

YOUR WELWYN HATFIELD

Thank you to everyone who took part in our borough-wide survey,
helping to shape the future of *your* Welwyn Hatfield.

1,632 responses over 4 weeks!

Nov-Dec 2020

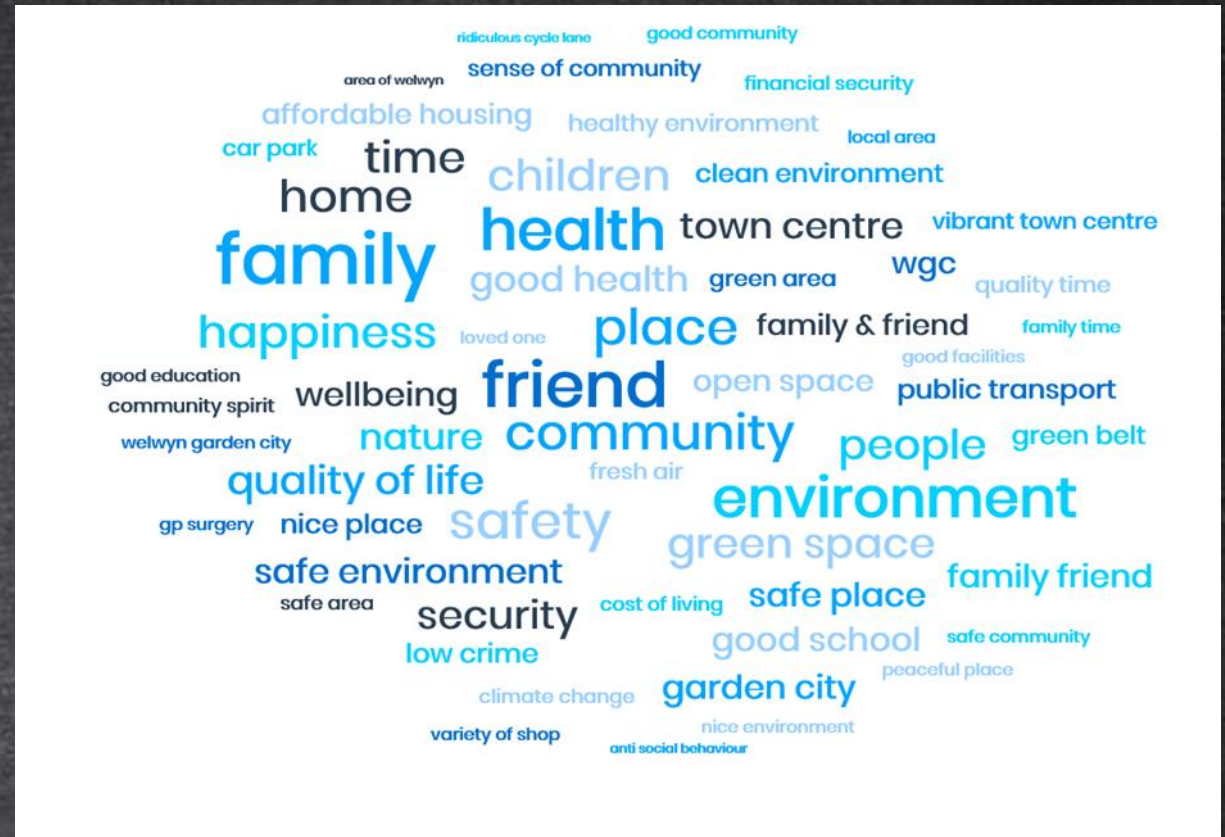
Here is what you said.

These were open questions with no set answers. People could choose more than one option each time so the totals add up to more than 100%.

What matters most in life to you, your family and friends? It could be a number of things, or it might just be one

Top 5:

- Family/friends 62%
- Safety 22%
- Environment 21%
- Health 18%
- Home 7%



What do you like about where you live (or where you work or visit, if you don't live in Welwyn Hatfield)?

Top 5:

- Green/open spaces 60%
- Town centres/shops 27%
- Location 27%
- Look and feel 13%
- People/community 12%



What would you change or improve about where you live (or where you work or visit, if you don't live in Welwyn Hatfield)?

Top 5:

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| ■ Town centres | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>More independent shops/restaurants/bars</i>• <i>Evening entertainment venues/increased night time economy</i>• <i>Incentives to encourage new retailers</i> | 49% |
| ■ Parking | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Sufficient parking for new development</i>• <i>No parking on grass verges</i> | 25% |
| ■ Highways and footways | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Condition of roads</i>• <i>Cleanliness of highways and footways</i>• <i>More cycle lanes/fewer cycle lanes</i> | 23% |
| ■ Homes and planning | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>More affordable housing</i>• <i>Fewer new developments</i> | 18% |
| ■ Amenities/things to do | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>More recreational activities for children/young people</i>• <i>Funding for youth clubs</i> | 11% |

What are your hopes for the future of Welwyn Hatfield?

Top 5:

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| ■ Thriving economy, vibrant town centres | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Thriving towns with a vibrant evening economy</i>• <i>Survival after the impact of Covid19</i>• <i>Growth/support for independent businesses and retail</i> | 98% |
| ■ Green spaces | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Preserving green spaces and creating new ones</i> | 26% |
| ■ Homes, planning/development | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>More affordable homes</i>• <i>Sufficient infrastructure and parking for new development</i>• <i>More home ownership for younger people</i> | 23% |
| ■ Young people/activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>More opportunities for young people</i>• <i>More community events</i> | 21% |
| ■ Community safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>That it remains a safe place to live</i> | 8% |

What do you think are the biggest challenges ahead for Welwyn Hatfield?

Top 5:

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| ▪ Homes, development, infrastructure, population growth | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enough infrastructure for new developments and growth in population• The increasing demand for affordable homes | 57% |
| ▪ Town centres, retail, businesses, unemployment, funding | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The future of the retail industry in town centres• Recovery of businesses after the impact of Covid19• Revitalising a night time economy• Creating employment opportunities | 51% |
| ▪ Crime, safety, public services | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dealing with crime• Provision of public services | 17% |
| ▪ Young people | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creating opportunities/facilities for young people | 9% |
| ▪ Green spaces | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preserving green spaces | 5% |

SINCE THEN...

We have used your responses to shape our priorities over the next three years.

These priorities guide our Corporate Plan for 2021-24. The plan will be approved at a meeting of the full Council on 17 March.

It means that our priorities will match those of people in the borough, and we will focus on the things that matter to you.

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If you are interested in having more of a say in what the council does,
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