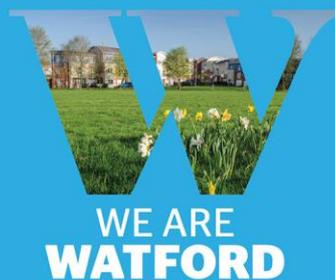


New Watford Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation

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Part C Survey Monkey Responses



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Q1 What type of place would you like Watford to be in the future?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Maintaining its unique identity, character & heritage - not becoming an mere extension of Greater London in look & feel. Maintaining its green field spaces available across the town (not just the big spaces such as Cassiobury Park) and not claiming such space for housing builds. Build instead on existing / disused brown field space.	10/21/2018 10:07 PM
2	A pleasant place to live and work with people travelling by foot, bike or public transport instead of by car - like London but less crowded!	10/21/2018 10:03 AM
3	Family friendly. Welcoming town with good public transport and cycle ways to encourage people out of their cars. Good quality housing of a high standard.	10/20/2018 9:44 AM
4	A green, welcoming thriving town with solid infrastructure to support everyone who lives and works here. Our beautiful parks and green spaces protected, enough schools and doctors surgeries, a modern hospital and leading the way with environmental innovations.	10/19/2018 10:40 PM
5	Safe Clean streets Clean air Continued commitment to green spaces Environmentally sustainable Protection of heritage Not overdeveloped Family orientated Opportunities for independent business Continued investment into good school Investment into healthcare	10/19/2018 10:04 PM
6	Green and friendly town	10/19/2018 9:51 PM
7	A town which continues to punch above its weight economically but has history and tradition deep within its roots	10/19/2018 9:28 PM
8	A town with an attractive townscape that isn't overdeveloped or full of high rise buildings, but that has been developed carefully and by preserving and re-using the nice older buildings and taking advantage of the opportunity for development by creating long lasting and attractive buildings. A town that hasnt lost too many offices to residential and so offers premises for businesses so local people can work in Watford, as can those from outside. A town which has retained the big companies and attracted new ones. Local traders and retailers are doing well, and apprenticeships Improving local schools for all with well supported teachers. More support for the wonderful work that Watford General does, with funding to retain and expand facilities and give staff the support they need. Continue improving the green spaces and streets so that it's a pleasant town to walk around and enjoy. Cassiobury is wonderful but the approaches need improving as does my local park (off radlett road) and the surrounding streets desperately need some care and attention. Well supported local services for all ages so that we have youth clubs, social clubs, sports clubs, town hall etc that are alive with activity. Improve the high street nightlife offer so that there are some nicer bars and pubs for those over 25 to go to.	10/19/2018 9:24 PM
9	A place where families can grow, with activities for children and adults, co-living space areas where families can enjoy more spacious collective areas, especially interesting when new builds are getting smaller (private areas could be smaller but collective areas would be spacious). Co-working areas for people working remotely who would like to share with other people. Sustainable environments, ecologically oriented (solar panels, vertical gardening, more community gardens, roof garden, water collection systems, etc.). Other ideas are bike and car rental / sharing scheme to reduce the need of car space. Promotion of local producers. Ability to buy from local farms during Saturday market for instance.	10/19/2018 9:17 PM
10	I would like Watford to be affordable for the every day person, not just the city workers who find Watford on a easy transport link, where traffic doesn't get stopped when one road in or out of town has roadworks or an accident, where schools are not 30+ per classroom and elitist on entry where the town has homes and is not like an inner city area of tower blocks and blocks of flats covering every area of what was green space	10/19/2018 8:23 PM
11	Improve public transport - before more flats are built without parking ...buses are expensive and unreliable and cycle paths are good for leisure but no good for commuting. Roads struggle with pinch points (causing pollution). It is unrealistic to keep building flats with no parking in residential areas as flat residents end up buying cars as transport anywhere except into London is terrible and they park on already conjested roads after parking restriction hours. We need more larger family accommodation as the predominance of small properties is bring people into the town with no where for them to move onto when their families grow - this is over inflating prices of larger homes due to a lack of supply. We would rather have fewer flats and less fancy new parks ...	10/19/2018 4:13 PM

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12	A town with an attractive townscape and clean streets. A town that isn't overdeveloped or full of high rise buildings, but that has been developed carefully and by preserving and re-using the nice older buildings and taking advantage of the opportunity for development by creating long lasting and attractive buildings. A town that hasn't lost too many offices to residential and so offers premises for businesses so local people can work in Watford, as can those from outside. A town which has retained the big companies and attracted new ones. Local traders and retailers are doing well, and apprenticeships improving local schools for all with well supported teachers. More support for the wonderful work that Watford General does, with funding to retain and expand facilities and give staff the support they need. Continue improving the green spaces and streets so that it's a pleasant town to walk around and enjoy. Cassiobury is wonderful but the approaches need improving as does my local park (off Radlett Road) and the surrounding streets desperately need some care and attention. Well supported local services for all ages so that we have youth clubs, social clubs, sports clubs, town hall etc that are alive with activity. Improve the high street nightlife offer so that there are some nicer bars and pubs for those over 25 to go to.	10/19/2018 3:25 PM
13	Watford should continue to be a good location for businesses, and a leisure destination. This means ensuring that industrial, office and retail space is not lost. I would also like Watford to be much better connected by public transport (Metropolitan line extension) as the roads simply cannot take the amount of cars that increased housing development will bring. There should be a big focus on improvement in public transport and other modes of sustainable transport.	10/19/2018 3:23 PM
14	sustainable place to live	10/19/2018 3:21 PM
15	Pedestrian and bike friendly, cheaper public transport to ease congestion on major roads in and around Watford.	10/19/2018 2:30 PM
16	A modern town with less "drug dens" in the upper high street. Affordable housing should prioritise people who were born, live and work in Watford, not just ex-Londoners. London needs to resolve its' own issues and not just by shipping people out to neighbouring towns.	10/19/2018 2:10 PM
17	A place with well-managed green spaces, with further improvements to parks and allotments. Traffic congestion should not be a problem, and public transport should be better and cheaper than at present. Cycle paths should be more available and much safer than presently. Air pollution and noise pollution should be reduced, and litter kept under control. No illegal parking should be tolerated.	10/19/2018 2:07 PM
18	Economically viable. Access to simple housing with cheaper rent prices. Vibrant and cultural	10/19/2018 1:57 PM
19	To help enhance the cultural well-being of local people in line with one of the three over-arching objectives of the NPPF, and to help make Watford an attractive place in which to live, work and visit, it is important that the new Local Plan puts on strong emphasis on promoting and protecting Watford's cultural and community facilities. Such an approach will help address findings of the accompanying Sustainability Appraisal, for example paragraph 15.3 which discusses developing more of a distinctive cultural offer and objectives SA.13 and SA.15. With regard to the latter, cultural facilities such as theatres help draw people into town centres which benefits surrounding businesses, encourages businesses to locate, and contributes additional footfall and spend.	10/19/2018 1:55 PM
20	A family friendly town where you can feel safe. A nice place to live	10/19/2018 1:23 PM
21	Clean and welcoming with greenery. Currently the town centre is lovely but parts of Watford residential areas particularly west Watford feel cramped and dirty. Traffic is also an issue in this area as schools have been badly planned forcing people down one route	10/19/2018 1:01 PM
22	Vibrant town with local employment opportunities, mixed housing, good public transport and mixed retail.	10/19/2018 12:50 PM
23	Young, vibrant, exciting, leading the way	10/19/2018 11:40 AM
24	a vibrant centre for the surrounding area providing good facilities for shopping and leisure and socialising including eating out. this should be appealing for all ages not just the younger generation. the urban centre should draw people to it with a good range of offerings and provide the transport infrastructure to facilitate the ease with getting people to and from the centres.	10/19/2018 11:39 AM
25	Friendly place to live with residential area within walkable distance of shops and main infrastructure (train, bus, etc.) A place where cars are tolerated but must abide with pedestrian areas. Car mobility shouldn't be a priority. Rather favour shared mode and efficient mode of transport such as training, uber, lyft, bike. A place that creates bonding between its citizen and increase community involvement. IT can be achieved by having shared and communal facilities such as playground, park, community hall etc	10/19/2018 11:20 AM

