Fence area.

**COUNCIL'S RESPONSE:**

During debate at Stage 2, the Inspector appeared concerned that the Ring-Fence area put forward (with reference to the Science Vale area as shown in the draft plan) was fairly arbitrary (especially to the west) and may be too precisely drawn and suggested that the Council should consider the practical definition of the Ring Fence boundary.

The Council have considered proposing a looser application of the boundary of the Ring-Fence area, however consider this would provide a degree of flexibility that would be difficult to implement in practice. Following review, the Council considers that, on balance, the certainty provided by a defined Ring Fence boundary is preferable to the flexibility that may be offered if a looser area was used.