



# Ilchester

Let us know your views!

Ilchester should be identified as a **Rural Centre** because:

- ✓ It is located close to Yeovil and its main role is to meet the day-to-day needs of its local residents
- ✓ It is significantly limited in its ability to expand due to its natural setting and historical importance. Its close location to RNAS Yeovilton provides a local demand for certain services and facilities like schooling
- ✓ Development of the settlement is closely controlled due to the impact of aircraft noise on local quality of life

## CURRENT ISSUES

- Significant flood risk area for most of the town apart from the northern end
- Changes in the role and function of RNAS Yeovilton mean that noise constraints are changing
- Volumes of through traffic and parking problems
- Viability of shops and commercial businesses

## STRENGTHS

- Strong employment opportunities and a good range of shopping and community facilities
- Good links by bus to Yeovil
- Important Roman town with many monuments, archaeological sites and a significant conservation area

## Vision for 2026:

- Revised noise contours are anticipated, following the Strategic Defence Review, which will allow limited growth to meet local needs.
- Up to 150 new homes (1 home is already allocated).
- This limited growth is designed to provide support for existing services and shops.
- Any new dwellings will be built to the highest levels of noise protection.
- There are limited opportunities for development away from the flood risk areas, to the north of the town and one hectare of new employment land is proposed to meet the need for further job opportunities locally.

**Do you agree that Ilchester is Rural Centre?**

**Do you agree with the level and type of growth being planned?**

**Have we got this right? Have we got this wrong? If so, please tell us why.**

**We need your views**