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26	Watford should strive to be an economically diverse and forward focussed community. Its built environment should increasingly be town centre centric, with better access to and provision of rail services into and out of the town. At a lower level the main roads into the town require overhaul to promote park and ride style transport. From the economic future derive the education and social mix	10/19/2018 9:45 AM
27	Safe, clean, friendly, with community facilities (eg: parks and open spaces protected)	10/19/2018 1:31 AM
28	Primarily, I would like to see a town that is more tolerant and willing to accept diversity. It also needs to be a town that can sustain its population - it needs outstanding schools (a huge number of highly qualified professionals are moving to Watford, having been priced out of London, who will expect outstanding schools and an adequate number of school places within a reasonable distance of people's homes) and improved health care facilities. Watford must also remain a town that has beautiful green, open spaces. Watford's open spaces provide free entertainment and communal gathering space for people of all ages and from all backgrounds - Watford must embrace these spaces and fight to protect them to enable us to be a happy, healthy town.	10/18/2018 10:22 PM
29	A thriving commercial and retail centre but with plenty of family communities living near by No more high rise buildings but add more GP surgeries and leisure facilities. Decent new hospital too please	10/18/2018 9:57 PM
30	Not over crowded. Fewer cars. Green spaces. Not just a dormitory town.	10/18/2018 6:25 PM
31	As it is now with the green space for families to go in the summer, have family filled activities for everyone. To have more schools both primary and secondary, more doctors. Move the hospital to a bigger site so we can have all the appointments in one place instead of going to different ones that aren't easy to get to by public transport. To have my public transport so people can take the bus in to town instead of driving, to fix the roads. Better roads, to make the new road by the hospital better by allowing it as a by pass type thing when coming from B&Q to take away some off the traffic around the arches. Yes we need to build homes, but build them where it won't affect the current area that is really bad with traffic, the adding 400 odd homes with god knows how many more cars in that area making it worse. To think better about the traffic, as for one thing the traffic in Watford sucks, nothing flows, and it grinds to a deadlock.	10/18/2018 4:01 PM
32	A welcoming town that has not lost all of its character which unfortunately is already happening.	10/18/2018 12:15 PM
33	The Canal & River Trust (the Trust) is the charity who look after and bring to life 2000 miles of canals & rivers. Our waterways contribute to the health and wellbeing of local communities and economies, creating attractive and connected places to live, work, volunteer and spend leisure time. These historic, natural and cultural assets form part of the strategic and local green-blue infrastructure network, linking urban and rural communities as well as habitats. By caring for our waterways and promoting their use we believe we can improve the wellbeing of our nation. The Trust is the owner and navigation authority of the Grand Union Canal (GUC) which runs north-south along the west side of Watford. There is potential in Watford for local people to improve their wellbeing by using the Grand Union Canal towpath for active travel as part of their daily routines, particularly due to the link with stations at Rickmansworth and Croxley. The Grand Union Canal also plays a strong recreational role and links Watford with SSIs of Whippendell Wood and Croxley Common Moor as well as the Colne Valley Regional Park. The Grand Union Canal can also provide a resource that can be used to heat and cool buildings, a corridor in which new utilities infrastructure can be installed and a way of sustainably draining surface water away from new developments. In some cases it is also possible to transport freight via our waterways.	10/18/2018 10:03 AM
34	A vibrant and pleasant place to be with its constituent communities well-integrated; a good range of cultural activities to attract all ages and types of inhabitants; good local shopping and working opportunities and excellent transport links.	10/18/2018 9:33 AM
35	One that is pleasant to live with protected open green spaces, plenty of supporting infrastructure (utilities, doctors surgeries, schools, hospital) and not overdeveloped.	10/18/2018 7:46 AM
36	Green with low level housing and with an integrated public transport system.	10/17/2018 6:47 PM
37	A greener one with more cycle paths, fewer cars and more green community land not hanging baskets	10/17/2018 6:17 PM
38	A safe place for families, A place that is not classed as "London", less crime, more affordable housing, and as importantly a place with green spaces for people to enjoy, with events bringing communities together.	10/17/2018 5:48 PM
39	A diverse, vibrant town, with a strong economy, based on employment growth and housing growth - set in good quality accessible green space.	10/17/2018 4:39 PM

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40	I would like it to be successful and vibrant but retain its character of old, but sadly I think it is turning into a concrete jungle with infrastructure struggling to maintain services. Public transport in Watford is very poor compared to the red London buses for example which are frequent.	10/17/2018 3:58 PM
41	A vibrant urban centre with a road network to allow easy access to/from main centres easily. The provision of parking outside the centres with park and ride facilities. The inner road can be like a gridlocked mini M25. If the main shopping centre is trying to attract shoppers then easy access is essential else people will drive elsewhere and the shopping centre will "die".	10/17/2018 3:18 PM
42	I would Watford to be a sustainable town in the future, which still has a vibrant and mixed economy with a pleasant and welcoming feel to the place.	10/17/2018 2:14 PM
43	A town that feels like it has been planned and not been allowed to grow in the chaotic way it feels like it has over the last 50 years since I've lived here. I would like it to have a community feel - with a good town centre that everyone can access and feel safe and comfortable in, good schools and solid infrastructure (roads, schools, medical services, utilities, public transport etc) to support the town. I would like the town to supported community hubs outside of the town for residents to access local shops and services easily close to where they live - this would relieve some of the congestion experienced already now even without without further development.	10/17/2018 11:53 AM
44	A place where people know each other and look out for each other. Where the different communities have the opportunity to get to know each other, break down barriers and become friends. A community where people have time and are not always just rushing from A to B or just using it as a place to lay their head but not interacting with it.	10/17/2018 11:33 AM
45	A place where community is important. Respect for environment and history. That invests in its children and young people. That recognises and supports the needs of disabled, elderly, minority groups.	10/17/2018 1:31 AM
46	A great place!	10/16/2018 3:16 PM
47	A place that puts residents of Watford who have been here longer than 5 years first for housing	10/16/2018 2:34 PM
48	A place attractive to businesses, visitors and residents.	10/16/2018 12:06 PM
49	A place attractive to businesses, visitors and residents.	10/16/2018 11:44 AM
50	Watford to continue as a hub for the local villages of Rickmansworth and Croxley Green but with improved transport and public support services. With the Metropolitan Line link stopped and Virgin trains no longer using Watford station the transport links are not keeping in line with the growth of the town.	10/16/2018 9:50 AM
51	a community which strikes a balance between local jobs, affordable housing catering for individuals, couples and families, good links with London and green spaces (these are not a luxury given the links to physical and mental health and wider environmental issues). The infrastructure should reflect best standards, aiming to reduce not increase traffic congestion, and support all those living in the town and yet to arrive	10/16/2018 8:49 AM
52	A place that has a good infrastructure to support all new developments, transport links such as more bus services, not less, spaces in local schools, access to local healthcare, shorter waiting lists for the hospital.	10/15/2018 8:17 PM
53	I think this should be an area to focus new builds in. There are transport links and jobs in the area	10/15/2018 6:43 PM
54	Similar to now.	10/15/2018 4:55 PM
55	A place that thrives because it uses it's position close to London, Heathrow motorways and rail to full advantage. A place where businesses choose to locate, That is family and commuter friendly.	10/15/2018 4:09 PM
56	A place to life, play and work. i would like it to be family centered town.	10/15/2018 1:52 PM
57	A safe and friendly, diverse community with plenty of green space/open areas, low congestion and healthy	10/15/2018 12:23 PM
58	More infrastructure would be good, e.g. more doctors' surgeries, more decent shops in the North Watford area, schools etc as there will be a lot of building going on in the future. It also needs cleaning up as there is a lot of rubbish around and not enough bins. Too many people are cycling along pavements with no regard to pedestrians, so there needs to be some system in place. Cheaper transport would be good too as it is very expensive, I for one would abandon my car and get on a bus but it's not an option at the moment. Would like Watford to be more like a Hertfordshire town - it supposedly has strong London connections but is not like London - so what is it?	10/15/2018 11:30 AM

