

CGR 6

Parishes Affected

Clifton Hampden, Culham

Matter to be considered

Amending the boundaries of Clifton Hampden and Culham parishes to enable Culham Science Centre to sit wholly within one or other parish

Impact on district and county council boundaries

None

Summary of parish council responses

Both Culham and Clifton Hampden parish councils object to the principle of placing the whole of Culham Science Centre in one parish. They argue that oversight by two parish councils is beneficial. Nuneham Courtenay parish council objects to any changes to the current boundary (although the working group's proposal does not alter its boundary).

Culham parish council has stated that it is not happy with the boundary now being put forward by the working group as still excludes it from the science centre.

Summary of other responses

The Culham Centre for Fusion Energy, which runs the site, commented, "from both local community liaison and site development and planning perspectives, we have no problem with the present parish boundaries. We have good lines of communications with both parish councils and both are supportive of our present activities and future plans."

Recommendation

To make minor adjustments to the boundary between Clifton Hampden and Culham parishes at Culham Science Centre, as shown on the attached map.

Justification

In the light of the comments of the three parish councils and the major user of the site, the working group does not consider that it can justify a proposal to move the whole of Culham Science Centre into a single parish. It notes, however, that the current parish boundary runs through some buildings and proposes a more logical boundary that follows man-made features. It

acknowledges the comments of Culham parish council regarding its latest proposal, but considers that the consultation period provides ample time to agree a final boundary acceptable to all.