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**KEY ISSUES**

The key issues related to land use planning are:

- The growing demand for a diverse range of residential and lifestyle options.
- The need to direct population growth to serviced land that is zoned for that purpose.
- The need for augmentation of infrastructure in all urban areas.
- The need to develop signature town entranceways and rewarding urban landscapes.
- The need to conserve, enhance and promote the Shire's rich built form and cultural heritage.
- The protection of the natural resources of soil, waterways and wetlands, remnant vegetation, threatened flora and fauna and landscapes.
- The expansion and diversification of the Shire's economy including farm forestry, viticulture, horticulture, tourism and the opportunities provided by the Hume transport corridor and the Logic hub.
- The protection of agricultural land, and in particular identified high quality agricultural land along the Kiewa Valley, the viticultural areas surrounding Rutherglen and the Stanley horticulture area.
- The close proximity of the major service centres of Albury/Wodonga and Wangaratta that provide opportunities and needed services but that also place demands on the Shire.
- Environmental and ecological sustainability.

These key influences are illustrated in the Indigo Shire Strategic Framework at Clause 21.03.