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59	I would like to see a stronger community spirit, a more caring and respectful attitude towards members of the community, friends and neighbours, and their needs. Less emphasis on cars and perhaps more urgent persuasion and information on their pollution; ideally would like to see the Town Hall employees and local councillors to use their cars far less, promote car sharing. Make bicycles a more viable transportation and raise their profile as currently they are viewed as inferiors, unable to afford a car of their own, a nuisance that slows the driver down. Make the High Street totally pedestrianised. Protect the green spaces especially in view of the government insistence on building 300,000 new homes and these should not be touched.	10/14/2018 10:40 PM
60	Not just full of flats!!!!!! Need houses Need to be brave and think about infrastructure before just rubber stamping more flats all the time. Improve how the area looks. Gardening roads etc	10/14/2018 8:30 PM
61	Less crowded, village style community and Policed	10/14/2018 8:04 PM
62	Less congested. Better parking. Pedestrianised high street	10/14/2018 7:08 PM
63	Less overcrowded and more unspoilt green spaces..	10/14/2018 7:03 PM
64	Safe Family friendly town.	10/14/2018 5:45 PM
65	Well, it was a nice market town when I moved here 35 years ago. It's now some sort of overspill town with Developers grabbing every bit of land and large houses to create a town of medium to high rise housing blocks. The pressure on roads, parking, schools and services is growing alarmingly. I would like Watford Council to stand firm, reject the advances of Developers and stop the rapid population growth. In my view Watford does not have a duty to create housing for people who don't live here. The needs and concerns of existing Residents is being ignored. I'm sure hundreds of thousands of people who can't afford London would want to live here. But why do we have to house them ? Taken to it's extreme we would have to give up our own houses so that they can be accommodated.	10/14/2018 4:00 PM
66	I think in the past and at the moment Watford is a fantastic place to live however, it worries me that you do not mention schools, doctors & parking amongst others within your key challenges. Whilst I totally understand the need/pressures for housing, without providing these extras Watford has the potential to become cramped, overcrowded and lacking in vital living services which will then always create a negative environment to live in.	10/14/2018 10:32 AM
67	A quiet, green and pleasant place to live and work. It is getting grossly overcrowded and there are too many motor vehicles on the roads- so, no new houses and a better public transport system are necessary. It would be lovely to have a few gardens left- at present, they all seem to be being built upon.	10/13/2018 8:40 PM
68	A town which is safe to live in and retains its balance of urban and countryside.	10/13/2018 6:19 PM
69	Tolerant, optimising green spaces, variety of shops, good transport links, better quality restaurants (not chains!!), without the consortium test for the secondary schools too...	10/13/2018 5:02 PM
70	Watford must remain Family Friendly Town with a strong economy, good housing for all, sound infrastructure and sustainable travel plans Watford must not be turned into a commuter town for London workers Watford must protect and improve its parks open spaces	10/13/2018 10:35 AM
71	A fair place where it feels like all residents have opportunities to lead fulfilled lives, access to the right infrastructure and resources, and without a feeling that some areas are subject to consistent development and more pressure on roads and services which planning decisions mean other areas seem to be immune from.	10/13/2018 7:29 AM
72	It is important that Watford retains the great atmosphere it currently has and does not loose it's market town, community feel. This is hard to keep with the rapid expansion That is happening without the same level of expansion being made to the supporting infrastructure. I know I would not like to see it overpopulated, over congested with a stress put on local schools, doctors etc.	10/12/2018 9:44 PM
73	A mixture of apartments and homes, but keeping a country feel with green spaces and trees, I would not like to see it turned into the urban sprawl that some greater london locations have become. Good transport links are also very important,	10/12/2018 8:00 PM
74	Safe Green Affordable housing Mixture of communities More radical communal living building in line with social and environmental demands Good schools Kept separate from london by green belt Inclusive So much to say!	10/12/2018 6:01 PM
75	Sustainable growth, it appears more and more housing is being built and constantly we just hear we have no option the government insist we do it	10/12/2018 5:35 PM
76	Designed around the cyclist and pedestrian, not the car.	10/12/2018 1:01 PM

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77	I want Watford to build new homes responsibly, including new social housing where possible, to attract the best in retail and leisure operators, to provide a good mix of facilities for people of all ages and backgrounds. Up to now Watford High Street seems to have largely catered for the young, with loud, sometimes rowdy night life. It's also really important that schools, hospital and GP facilities keep pace with our growing population. Lastly I want to see road improvements that allow me to drive my car, or commute on my scooter, without fear of damaging tyres and suspension due to incredibly neglected road surfaces.	10/12/2018 10:00 AM
78	A vibrant, thriving town with excellent housing, schools and leisure facilities for all families to enjoy.	10/12/2018 7:27 AM
79	Pleasant, not overcrowded and with some nice green spaces.	10/11/2018 9:42 PM
80	I would like there to be more affordable housing for first time buyers. I would prefer lower level flats and small houses with some kind of garden rather than high rise flats. We should encourage people to use bikes or walk more rather than relying on cars. Amenities should be spaced out throughout the area and people should not all be encouraged to travel into Watford for entertainment. Schools etc should be local so that people can easily walk to them.	10/11/2018 8:26 PM
81	Dynamic, prosperous and environmentally friendly place	10/11/2018 6:44 PM
82	More parking for everyone, less congestion. These things make Watford really miserable!	10/11/2018 5:46 PM
83	The biggest problem likely to face Watford is the town shopping centre. As was mentioned a few days ago in the Financial Times many owners of shopping centres are facing problems with excess retail capacity as shopping moves online. Hammerson, (a specialist shopping centre landlord), currently trades at a discount of 40 per cent to the value of its assets. A quick walk around INTU shows a large amount of retail space unoccupied (including the old BHS store). It would be a good idea if Watford took a forward looking decision here, permitting the conversion from retail to housing use. The move to online shopping has already seen the disappearance of bookshops and record shops, with electrical goods likely to follow. House of Fraser, Maplin, Poundworld and Toys R Us have all fallen into administration this year, while chains including Mothercare have closed stores as part of agreements with creditors. Food and entertainment are likely to survive but not the rest - the plan should take account of that and encourage it.	10/11/2018 4:33 PM
84	Modern design and known for it's university and shopping centre to bring more people into the town	10/11/2018 11:04 AM
85	Safer, cleaner and less traffic.	10/10/2018 8:36 PM
86	Safe, lively, lots going on, good shopping facilities, enough school places, less congestion (esp. a41, dome roundabout, garston parade, Stevenson way).	10/10/2018 7:26 PM
87	Somewhere that continues to be a hub of activity with great local ventures like the summer beach, christmas markets, big screen etc, with an easy connection to London. Watford currently offers a lot of opportunities to be part of a community, but is growing and developing. I would like to see better and easier access to other nearby locations in Herts by bus or train. I intend to stay here to raise my family and would like to see opportunities for young families to get on the property ladder and build their businesses and enterprises here, rather than going into London.	10/10/2018 5:29 PM
88	A clean, safe, green and welcoming environment. More focus put on the facilities and green spaces to make it a place people want to visit. Less horrible buildings and more thought into how things will be actually used...ie no drop off zone at Watford junction when it was redeveloped was very short sighted.	10/10/2018 12:43 PM
89	I would like Watford to be a green, safe, friendly, litter free place to live.	10/10/2018 11:28 AM
90	Multicultural and connected sense of community and thriving economically. Easy to get around with improvements to local transport and roads.	10/10/2018 11:26 AM
91	Recognise it is a Hub for SW Hertfordshire. But need to be a pleasant place to go to.	10/10/2018 10:43 AM
92	Thriving, safe and clean. Fantastic mix of urban and rural, what appealed to us to move out this way.	10/10/2018 7:48 AM
93	Safe, well-maintained, prosperous and friendly with good transport links.	10/10/2018 1:08 AM
94	A pleasant town with green spaces and trees. Some new homes but with enough parking for them. Maybe a park and ride system to bring people into the town cutting down on the road congestion. Enough schools, doctors, etc to cope with increased population and finally improvements to Watford General Hospital, plans of which I understand have been in the pipeline for years.	10/9/2018 10:51 PM
95	A town that is easy accessible, not over crowded, has an infrastructure that meets the needs of residents. Is safe and welcoming and family orientated. Has a community feel that puts residents first.	10/9/2018 10:26 PM

