

## Appendix 5: Summary of responses from the online poll

### South West Herts Summary

# "What should be the highest priorities for SW Hertfordshire in the next 30 yrs?"

#### Breakdown by area

This grid shows % of votes for each option based on the area the respondent selected they were from. The colour coding is based on the area i.e. pink represents the lowest % of votes for the area, the GMV green represents the highest.



#### Number of votes per area

Dacorum	2,236
Hertsmere	918
I don't live/work here	136
St Albans	1854
Three Rivers	1,013
Watford	1931

Area	Natural & green living	Local employment opportunities	A healthy & thriving community	Well-connected living	Quality homes & places	Sustainable infrastructure
Dacorum	23%	12%	17%	10%	12%	25%
Hertsmere	28%	10%	17%	12%	10%	24%
I don't live/work here	23%	13%	15%	9%	19%	21%
St Albans	24%	12%	17%	10%	12%	24%
Three Rivers	26%	14%	17%	10%	12%	22%
Watford	22%	15%	15%	11%	15%	22%

These results showcase to us that the majority of areas in SW Herts consider Natural & green living the highest priority for SW Herts.

Following closely as the second highest priority is Sustainable infrastructure. This indicates to us that there is a general want/need for environmentally-conscious living in SW Herts.

Equally, the majority of areas agree that Well-connected living should be last priority over the next 30 years. Hertsmere considers Local employment opportunities and Quality homes & places to be of lesser priority.

## Summary of Watford responses: Environment

### Watford

"Safe spaces"

"More police"

"Policing"

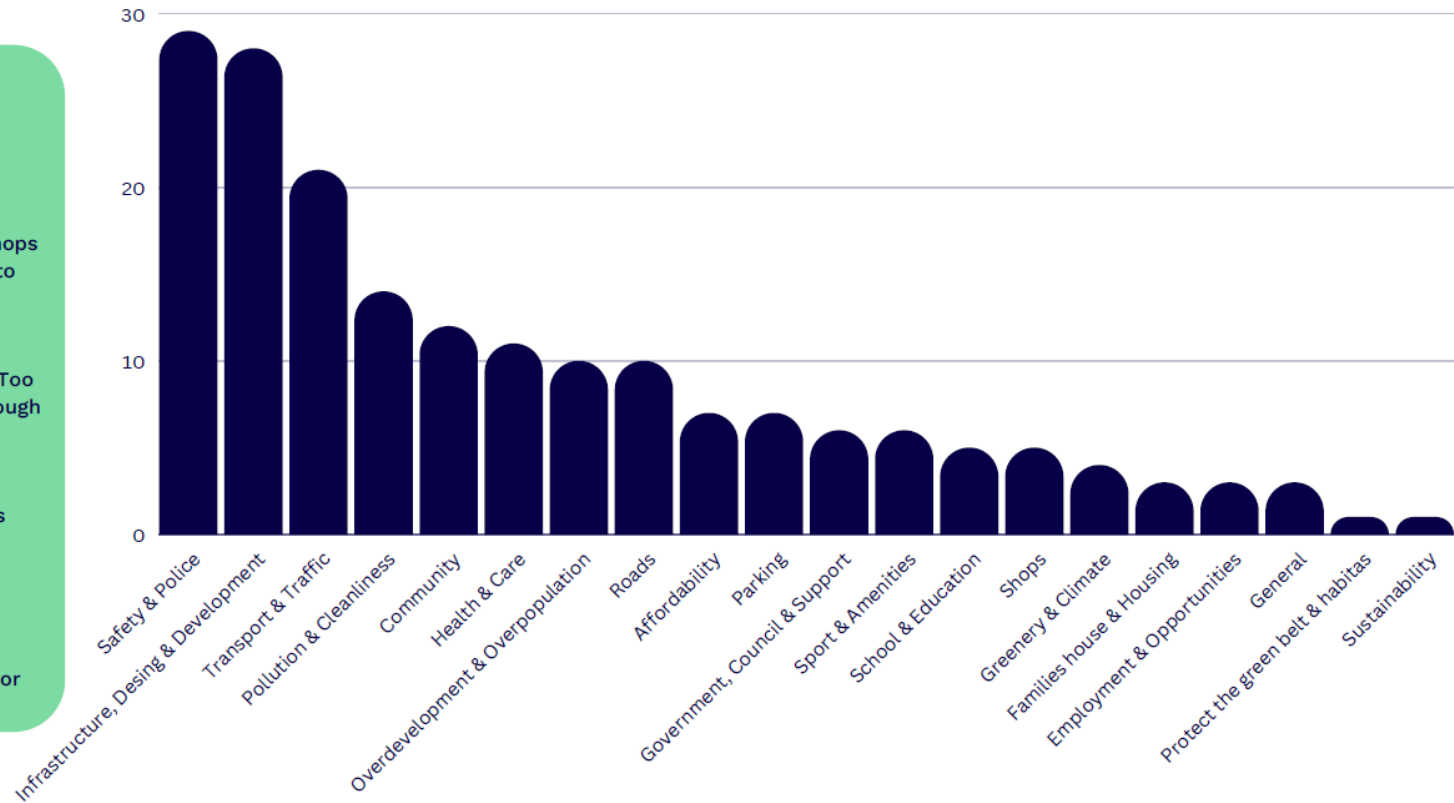
"Filling high streets with multiple shops of the same calibre, forcing people to look elsewhere for quality or usual items"

