



# Langport and Huish Episcopi

Let us know your views!

Langport and Huish Episcopi should be identified as a **Rural Centre** because:

- ✓ The town is an important local service centre for a wide rural area providing most key services and community facilities including a secondary school with sixth form
- ✓ The shopping centre is mainly limited to convenience (i.e. day to day) shopping although independent and specialist stores are supported by the town's local and visitor population
- ✓ Growth is severely restricted by high levels of flood risk and important wildlife sites, with most potential for growth limited to the higher areas in Huish Episcopi
- ✓ Local services and facilities are limited and would not support substantial growth

## CURRENT ISSUES

- Meeting the needs of a relatively large elderly population including housing and health care requirements
- Need to safeguard local shopping and enhance the town centre environment
- High flood risk affects most of Langport
- Traffic congestion
- Need for further local job opportunities

## STRENGTHS

- Ancient historic town centre with conservation area and many notable buildings
- Located in the heart of the Somerset Levels and Moors attracting visitors and outdoor enthusiasts
- Has a strong range of facilities for the size of the town
- Important wildlife in the areas around the town

## Vision for 2026:

- Up to 298 new homes in Huish Episcopi (180 of these are already allocated).
- This limited growth will help to protect the shopping centre and local facilities.
- Job opportunities will increase by the development of a suggested 1.5 hectares of employment land designed to create an additional 270 jobs.
- Langport and Huish Episcopi have important links to Somerton and between the two towns the needs of the wider rural areas in the north of the district can be met.

**Do you agree that the settlement of Langport and Huish Episcopi is a 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**