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96	Modern,vibrant with a strong community feel.Respectful mix of old and new buildings.	10/9/2018 8:56 PM
97	Safe, clean, friendly and caring	10/9/2018 8:10 PM
98	Family friendly, Fully Inclusive Thriving town with a high level of employment opportunities.	10/9/2018 12:28 PM
99	Watford will never be as picturesque as St Albans, and probably cannot avoid becoming an overflow town for London, but we must stop it deteriorating. We should try to ameliorate and lessen the impact on the current population, so that Watford remains a pleasant place to live in. Increases in the population must be met with commensurate increases in health and educational provision. The town is well placed for motorway communications, but traffic flow through the town should be streamlined wherever this is possible and not allowed to deteriorate.	10/9/2018 11:41 AM
100	I would like Watford to maintain it's community and family feel. Its a place where families can thrive and children can have a good childhood with access to facilities and open spaces.	10/9/2018 11:24 AM
101	This seems a loaded question. What do you expect people to put here - "more crowded"? "Fewer facilities"? I'd like Watford to be a busy place with the infrastructure and facilities to let its residents enjoy their lives. A mix of independent and familiar shops. Enough support for people who need it. Enough housing. School places the people can access easily, and good health and social care.	10/9/2018 10:12 AM
102	Greener	10/9/2018 9:54 AM
103	A town where its residents continue to be proud to live.	10/9/2018 9:46 AM
104	A town with an Identity. Culturally diverse, caring about each other, strong charity sector and low crime, thriving businesses in a variety of sectors, plenty of green space. Excellent schools. Sufficient infrastructure - docs, roads, hospital etc. A town where people settle to live long term, not just for a few years while it's concenient for their commute.	10/9/2018 7:51 AM
105	Not over developed and no more flats being built. Watford is getting overcrowded with a sharp increase in traffic.	10/9/2018 12:14 AM
106	A place where I can raise my kids in safety with a balance between semi rural and urban benefits	10/8/2018 11:50 PM
107	A clean, calm and peaceful town. A population that is polite, considerate and law abiding.	10/8/2018 11:38 PM
108	Needs it's own identity - rather than being extension of London or location of large shopping centre. This should be supported by cultural programs at theatre, town centre, parks and colluseum. I would like to see it improve it's green credentials by developing the existing cycle network and public transport. I would like to see more smaller high street shops such as independent cafes, green grocers, deli's restaurants helping to make it more of a leisure destination and supporting the changing way of working where more people work from home and prefer access to more community based retail. I would like to see it's green spaces protected, it's what helps separate Watford from more central locations in London. I think much of the housing stock is old and out dated, it would be good to see it replaced with more modern and effienebt homes.	10/8/2018 11:12 PM
109	With efficient Transport link at less cost, especially busses, more cycle paths. Culturally attractive: I would love to see a refurbished museum with workshop and event, exhibitions to attract people in Watford; more theatre performance and concerts. Continuing to improve areas that are aged and degraded with more services like schools and medical centres.	10/8/2018 10:09 PM
110	Caring, green	10/8/2018 9:48 PM
111	I would like it to be more like St Albans a place to visit with very good pubs restaurants and shops Clean streets and a lot of money needs to be spent in north watford St Albans road near watford junction to encourage young professionals to move to watford and improve the area we have the fast train to London we just need to update the area improve parking areas to encourage people to use the shops on St Albans road	10/8/2018 9:26 PM
112	A vibrant, diverse town with good infrastructure, affordable housing, eco friendly transport network and lots of green spaces for leisure and entertainment	10/8/2018 9:15 PM
113	Diverse and inclusive - limiting anti-social behaviour and harassment; encourage citizens to look out for each Luther and care for each other. Safe - installing CCTV cameras and eliminate crime and gangs, creative - involve citizens in creating the Watford of the future, resourceful - promote local businesses, sustainable - lead the way in recycling and sustainable practices, clean - make littering unacceptable behaviour by the Watford citizens	10/8/2018 8:37 PM
114	Family friendly, safe, green, aesthetically attractive with good public transport links and cycle lanes.	10/8/2018 8:09 PM

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115	For Watford to be extended, any further developments should be attached to main ring roads (A41, before Bushey area, etc, the roads in North Watford area are saturated and can't handle further increase in residents.)	10/8/2018 6:39 PM
116	I have grown up in Watford and recently moved back with my Fiance. I would love to see Watford develop to draw more young couples and families into the area. It would be great for Watford to develop to build a true community feel. Things I think should be considered Restaurants, Bars, and Pubs: At the moment the area completely lacks good independent restaurants pubs and bars and whilst I am excited about development of Intu, we need to attract the young professionals to the area. Transport: I am not sure what the latest is on the underground extension to the other stations in watford, the trains are far too congested and honestly if you build more housing the current service from Watford Junction would not be feasible. Growing the area and building more houses is great, but you cannot do this without investing in the services. Doing so will drive people to move further out as the service is already horribly over crowded at rush hour. Adding additional underground services may divert some commuters, this part needs to be heavily considered. Green Spaces/Community Centres: Need more green space, allotments and community space. Leisure We lack leisure facilities and whilst I know some development is ongoing the leisure centres need to be expanded, they already are overcrowded and cannot cater for the people who live here now. Also most large towns have climbing walls for adults (Bouldering) we are missing a trick here. We also should develop the theatre as this isnt in line with other cities of our size. Traffic Traffic in key areas is terrible at some times, I would love to see this rethought to handle the congestion that the new developments will bring. Schools School places are a challenge, we need more schools to cater for developments. Hospital Watford General would need to be extended to cater for the large increase in population.	10/8/2018 5:24 PM
117	A family based urban environment with appropriate infrastructure for all age groups and abilities. Safe play space in the immediate surroundings of family homes. Adequate parking for communities - not everyone commutes by train to London, and most families have - or aspire to - owning their own transport to ease the work/school commute, shopping, family visits (outgoing and incoming) and outings. Vibrant local industry to provide work for residents and encourage a buoyant local economy.	10/8/2018 2:03 PM
118	Smart, fairly dense, good for retail, good green spaces, clean	10/7/2018 7:06 PM
119	Green places preserved and enhanced. Town Centre: continued development of shops and entertainment in the town, make Watford Town centre an entertainment place for all the family. Watford needs more houses not just flats built. Flats don't really lend themselves to higher income families who would want gardens for kids. Keep the high rise flats (10 or more stories) around the major infrastructure locations (ring road/station/Hospital)	10/7/2018 6:54 PM
120	A busy and diverse town that improves traffic issues and the look of older run down areas in addition to new building.	10/7/2018 5:31 PM
121	It's important to remember to keep safe green spaces for children and dog walkers, to ensure that there are enough schools and roads and importantly parking for the housing that's built and people need to feel safe so not To pile the homes on top of each other	10/7/2018 7:39 AM
122	A town where the emphasis is on quality not just quantity. Green spaces, room to live, space to park.	10/6/2018 10:12 PM
123	Somewhere that retains green spaces and low crime.	10/6/2018 2:21 PM
124	A town that respects the historical older parts whilst developing the new. No more residential building in the town centre whilst using brown field land and some green belt. Supporting small businesses over and above big companies. Improve child and youth services to help cut down crime and give young people a purpose.	10/6/2018 1:42 PM
125	That the importance of a strong community be recognised.	10/6/2018 1:15 PM
126	I am concerned there should not be too much development. I think the development in the High Street is too big and, whilst I recognise the need for housing, I believe there should be limits on its extent. I am concerned to keep as many green spaces as possible.	10/6/2018 12:53 PM

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127	A town offering facilities to all age groups and diverse populations. If we encourage families with children the children, as adults, will contribute to Watford's sustainability. If we support our ageing population many retired people offer a significant service of support to younger families and organisations through voluntary and often unpaid work. Children offer hope, and as they grow into their teens and become young adults can help support older people and people with disabilities through fun activities and practical help, gaining an opportunity to develop a number of skills such as interpersonal relationships and gaining from the life experience of older people. Some of this could be woven into training leading to qualifications and then job opportunities. I would like Watford to be more accessible with public transport, minimising the need for cars; this could bring huge benefits, reducing road congestion and pollution. Public transport costs are too high, especially for those not earning and those on low incomes. Existing train routes could be improved and maximised and access with buses improved for those with mobility problems. Our parks and open spaces are precious resources and offer recreation opportunities supporting physical and emotional health to everyone and very important support for children's development, especially if more housing is to be built to accommodate a growing population.	10/6/2018 8:52 AM
128	A quieter, tidier and pleasanter place to live than it is today, with sufficient schools and medical support for the population.	10/6/2018 8:24 AM
129	I would like Watford to be a quieter, safer, tidier and pleasanter town in which to live, with a much improved infrastructure. If this could be achieved it would be as pleasant a place in which to live as it was when I first lived in Watford 52 years ago	10/6/2018 8:14 AM
130	A diverse town with lots of open space.	10/5/2018 10:08 PM
131	Stand alone town with jobs and housing and recreational facilities in balance. I do not want Watford to be a dormitory town for London	10/5/2018 9:26 PM
132	A busy hub with excellent transport connections. It will be important to ensure there is sufficient parking provided with any new housing to avoid impacting on congested parking already experienced in Watford. Also to avoid congestion on tiny residential roads	10/5/2018 8:28 PM
133	Somewhere safe to raise family's and not an overcrowded under resourced urban jungle which it is becoming. Stop building flats everywhere, stand up to the government and tell them we are full. I've just made a doctors appointment, the soonest I could get was 3 weeks. We've spent whole days at Watford general for something that should take a few hours. The police are so stretched they don't even come out the same day for house break ins. Stabbing a seen to be going up, homelessness and begging is visibly going up. Watford is becoming a London suburb and from my point of view not somewhere I feel safe anymore raising a young family. North Watford has just been forgotten, parking is not addressed by the council, building applications which remove car Parking spaces from roads which are struggling as it is are approved and drunks and drug takers are ever visible.	10/5/2018 6:30 PM
134	A place with access to nice local open spaces, such as the parks we have currently and less traffic congestion.	10/5/2018 5:57 PM
135	Not as large as we are being told that we need to grow to by 2035. 20% increase in population/households is unsustainable bearing in mind the need for more schools, GP surgeries and leisure space let alone parking and congestion. It is clearly wrong to state that the infrastructure must grow to meet the demand when clearly the Borough is totally constrained within very tight boundaries. So Watford should be a town with a balanced range of good quality houses, and apartments to meet the needs of its diverse population, served by a thriving town centre with a wide range of leisure options available and supported by high quality schools, health services, great and well -used public transport with no worse congestion that we experience now,	10/5/2018 4:51 PM
136	A family friendly town with good job prospects and readily available healthcare. Access to clean and well kept green areas and playgrounds. Minimal parking issues and somewhere that has it's residents needs put first.	10/5/2018 4:46 PM
137	a town with a sense of identity , with good facilities for young families, good RELIABLE local public transport links, with a lot of opportunities for young people to develop skills and interests across a wide range of subjects.	10/5/2018 4:37 PM
138	Vibrant sustainable town - to live, to party, to bring up children and to work - clean, tidy, great open spaces, safe and secure with infrastructure issues resolved such as roads, public transport, education and health - a balancing act to be sure but it's crucial we remain a vibrant sustainable town rather the a decaying depressing place to live	10/5/2018 1:30 PM
139	Low rise, green spaces, uncongested roads not pumping out carbon monoxide. A town where the views of the current residents come before profit and ego's of the Mayor and councillors. A town where, when its residents say "enough is enough", its elected council listens.	10/5/2018 1:23 PM
140	- a town in its own right, with a character of its own, not just seen as a part of outer London, not just a convenient place.	10/5/2018 10:02 AM