"The area is now a concrete jungle. Too many new tower blocks and not enough parking and road infrastructure to support it"

"Services (gp, school, hospital, roads etc)"

"Additional parking for existing residents"

"Stop building flats with no parking or green spaces"



## Summary of Watford responses: Working

### Watford

"Lack of reliable Public bus services"

"Not enough affordable housing for employees. People will move and are moving away if they can't afford to live."

"Restrictive planning rules choking new employment"

"Tackle homelessness in the town centre"

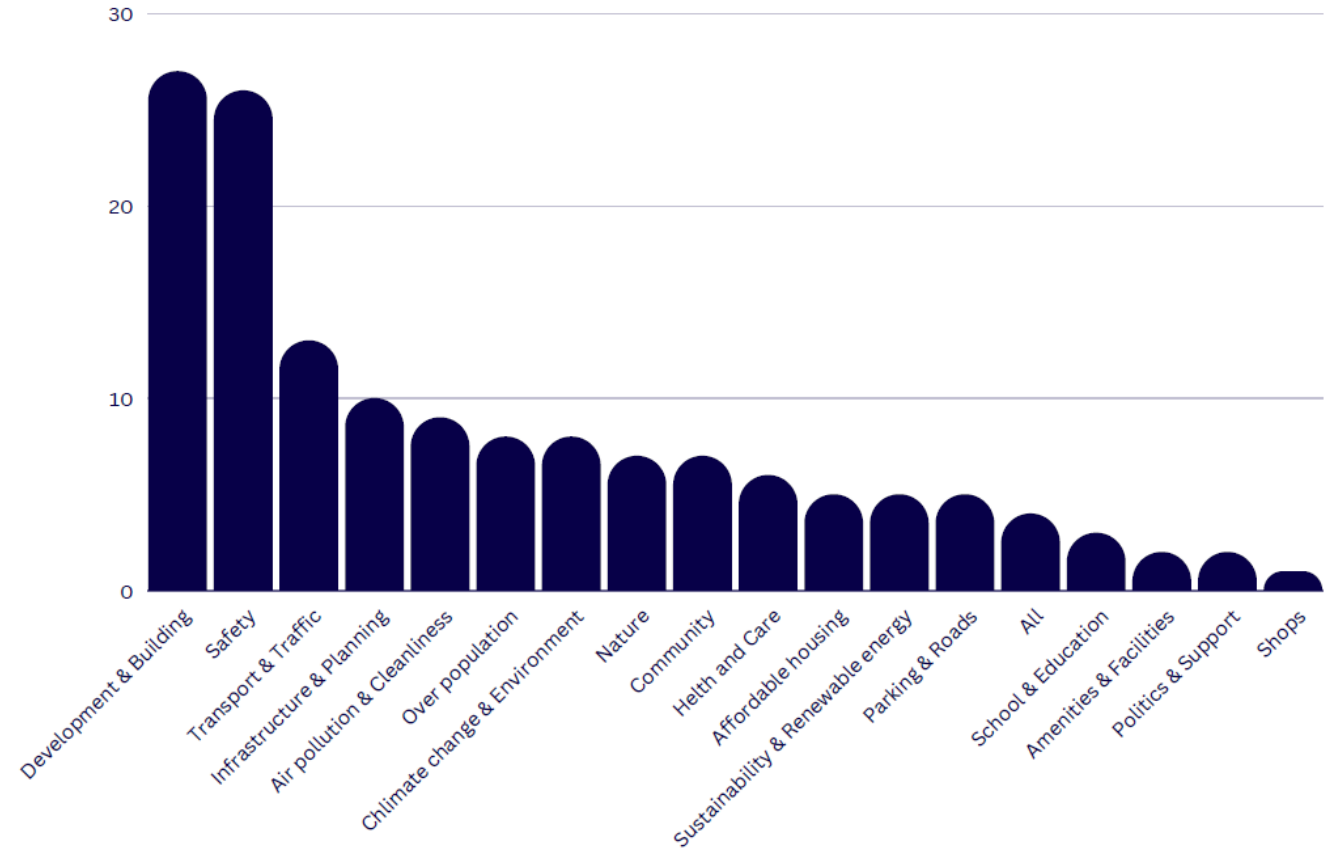
"Inability to afford to live where you work and the answer isn't building more tower blocks"

