S/C/OPM: Old Press/Mill Lane

The University requests that the site allocation boundary (red line) is amended to remove the University Centre and other smaller properties.

The inclusion of the University Centre adds unnecessary complexity to the allocation. Its removal would allow the policy to focus on providing greater clarity and deliverability for a site that is now in separate ownership.

There is also an inconsistency in the policy: while the allocation references listed buildings, the supporting text states that there are none within the site, which is incorrect. There are a number of listed buildings within or adjacent to the current boundary, particularly along Little St Mary's Lane.

If the University Centre is removed from the allocation, the key principles relating to access, public realm and active frontages would continue to be adequately addressed through Policy J/FD and other policies within the plan, especially the Public Realm Improvement Policy that relates to the wider masterplan area. We therefore recommend amending the red line boundary to ensure the allocation is accurate, consistent and focused on appropriate development land.