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141	1] a town with mix of office and industrial areas 2] low rise housing, tower block development would not be in keeping with a town like Watford 3] I do not wish to see Watford turned into a dormitory town serving London] 4] Watford residents need access to Parks a decent shopping centre and leisure facilities 5] Watford needs a decent local bus service, its no good building dwellings with no car parking facilities or parking permits, and expect the residents to get to work without a decent local service	10/5/2018 9:50 AM
142	A good place to live with the infrastructure to support the number of residents being packed in	10/5/2018 8:53 AM
143	A better place to live than it is now. Everything is a battle. School places, getting a doctors appointment, driving from one place to another, parking. Everything is a fight and it's exhausting.	10/5/2018 4:04 AM
144	A clean, safe town with a lot more green space and heritage	10/4/2018 11:38 PM
145	A safe and easy to navigate family friendly town that doesn't look like a miss match of buildings crammed together. A town that has an infrastructure which is able to support it's population preventing daily bottlenecks/ traffic jams, increased school places so all children are placed and catchments aren't so limiting, a new safe hospital that isn't permanently short staffed and cheaper rail fares (renegotiated zoning). A town centre that maintains independent retailers e.g. Market Street rather than just chains.	10/4/2018 11:11 PM
146	I would like good rail links into London and have Watford as a dormitory town with a pleasant centre It is not bad at this	10/4/2018 8:58 PM
147	Diverse but integrated population. Lots of green spaces and flowers for people who dont have gardens. Lots of free events like Imagine and bonfire night and New Year celebration	10/4/2018 7:51 PM
148	A place that maintains its community roots, by protecting its old buildings and adapting old buildings into new structures (the gasworks was a lost opportunity as could have been maintained but with a structure inside of it). A place that harnesses the arts, its green spaces and culture - a desirable place to live, think Primrose Hill, Hampstead Heath, Dulwich etc - look at what makes those places desirable and model Watford on that . Going down the line of cramming as much in to a small place will destroy its appeal to everyone and it will become a Harlesden or Stonebridge. We can learn from what went wrong with these places where growth took precedence over wellbeing and community and ensure that it doesn't happen here.	10/4/2018 6:07 PM
149	An urban core with surrounding green spaces, acting as a transition between London and the rural county it is situated within. The place is and should remain distinct, not trying to become a "London borough" - although zone 6 stations would be nice! - and become a destination for retail, leisure and other things for the wider surrounding area.	10/4/2018 3:32 PM
150	A town that has really looked far into the future, and understood that a successful town is not just one that plans the right facilities, but also thinks about what sort of residents and economy it wants and what it needs to attract and retain them. It should be a mix of young and old, families and individuals. Will be it be a good place to grow up and bring up families? What will it have to support those families? Is it the kind of place in which people are happy to stay and grow older? It should be led by people who set a realistic vision and are honest about the vision but also prepared to stand up for Watford in order to get it. The health campus is a brilliant example of the population being at best misled and at worst deliberately lied to. Watford needs to be a town that people feel good in, that people chose to live in, that they want to contribute to and feel proud of. It should be driven by principles of sustainability and a circular economy.	10/4/2018 2:59 PM
151	I have lived in Watford all of my life, I like it as it is, however I would like to see a change in the entertainment available. The top of town is full of clubs for drunken youngsters and little for the older clientele. In Newcastle for example their entertainment Street is a variety of places for a variety of ages and everyone mixes together which gives a better atmosphere and sense of safety. I would also like to see Watford being more accessible by public transport, it's so hard to get anywhere in Watford. I would like to see the gap reduced between the very affluent areas and the poor	10/4/2018 2:35 PM
152	Somewhere with more individuality instead of turning into every other twin centre. Somewhere with unique shops and places to go, with limited high rise buildings and less traffic congestion. It is currently like being in urban sprawl	10/4/2018 12:13 PM
153	A cultural hub which draws people from London out of London for good entertainment and good (non chain) food.	10/4/2018 7:32 AM
154	Safe. Clean. Places for children in schools. Good transport links and better bus services. Parking spaces increased Youth clubs for children especially in the areas if higher crime or drug related crime	10/4/2018 5:53 AM
155	A thriving town for leisure shopping and business. But it must keep it's character and rural side and not be overrun by housing at the expense of the infrastructure and green spaces	10/3/2018 10:20 PM

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156	Not an over run, over priced rat run, that it seems to be turning into with an already over worked, understaffed hospital	10/3/2018 6:35 PM
157	A friendly town with a sense of community and a strong heritage for the future. Not an extension of London this is Watford	10/3/2018 6:35 PM
158	A NOTa place not full off inappropriately built flats and houses.No regard to residents or community options. ALL plans have been decided before any consultation e.g. Holyell,Radlett Road Community Centre ..	10/3/2018 4:49 PM
159	Unfortunately I think it will be a commuter town into London and price locals out. Currently I feel that Watford has a good mixture at the moment. More bus routes are needed as well as better traffic and parking management.	10/3/2018 10:55 AM
160	A town that has a mix of housing social & affordable for everyone. Properties that enable those on low incomes to live & work in Watford. An infrastructure that can support its rising population such as transport, schools, doctors surgeries, parks and other local amenities.	10/2/2018 11:06 PM
161	Clean, friendly, spacious, green, technological, efficient	10/2/2018 8:44 PM
162	One where rented housing is affordable, retail space is varied and where transport is of good quality and is affordable.	10/2/2018 7:30 PM
163	A town everyone can enjoy without being overcrowded and oppressive. Open spaces should be sacred because they seem to be being ignored and overlooked. A town with opportunities but taking into consideration that people moved and live here because they liked it the way it is and not where there our small overpriced houses shoehorned into every space with no place to park and constant traffic jams because there is poor access and public transport	10/2/2018 4:54 PM
164	A town that isn't marred by a multitude of high-rise 1 and 2 bedroom flats sold to out-of-London-movers because they are unaffordable to local residents, that provides both real affordable housing provision and adequate social housing provision and provides homes and support for homeless people, including drug and alcohol rehabilitation and mental health services/signposting. A town that provides adequate parking provision, especially with respect to new developments. A town that doesn't grant HMO licenses willy-nilly which puts further pressure on parking while providing sorely lacking living facilities and a town that stops allowing new developments without any supporting infrastructure including schools and doctors' surgeries.	10/2/2018 2:32 PM
165	With good green spaces, a great number of trees with preservation orders on them. Better road infrastructure for all the damned traffic that will be on the roads with all this housing, and new schools to take all these extra 'new' people in Watford!	10/2/2018 9:47 AM
166	A place that : - attracts high tech employers - vibrant and lively town centre that attracts people of all ages and culture - has top performing hospital, medical and care facilities - less red tap for housing development/improvement in so-called conservation areas, where national regulations will suffice - has low crime	10/1/2018 7:42 PM
167	A well planned regional centre for affordable home ownership, shopping & entertainment providing an efficient transport system for its residents & commuters to London & the South East of England.	10/1/2018 3:46 PM
168	The Canal & River Trust (the Trust) is the charity who look after and bring to life 2000 miles of canals & rivers. Our waterways contribute to the health and wellbeing of local communities and economies, creating attractive and connected places to live, work, volunteer and spend leisure time. These historic, natural and cultural assets form part of the strategic and local green-blue infrastructure network, linking urban and rural communities as well as habitats. By caring for our waterways and promoting their use we believe we can improve the wellbeing of our nation. The Trust is the owner and navigation authority of the Grand Union Canal (GUC) which runs north-south along the west side of Watford. There is potential in Watford for local people to use the Grand Union Canal towpath for active travel as part of their daily routines, particularly due to the link with stations at Rickmansworth and Croxley. The Grand Union Canal also plays a strong recreational role and links Watford with SSIs of Whippendell Wood and Croxley Common Moor as well as the Colne Valley Regional Park. The Grand Union Canal can also provide a resource that can be used to heat and cool buildings, a corridor in which new utilities infrastructure can be installed and a way of sustainably draining surface water away from new developments. In some cases it is also possible to transport freight via our waterways.	10/1/2018 2:54 PM