"Better transport connections"

"Police on the streets"

"Roads in disrepair"

"Lack of opportunities"



## Summary of Watford responses: Living

### Watford

"More aesthetic considerations"

"Hospital Improved! Like parking and how it generally is."

"Constant pressure of town planning and over development"

"Rising crime"

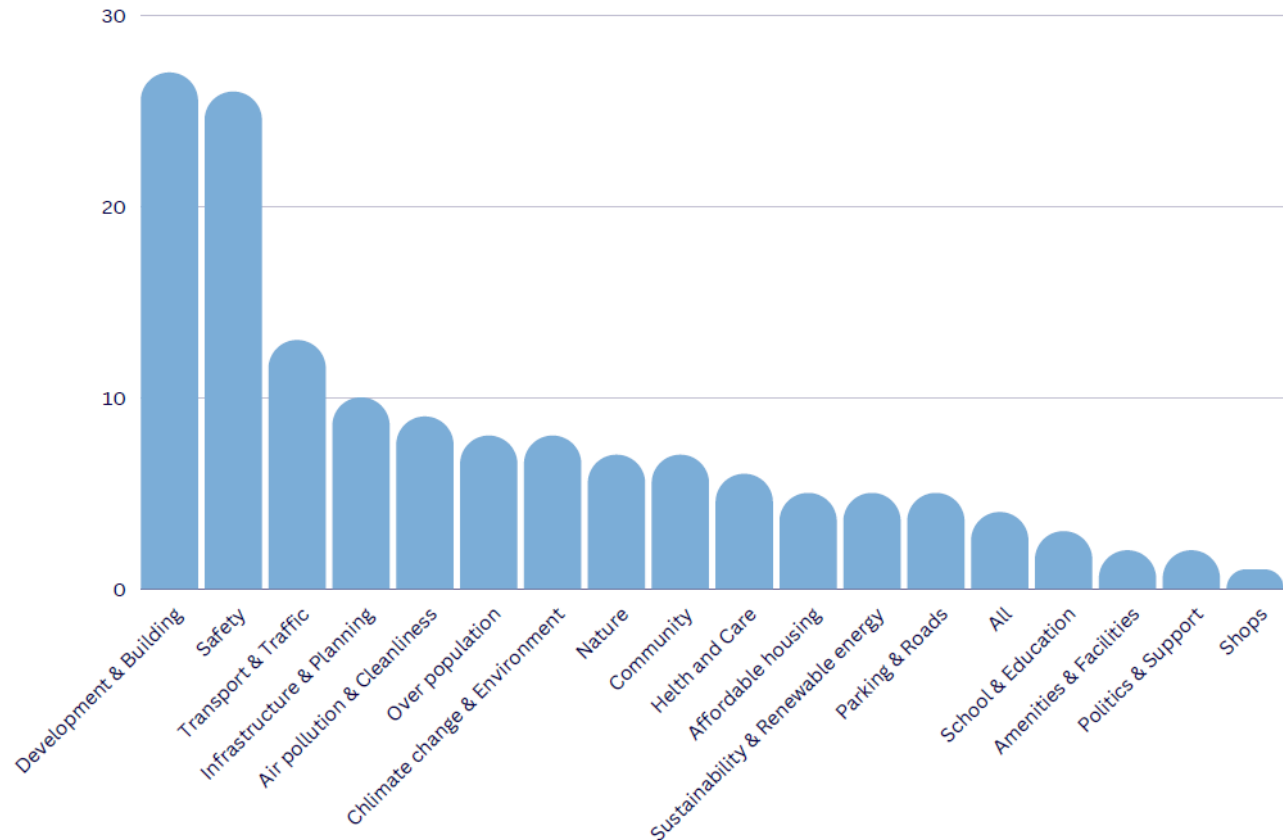
"If we have to build, build small estates with family HOUSES"

