



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

