



Wincanton

Let us know your views!

Wincanton should be identified as a **Market Town** because:

- ✓ It has a historical and continuing role as an important service centre for the town itself and surrounding rural villages
- ✓ It is located on a key transportation route, the A303, with strong links to London and the South West
- ✓ It is the 5th largest settlement in the district with an important range of shopping, cultural, education, health, leisure and financial facilities
- ✓ A high proportion (59%) of those in employment live and work locally, with a high number of jobs per working person attracting in workers from surrounding settlements

CURRENT ISSUES

- The town has seen strong growth in housing in recent years, which needs to be balanced by more employment and jobs
- Health facilities and primary school provision are overstretched and new or improved facilities are needed
- The need to enhance and improve retail shopping facilities in the town centre
- Growth is constrained by the flood zone and the A303 to the south and north-east of the town

STRENGTHS

- The town is very well located on the A303 for commercial and industrial activities
- It has a good range of services and facilities, which make it an attractive place to live
- The availability of jobs and homes give people the prospect of living and working in the town
- The town has excellent community facilities including the racecourse sports provision and the secondary school
- The historical town centre, which includes many fine listed buildings and a substantial conservation area

Vision for 2026:

- Up to 1053 new homes (703 of these are already allocated).
- Job opportunities will increase by the development of a further 1.5 hectares of employment land.
- Growth will help to deliver more affordable housing, provide employment opportunities and support improved services to meet the needs of existing and future population.
- Increased town centre shopping to meet the needs of the expanding population.

Do you agree that Wincanton is a Market Town?

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

