

2. SETTLEMENT PROTECTION BOUNDARIES

11.2.1 The settlements in the Water Park derive much of their attraction from their landscape setting. Protection boundaries have, therefore, been defined around settlements to protect residential amenities and the landscape settings from disturbance caused by the more disruptive after-uses. Minerals Local Plans prepared by Gloucestershire and Wiltshire County Councils define similar boundaries to deal with the disturbance and disruption caused by mineral working and restoration.

11.2.2 The boundaries are defined by natural features wherever possible, and vary in extent depending on topography, landscape, the presence of natural features and the existence of, or outstanding consent for, mineral winning operations. Development some distance away could have an impact in terms of noise, traffic generation, pollution or visual intrusion.

11.2.3 Settlement protection boundaries at Cerney Wick, Down Ampney, Dunfield, Kempsford, Lechlade and South Cerney adjoin the boundary with Wiltshire. In addition, a boundary has been defined to cover land within Cotswold District to help protect the Wiltshire village of Marston Meysey.

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[Proposals Map Insets 6, 7, 9, 11 and 11A]

Within the Settlement Protection Boundaries indicated on the relevant Proposals Map Insets, amelioration measures, such as tree planting and bunding, which protect residential amenities and enhance the landscape setting of settlements, will normally be permitted. Proposals for sport, recreation and tourism, allowed in principle in parts of the Water Park by Policy 19 and Policy 26, will not be permitted within Settlement Protection Boundaries if they would damage residential amenities and the setting of a settlement.

