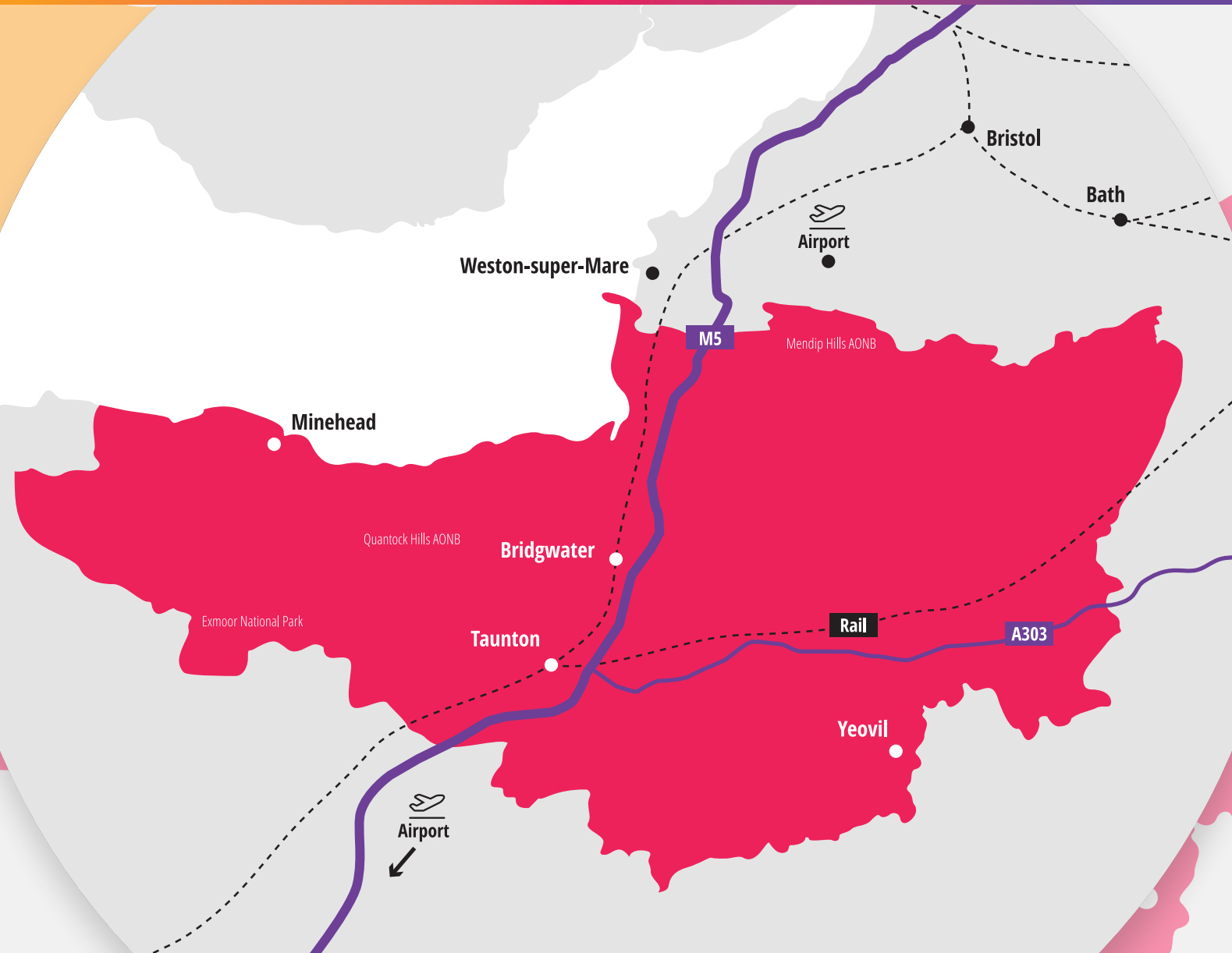


Connectivity



England's most beautiful county attracts people and businesses looking for the optimum balance of future opportunity, stunning environment and exceptional lifestyle. Invest Somerset provides a seamless one-stop shop approach to facilitate more jobs and investment by working closely with potential new and existing businesses.



Connectivity in Somerset

Excellent road, rail, air and sea links make Somerset the perfect location for business connections to the rest of the UK, Europe and beyond.

Motorway Connectivity to the Rest of the UK

Thanks to the M5 motorway, you can reach Bristol, Cardiff and Exeter in less than 60 minutes and Birmingham, Oxford, Reading and Southampton in a couple of hours. The A303, which is a primary route from London to the South West, also goes directly through Somerset and London can be reached in 2.5 hrs.



Road Miles	Bristol Airport	Bristol	Exeter	Bournemouth	Salisbury
Taunton	36	48	31	75	70
Bridgwater	25	37	41	75	63
Yeovil	40	41	48	49	42



Fast Trains to Bristol, Birmingham and London

High speed rail services from Taunton link Somerset to cities across the UK, with direct trains linking Bristol in 30 minutes and London taking less than 2 hours. The £15.9M regeneration of Taunton station has included a new ticket office, station entrance and forecourt with additional bike spaces, a new multi-storey car park and an improved area for bus and taxi interchanges. A new mainline station is planned for Wellington, with works due to start in 2024.

Airport Connections to Global Hubs

Two international airports – Bristol and Exeter – can be reached in a 30-45 minute drive. More than 100 direct flights on our doorstep include short hops to Europe’s busiest hubs of Amsterdam, Paris and Frankfurt; and cities like Manchester, Edinburgh and Dublin.

UK’s Most Centrally Located Deep Sea Port

Bristol Port is close by offering deep water services for automotive; dry bulk; containers and liquids, with links to most European ports and global access via Antwerp.