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Submission to the North West Leicestershire Local Plan Examination

On Behalf of Ravensbourn Container Systems Ltd (46)

Land North of Occupation Lane, Swadlincote

Matter 2

Vision, Objectives and Spatial Strategy

- a. Is the Plan founded upon justified and effective Vision and Objectives?
- b. Is the Spatial Strategy of the Plan justified and effective, in particular with respect to:
 - i. reasonable alternatives [LP04-05]
 - ii. the chosen settlement hierarchy:
 1. within the District
 2. having regard to the proximity of towns in neighbouring Districts [BP/02]
 - iii. the definition of the scale and Limits of Development:
 1. Coalville
 2. village settlements
 - iv. the overall distribution of development, in particular between Coalville and Ashby de la Zouch
 - v. the re-use of previously developed (brownfield) land
 - vi. sustainable patterns of transport?

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It is not considered that the Plan is effective or justified with regard to the proximity of towns in nearby districts. We have set out in our original objection the functional relationship to Swadlincote and Woodville and the role we consider should be played by new development north of Albert Village. Quite clearly this area functions as part of the nearby Swadlincote Woodville urban area and is divided from this district by a completely artificial District Boundary, serving to make land north of Albert Village part of the countryside rather than functioning as part of the nearby urban area which it clearly is.

The geography of the situation is clearly not reflected in planning policies.

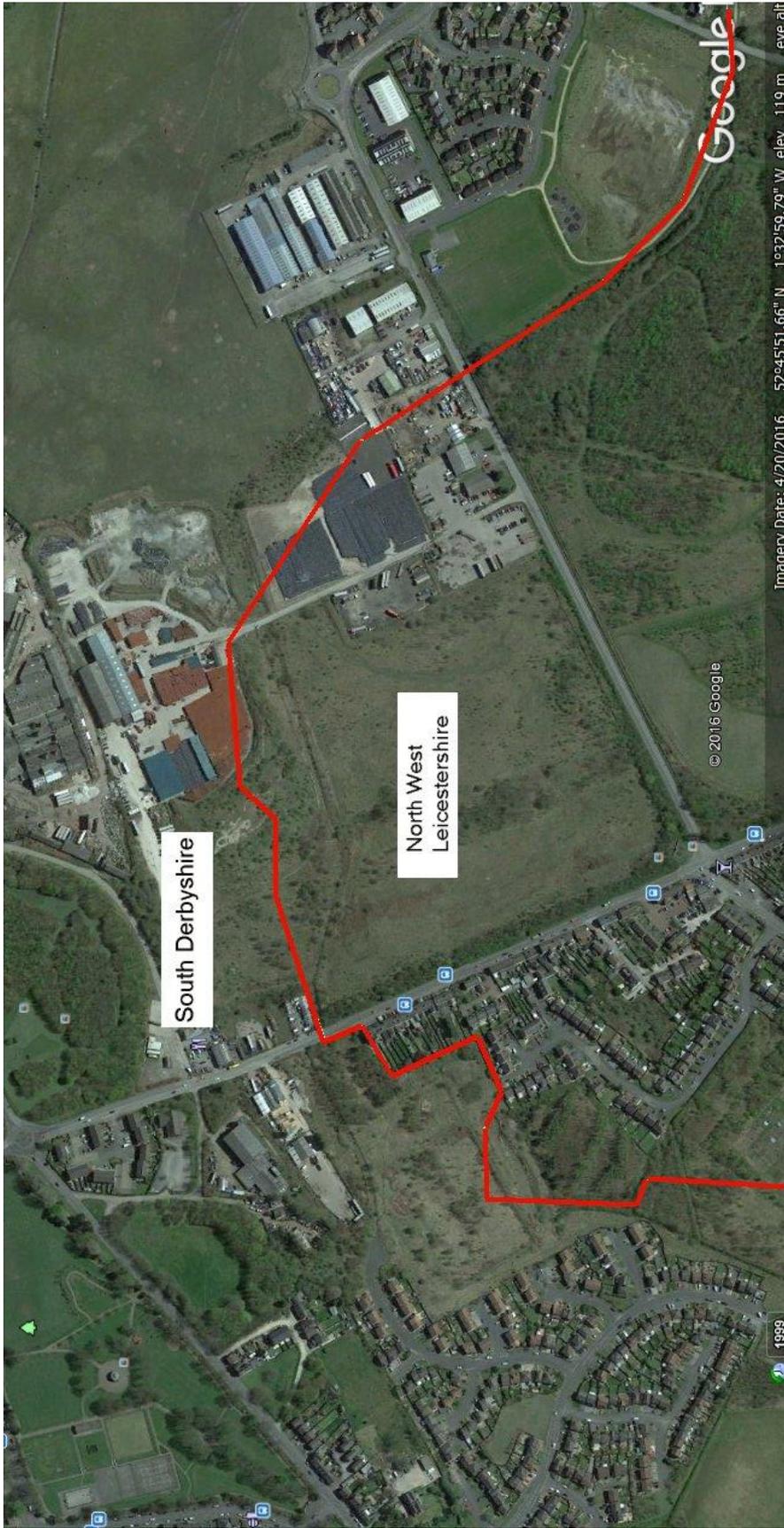
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This area is quite clearly a sustainable location as evidenced by the employment and regeneration policies in the South Derbyshire Local Plan.

The Plan as drafted does not adequately deal with the existing relationships or the future potential of the area North of Occupation Lane to accommodate new housing on previously developed land in a sustainable location.

This situation is a result of the existing district boundaries and their failure to follow logical boundary lines and the failure of both planning authorities to deal with this issue.

Aerial Photo also showing District Boundaries and Site Context.



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