"More place for kids, teens to hangout"

"More police patrolling"

"Improving our green environment- for health, biodiversity and climate change mitigation"

"Too many people means more crime"



## Summary of Watford responses: Moving

### Watford

"cost of public transport"

"A lot of homeless drunk people on the streets"

"Lack of decent ground level accommodation"

"General conditions of the roads... pot holes/sink holes and constant road works which seem to make it worse"

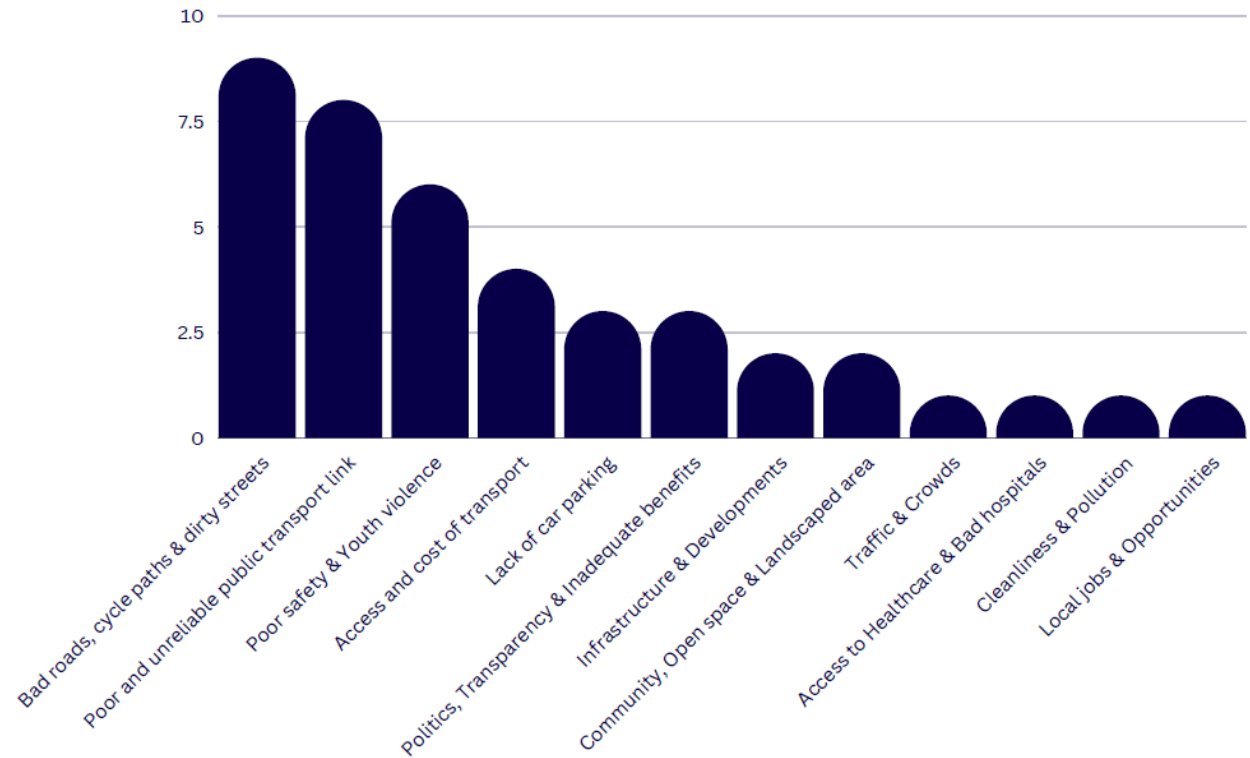
"Poor bus services and bus stops that keep changing"

"Safety"

"Parking cars aren't going away especially in a growing town. Parking at schools especially primary schools is shocking."

"Roads in disrepair"

"unreliable transport"



## Summary of Watford responses: Playing

### Watford

"Drug dealing in parks and beside playgrounds"

"Very soon all you will be able to do in Watford is eat and drink if you have any money"

"Increasingly high cost to park if driving."

