



**EXAMINATION – MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION
NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION
POSITION STATEMENT ON ON BEHALF OF:
DAVIDSONS DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED, (Rep 56), WESTERN
RANGE LIMITED (Rep 50) AND RADLEIGH HOMES (Rep 28)**

MATTER 2: Vision, Objectives and Spatial Strategy

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- 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;**
 - ii. The chosen settlement hierarchy;**
 - 1. Within the District;**
 - 2. Having regard to the proximity of towns in neighbouring Districts;**
 - iii. The definition of the scale and Limits to 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.**

2.1 Part of the Council’s vision for the district over the plan period is that as the district’s main town, Coalville will have grown significantly and the town will have benefited from major new investment in infrastructure. In terms of the chosen settlement hierarchy, Policy S2 identifies the Coalville Urban Area as the Principal Town where the largest amount of new development will be directed. The Plan defines the Coalville Urban Area as comprising Coalville, Donington-le-Heath, Greenhill, Hugglescote, Snibston, Thringstone and Whitwick as well as the Bardon employment area.

2.2 Ravenstone is identified in the settlement hierarchy as a Sustainable Village. It would appear that the definition of the Coalville Urban Area has focused on the physical relationships between the identified settlements. Consideration should also be given to the functional relationships between settlements. In functional terms, Ravenstone forms part of what can be considered the wider Coalville Urban Area. The settlement is well related

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to Coalville and the services and facilities available in the town centre,
with public transport connectivity and the Sustrans Cycle Route 52
providing a largely off-road connection to the town centre.

- 2.3 An amendment to the definition of the Coalville Urban Area should be
made to include Ravenstone as part of the defined Coalville Urban Area.