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169	Welcoming, inclusive for all. Housing - mixed use, mix of flats and smaller homes (townhouses perhaps?). Use of off site construction, to reduce waste, sustainable building technology - and designed/ built for multiple generational use. Priority to utilise brownfield/ conversion of old office blocks if necessary. Creation of additional green space in and around housing in order to promote wellness. Employment - creation of innovation hubs to support new economy. Incubation and accelerator hubs for vertical sectors to be located across Watford -i.e. logistics type start-ups in Greycaine road - to encourage partnership approach. Open Spaces - protect from development. Enhance and create additional spaces where appropriate Transport - Adoption of design principles used in countries such as Holland - lowered pavements, segregated lanes etc. Transport needs to be linked to employment so a more holistic approach to mixed use areas - housing linked directly with employment zones. Tall Buildings - Maximum height limited to 10 stories if needed. Infrastructure - Extension of Overground into Watford with additional stops to encourage less use of cars. Alternative means to divert traffic away from centre of Watford and reduce significant congestion to ring road, lower high street and through bushey arches. Town Centre - Pedestrian only zone, encouraging small shop owners through low business rates, fewer night clubs to encourage families to the area.	9/30/2018 9:11 PM
170	Safe	9/30/2018 7:26 PM
171	Watford should be the economic, social, commercial and transport centre of the North London Metropolitan conurbation.	9/30/2018 5:12 PM
172	Sub urban town with good shopping options	9/30/2018 9:05 AM
173	A smart, modern place but with character which Watford has lost. I would like to see more individual shops and restaurants rather than chains. I would like to get rid of shops with their wares all over the pavement and street, we should have much higher standards.	9/29/2018 12:27 PM
174	inclusive safe and a place to be proud of. Need better education hospital and transport facilities	9/29/2018 10:15 AM
175	As a parent with two young children and someone who has been a victim of crime in Watford the past, my main concern is one surrounding safety. I would like Watford to be a safer place.	9/29/2018 9:08 AM
176	Safe environment for my children	9/29/2018 7:49 AM
177	A town that moves with the times and offers the facilities that people need in a safe, clean, user friendly environment.	9/29/2018 6:57 AM
178	Somewhere where you can walk down a road without the smell of weed!	9/28/2018 10:21 PM
179	A happy welcoming affordable community. Diverse but accepting	9/28/2018 7:33 PM
180	Vibrant High Street, good schools, adequate medical facilities including, hopefully, new hospital, good leisure facilities and pleasant parks and open spaces.	9/28/2018 6:24 PM
181	Safe for pedestrians like me.	9/28/2018 2:52 PM
182	When building new homes the environment needs to be taken into consideration. Trees, plants, birds, mammals and insects all need a place to live and to keep our environment healthy and balanced. Hard surfaces, unless absorbent cause flooding, wood burners are pollutants to neighbours and energy needs to be resourced using our own homes.	9/28/2018 10:42 AM
183	An affordable town to live in. As a parent of a large family who has to rent, the worry is that we will be priced out of living in Watford.	9/28/2018 7:01 AM
184	A London borough , focussed on bringing in skilled jobs and headquarters , a reputation for the best education in the region , and a tube Line that joins the mainline	9/27/2018 11:38 PM
185	Suburban not urban. Continue to ensure that there is plenty of green space. Currently, Watford is a relaxing escape from working in London as there is more space, greenery and less traffic. I would not like it to become like another London borough or overly busy like the neighbouring boroughs of Harrow or Brent.	9/27/2018 6:58 PM
186	Quieter,less busy, safer	9/27/2018 12:32 PM
187	A vibrant and successful community	9/27/2018 5:41 AM
188	Vibrant place with lots of new businesses creating a dynamic town always moving forward. No high rise tower blocks (above 4 stories). Keeping the green space that we have at the moment and making it more accessible to a wider amount of people.	9/27/2018 12:04 AM
189	Like London - dense, populous and thriving. Watford is not a sleepy town and hasn't been for some decades. With a Premiership football club, new High Street developments and multinational companies headquarters, Watford should continue to develop into a metropolian hub that produces good jobs and adequate housing	9/26/2018 7:09 PM

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190	Green, traffic free centre, lots more people walking and cycling safely around the whole area. Better public transport, more linked transport systems. Child friendly, great schools and sports facilities, clean & accessible public spaces, parks, wildlife havens. Close community, people working together to continually improve area & help each other.	9/26/2018 6:59 PM
191	Watford is already becoming similar to a London Borough and is not like the rest of Hertfordshire. However, I would not want it to become too urbanised and high rise flats would not be appropriate. We are not living in the USA. A maximum of 8 storey flats should be permitted. I have seen nearby areas (like Wembley Park, where I originally came from) which are being turned into concrete jungles with soulless blocks of flats. I would not want this.	9/26/2018 5:09 PM
192	a vibrant community town	9/26/2018 4:15 PM
193	A place for families. However, not many families with two or more children will want to live in one of the hundreds of one and two bedroom flats that are being thrown up on every corner of Watford. Perhaps build more three and four bedroom homes so those renting in the area to get a valuable school place at one of the wonderful, highly selective secondary schools may actually decide to stay in the area rather than moving back to Harrow or Stanmore.	9/26/2018 4:03 PM
194	One that provides breathing space for people rather than a mass of over developed flats crammed in. One that encourages business rather than putting people out of work by knocking businesses down for more flats	9/26/2018 3:58 PM
195	Children and elderly friendly with jobs and opportunities for the young ones too	9/26/2018 8:12 AM
196	Well connected. The Watford junction station is impossible to drop off and pick up people from. More up market. The town centre lacks class. Which puts people off from visiting	9/26/2018 7:25 AM
197	Something attractive which is not who is now. New development is awful	9/26/2018 7:09 AM
198	For people to have affordable homes to rent while keeping parks and amenities such as schools & medical services at sufficient level to cope with population increase	9/26/2018 6:24 AM
199	Less concrete. More open spaces. Easy to use public transport system. Clean	9/26/2018 6:23 AM
200	A TOWN	9/26/2018 12:03 AM
201	Vibrant, clean, low crime. Modern housing. More green space	9/25/2018 11:30 PM
202	A more affordable place to live	9/25/2018 10:45 PM
203	A less divided community, with proper integration.	9/25/2018 10:15 PM
204	A town that builds homes not just flats for commuters	9/25/2018 7:06 PM
205	Surrounding areas more aesthetically pleasing.	9/25/2018 6:44 PM
206	Not a crowded one. One that says no to government miscalculations of required homes..	9/25/2018 5:57 PM
207	Two things affect us, the first, is that the infrastructure needs to keep up with the rise in population and the increased traffic on the roads. One thing which could be done relatively cheaply is more and better use made of left turn filter lanes. For example at the junction of the A405 junction with St Albans Road, there could be a filter green allowing traffic to turn left into St Albans Road, as it used to be many years ago. I appreciate this is probably down more to HCC, than the Boro' and Three Rivers Council but things like this have an overall affect on Watford itself. The aim should be to keep traffic moving as much as possible. Stationary traffic causes more pollutants which we all have to breathe. The second is that fly tipping in unadopted residential service roads is increasing. The council puts the onus of this on local residents but this is not fair when others flagrantly flout the law. It is an offence for which the offenders can be prosecuted but if the likelihood of prosecution is small it won't deter these people. It is a law which the local authority should be administering and bringing the offenders to justice. There is talk of the cost of this but there are technical aids such a strategically placed, movement triggered cameras which could be used to identify the culprits and their vehicles, at relatively little cost. We want to be proud of our town but this is let down by such actions.	9/25/2018 3:49 PM
208	Safe, not crowded, no traffic.	9/25/2018 3:44 PM
209	I would like Watford to be safe, a haven away from London enjoying the proximity. I would like to keep green spaces and parks whilst having enough housing. I would like more cultural intigration	9/25/2018 1:57 PM