"Lack of youth clubs"

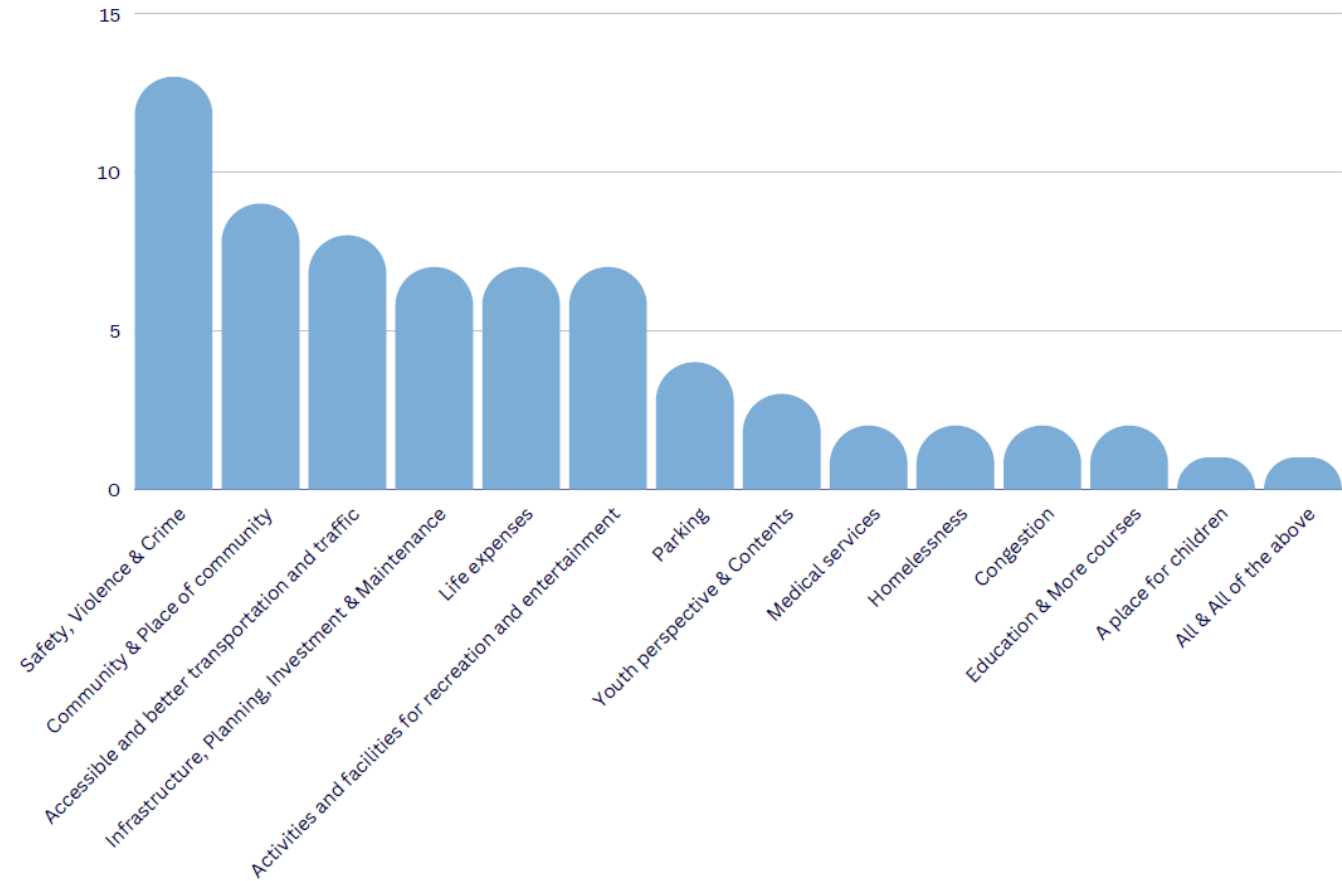
"People sharing their skills"

"Public safety"

"More wholesome and fun offerings"

"Bring education in too. It's crazy the Uni Herts is in the middle of nowhere next to Hatfield. Open campuses for it and colleges in our town centres."

"A safe town"



## Summary of Watford responses: Growth

### Watford

"Create homes for key workers"

"House local people first in affordable homes"

"Outlying villages are becoming overcrowded & no longer have a sense of community"

"re-energise brown areas and say no to any new buildings or expansions"

"Save our green space and countryside"

"Affordable efficient housing!!"

"Less flats"

"We need to stop building on every inch of Watford"

"Infrastructure can't sustain more growth"