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210	I would like Watford to be somewhere that the long term residents can also enjoy. I have lived in Watford my whole life, yet have zero hope of being able to afford to buy in the area due to the increasing house prices. I would like the green spaces to be kept. Every scrap of land is being used to build on and its not good for environment, we are loosing places for children to play, walk dogs etc. I appreciate that in rush hours all towns have traffic, that I understand. however with the dramatic increase in flats this is becoming considerably worse and the council show no signs of improving the infrastructure to support this, including parking for residents in all these new flats. The increase in population in the town also effects being able to get into a local school, appts at doctors etc because its over populated. You may say the town is increasing in size, but that wouldn't happen at such a quick rate if the council actually looked at the bigger picture and slowed it down. This would give time to invest and improve key facilities. it appears the only concern is revenue into the town and getting new people into the area; you are not taking care of those people who have spent there life/ years in the area.	9/25/2018 1:14 PM
211	Cycle friendly, fewer cars	9/25/2018 12:28 PM
212	A clean, safe and vibrant town	9/25/2018 10:38 AM
213	Less population More schools Better roads More hospitals Bigger parks	9/25/2018 8:27 AM
214	Family oriented with good travel links	9/24/2018 11:03 PM
215	A safe place where people like to come to	9/24/2018 10:44 PM
216	Clean, well planned, moving forward, Clean as in regular jet washing in town centre being our centrepiece, keep the new stones looking amazing. Well planned ,as in definitely not knocking anymore old buildings down but incorporating them in design with the new , as in most European towns including London. (or letting them fall in to disrepair) Moving forward is not going backwards. Safe , zero money laundering shops etc and not letting the town overflow with barbers and shops but being attractive for visitors in all areas just not the into ..	9/24/2018 9:54 PM
217	Not another overpopulated London Suburb. A town with a hospital that cope with the amount of people in the town. A town with a police station and visible police presence. A town that doesn't just pump money into the town centre, St Albans Road is a forgotten dump.	9/24/2018 6:33 PM
218	A clean and modern and safe town	9/24/2018 5:59 PM
219	A friendly family town with good amenities and transport links. I would like there to be a range of good jobs available and housing that is affordable for me children as they grow up.	9/24/2018 5:39 PM
220	A nice town to live with good amenities, a low crime rate and little to no anti-social behaviour.	9/24/2018 4:58 PM
221	A traditional market town for families and local businesses	9/24/2018 4:53 PM
222	Family friendly and thriving town and market	9/24/2018 4:41 PM
223	A clean friendly borough with no tall buildings or housing built on top of each other lots of green spaces.	9/24/2018 10:51 AM
224	I would like to believe the environment we live in would be saved for my Grandchildren and their families with green spaces, parks and less traffic congestion on our roads but unfortunately the way housing is being increased in Watford I can only think things will get worse, which is not a good future to leave my family.	9/24/2018 10:35 AM
225	Modern, safe, with a diversity of places and activities to go to, no matter the weather.	9/24/2018 2:52 AM
226	A shining example of Britishness, [REDACTED]	9/23/2018 5:35 PM
227	A distinct Hertfordshire town, separate from London and different in appearance, infrastructure and population	9/23/2018 3:09 PM
228	A similar place to what it is now but with improved transport links and infrastructure. By that I mean a mix of residential, office space and manufacturing with green spaces.	9/23/2018 2:52 PM
229	Go back about 50 years. Stop knocking down decent houses & mass building of boring houses & flats.	9/23/2018 1:45 PM
230	I would like Watford to be a diverse town, pleasant to live and work in, with improved infrastructure such as trains, roads, pavements. The town at the moment feels cramped, dirty, and like an underfunded London borough.	9/23/2018 9:50 AM
231	A vibrant and safe town. Not overcrowded with tower blocks.	9/23/2018 9:47 AM
232	A town without much increase in population density as it seems almost full unless more greenbelt is released	9/22/2018 10:59 PM
233	A friendly town which welcomes visitors and retains what little heritage it has.	9/22/2018 5:32 PM

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234	It is obvious that we will see much change in Watford. Some will welcome this, some will object and some (the very young and newcomers who have no experience of what went before) will hardly be aware of this change. We must look ahead, therefore, with confidence, but remember what was good and bad about Watford's past. The memories of our huge industrial success, our development of social and health care from the building of Watford Union Workhouse to what could become a state-of-the-art hospital; plus what was so attractive about the town centre that brought thousands from outlying districts to shop, browse and linger in our eateries. There were also some famous and worthy citizens, not all professional, but often ordinary people who made the town what is was. Then there are the memories of less successful ventures (Watford Springs Swimming Bath comes to mind) and some people who did not earn praise (local history books will point to some!) All of this past history should be considered worthy of recording by institutions such as our Watford Museum and Town Hall custodians, not only for study and reference by those in planning and control, but for everyone to learn about. Future generations should be able to live in a town which they know about - past and present - and of which they will be as proud of as their forefathers. What they will need is a town that calls on the past and looks to the future, that is pleasant to visit, easy to access and has opportunities for business and thereby employment. Housing its residents will need change - high rise living with open space beneath can be attractive and achieved successfully and safely with careful planning and attention to building techniques. Watford could make it work.	9/22/2018 2:17 PM
235	A friendly, safe and accessible town for all residents and visitors to live, work, shop and play! Excellent housing that is affordable, along with green space - improvement in roads and transport links	9/21/2018 10:21 PM
236	A town to be proud to say you live in. One that looks clean and tidy, with a feel of vibrancy. One that doesn't just cater to the lowest common denominator. Does Watford need more huge pubs, pizza places or burger bars?? Could not one or two good independent restaurants be encouraged. Whilst money has been spent, often it does not make an improvement. New paving that looks dirty within days is not a good investment. We need a town with good job opportunities and truly affordable homes. Having said that any housing developments need to be in keeping with the overall nature of housing across Watford and not just modern high rise developments. The town needs to have good services for both young and old: ie all schools need to be good schools to stop unnecessary movement of children. It is much better that they can access a good, local school. There need to be excellent services for the elderly which include good GP services and transport links. Many old people become prisoners in their own homes. The Council needs to work closely with the NHS and transport providers. Public transport should be a priority. Watford has lost many of its good transport links; e.g. the train service direct to Gatwick, West Coast Virgin Trains that used to stop at Watford more than once a day. Bus services are very poor. For example from where I live, I can (and do) walk along the Canal to Rickmansworth which takes about 50 minutes. To use the bus takes a 25 minute walk followed by a 38 minute bus journey. I think this speaks for itself.	9/21/2018 5:55 PM
237	A place with lots of fruit and nut trees to aid in feeding us all. Vegetables grown in council estates; such as blocks of flats with nearby land for locals to grown their own (less lawns and flowers). Fruit bushes instead of ornamental path dividers. Spare allotments to be used for community service sentences and part of other rehabilitation services (including mental health) or allocated to individual or a collection of streets. Pergolas in suitable places for shade with edible vines. Keeping the green belt apart from suitable adjacent infill sites that could be used for building new homes. Perhaps more consideration for those who can spare some land in their back gardens for a new home A place where fair justice is administered and local disputes can be aired out of court - even for those not in council owned property/land. A safe place for families and young people etc. - and greater community care for the elderly.	9/21/2018 9:34 AM
238	More local business's, no empty shop units in Town or INTU. Better Bus Links from all areas of Watford. Clean open play ares for Families. Homeless to be helped more and not left to sit around town. Affordable housing, better use of old School closure grounds.	9/20/2018 1:59 PM
239	Safe, friendly, vibrant, plenty of green spaces, more schools, better public transport, good roads, cultural center, faith based	9/19/2018 1:18 PM
240	Safe - need to ensure that residents & visitors are looked after. This is wide ranging from public services to infrastructure and areas of leisure and retail. Our Public services need the additional funding to protect and look after the increase in residents and visitors. Our infrastructure needs to expand to ensure it is safe to travel. Our buildings and spaces should be open and easily accessible. Smart - think about the end result and plan for 2036 not just 5 years time. Incorporate a review into how infrastructure and services are utilised now and see if during this process they can be improved.	9/19/2018 6:46 AM
241	Lots of green spaces and allotments for local residents. Garston allotments is our heart - please do not remove it!	9/18/2018 8:24 PM
242	With space for children to be able to visit parks and protection for our allotments which are very important to the environment	9/18/2018 8:06 PM

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243	Vibrant, multi cultural, affordable, green spaces, good shopping/eating/entertainment and safe	9/18/2018 4:46 PM
244	green fields, and lots of allotments	9/18/2018 4:25 PM
245	Safe and relatively car free.	9/18/2018 2:27 PM
246	Watford is more related to the capital than to rural Hertfordshire. It is a diverse multi cultural community and should remain so, however in recent times its character has changed and the less well off are slowly being confined to the outskirts by high rents and a decreasing and expensive public transport infrastructure.	9/18/2018 11:56 AM
247	A place that doesn't resemble a mini London as we are currently heading towards.	9/18/2018 11:03 AM
248	Terrace houses no flats, at the moment it is starting very tightly.	9/18/2018 6:24 AM
249	vibrant, well connected, with infrastructure to cope with growing populations, enough green spaces but not too urban and not overcrowded	9/17/2018 10:46 PM
250	Less congested	9/17/2018 7:29 PM
251	With more jobs and housing	9/17/2018 3:25 PM
252	Safe and clean, with adequate housing that does not take away green spaces. The infrastructure needs to be in place to support the growth of the town. More schools, local community shops, policing. Need to consider how we reach all local communities and make them feel heard and listened to. Deal with anti social behaviour and the view that the town can be an unsafe place late on a Friday and Saturday night. Keep the town clean and provide lots of events that bring communities together.	9/17/2018 1:30 PM
253	Diverse, clean, modern and sustainable living and working environment for all.	9/17/2018 1:23 PM
254	One with better bus services to ALL areas from around 6 a.m.to around 11 30 p.m. 7 days a week. Congestion charging in an area from Bushey Arches out to the A41 by-pass up to Rickmansworth Road/St Albans Road and as far as west as Two Bridges. The money raised from congestion charges can be used to subsidise the bus services, as necessary. In particular, now that MLX isn't going ahead, there should be a regular, frequent (every 10 mins during the day) bus service from the Met station to Watford Junction, then returning via Clarendon Road, Beechen Grove, Water Lane, town centre, Vicarage Road, Whipendell Road and back to the Met station. This would provide an extra local service within Watford as well as to/from the Met station. Small (fuel efficient or electric) buses e.g. Optare Solos could (should?!) be used.	9/17/2018 11:54 AM
255	Good place for families. Opportunities for peoples to work as well as live in Watford. Interesting things to do in the town centre but also access to open spaces	9/16/2018 3:04 PM
256	a place for a variety of people and ages. A town with facilities that serve the community	9/16/2018 2:19 PM
257	There needs to be a better selection of modern housing, with more high-density flats. Transport links need much improvement.	9/16/2018 10:29 AM
258	Somewhere pleasant to visit with links to its past - it has already been destroyed with ill conceived demolition of old buildings and construction of massive out of scale retail. The new development is ugly and overpowering - Watford is being eradicated. It's not a nice place to visit.	9/15/2018 7:20 PM
259	An urban hub with urban greenspace having its place but a focus on facilities and affordable housing for residents, especially less well off locals who have lived here all their lives.	9/15/2018 12:08 PM
260	A town that has its own character and community that is an attractive place to live and work. Not just a soulless commuter town for London.	9/15/2018 10:26 AM
261	Watford needs to expand its footprint not diminish it as suggested by the new County Plans. Including Oxhey Estate can of course help this as would the Eastern section containing Bucknals Lane and Garston Building Redsearch area, excluding the Bricket Wood housing which I presume is possibly more orientated to St Albans. We need to remind our experts that at one time all of this was Watford Rural District and that it was only the formation of Three Rivers that created the monstrous inverted Horseshoe shape which included Bucknals Lane area etc., and thus removed so much of the land that Watford still needs to have control of in order to contain the projected Population.	9/15/2018 8:56 AM
262	A place where less space is dedicated to the movement and storage of private motor vehicles and more given over to pedestrians and cyclists. A place where infrastructure for active travel is provided and prioritised over private motor vehicles. A place with improved public transport, a place where a car is not necessary to travel to work in the local area.	9/14/2018 7:03 PM
263	Wild life friendly. Swift nesting bricks into appropriate housing. Green and leafy! More trees and bushes planted. Improved public transport. More police on the beat and more crimes solved. Cyclists forbidden on pavements. Enforced fines for dog fouling. Less light pollution.	9/14/2018 6:54 PM

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264	Pedestrian friendly, ample green areas, low rise housing, a place where people live and work and build their lives rather than a temporary commuter location.	9/14/2018 5:04 PM
265	A place with reduced dependence on private vehicles and better infrastructure for cycling and walking and with improved public transport. A place where less space is given over to the movement and storage of private vehicles.	9/14/2018 2:36 PM
266	A thriving commuter town with good business and leisure facilities. A town with an identity, not the same as other commuter towns in terms of shops, restaurants, culture. A town playing to its strengths on the edge of London but with nationwide links. A transport hub linking the north & midlands to expanded Heathrow, without people having to go through central London. A town that people and businesses see as where London meets the countryside.	9/14/2018 1:10 PM
267	Not overrun by traffic and high rise housing. Maintain parks and green spaces	9/14/2018 1:08 PM
268	Less traffic build up as the current roads are gridlocked on many occasions	9/14/2018 12:05 PM
269	I would like to see a mixed community with people of different races, ages, cultures and backgrounds. I see Watford being increasingly a part of Greater London as well as being in Hertfordshire. I would like to see improved public transport links within Watford so that it is possible to arrive from London or the North by train and have buses available throughout the evening to enable people to get home. Also allowing cars to be left at home and encouraging use of buses and trains.	9/14/2018 12:00 PM
270	A thriving commuter town with good retail, business and leisure facilities. A town with a distinct personality, not just the same styles, shops, restaurants as other towns on the edge of London. A town that uses it's position on the edge of London, with great transport links nationwide to its full advantage.	9/14/2018 11:21 AM
271	A safe, clean and environmentally friendly town.	9/14/2018 10:52 AM
272	A vibrant town where Young people and families can afford to own their own homes rather than a town full of people still living at home due to most of the new builds being bought to let to commuters. It's also vital that while new homes are being built constantly, there should be new schools, doctors etc being built to accommodate the growing population.	9/14/2018 10:50 AM
273	A business and commercial centre with good residential areas and good public transport.	9/14/2018 9:54 AM
274	Sustainably modelled and placing the needs of those already living here above the needs of a future projected populace	9/14/2018 1:02 AM
275	A realistically modelled one, with a structure suited to the resources available, addressing the needs of the current population	9/13/2018 11:45 PM
276		9/13/2018 10:06 PM
277	Distinctive. The current MP himself said, when first elected, that Watford needs more of an identity. It's always been a poor relation of St Albans.	9/13/2018 8:40 PM
278	A multicultural diverse TOWN - it does not need to become a City or try & become the "New London", it needs to stay strong to it roots & heritage.	9/13/2018 6:16 PM
279	Watford is changing beyond all recognition. Despite Watford being in Hertfordshire people outside of Watford claim we are part of London. I don't want Watford to be a high rise mecca and it looks like this is how it's going to be. As it is, there isn't enough infrastructure in place to cope with the people who live here at the moment. Doctor's surgeries are over-subscribed, tall buildings are intruding our sky-line. The train service into London is a joke during rush hour with the rail companies regularly only putting four carriage trains on during rush hour. The problem will get worse in future with more residents. Watford is a town not a city. The hospital can't cope with the residents now, let alone in the future.	9/13/2018 4:32 PM
280	A self-contained community comprising a mix of retail, residential, industrial and commercial concerns, with a good range of leisure and community facilities to support that status in a sustainable fashion, both economically and environmentally.	9/13/2018 4:25 PM
281	Less congested with better transport links	9/13/2018 3:20 PM
282	Family friendly safe clean vibrant for business Better public transport cycle lanes improved hospital MORE SCHOOLS , DOCTORS ETC FOR EVER INCREASING POPULATION	9/13/2018 3:17 PM
283	A thriving town that caters for the needs of everyone, but is a safe place to live. Although a lot of new homes need to be built, the green belts (including playgrounds and sports playing fields) need to be protected.	9/13/2018 3:14 PM
284	Despite being close to LONDON Watford has always had a separate identity . We want to maintain that and avoid it becoming a dormitory town to London It is essential that the town retains its character which it will lose if it just builds lots of flats	9/13/2018 3:09 PM

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285	I would like Watford to stay as similar to what it is today. Building currently are not too high, and the area has plenty of trees and is not overdeveloped. My understanding is that the council has allowed multiple high rise buildings recently. No-one wants to live in these kind of buildings, especially after Grenfell. It seems rather insensitive to be allowing these sorts of buildings. People want to live in houses with gardens, not flats.	9/13/2018 2:23 PM
286	Family friendly, not over populated. Safe and welcoming.	9/13/2018 1:28 PM
287	I would like to see more independent restaurants and shops thriving in Watford and improved transport infrastructure (e.g. reinstatement of the MLX, redevelopment of Watford Junction station) and housing planning considering the impact of any central developments on already congested roads feeding into the Junction Station area	9/13/2018 1:23 PM
288	A not so overpopulated Town, untouched Green spaces, a Town that keeps traffic moving, where good education is high on the list. Affordable green housing is readily available	9/13/2018 10:42 AM
289	I'd like Watford to feel more inviting. I've lived here for over 7 years and wish every other day that I hadn't. It's a mean and unfriendly place.	9/13/2018 10:16 AM
290	Where homeless people have shelter. Where there are no beggars. Where police and all services have proper resources. Where all human beings are treated with proper respect.	9/13/2018 9:39 AM
291	A place where the interests of its taxpaying LOCAL residents are put first.	9/12/2018 9:12 PM
292	Watford is already being absorbed into London due to a growth in the industry. It would be good to attempt to maintain as much of the rural aspects of watford as possible. This involves not loosing sight of the many open spaces watford currently has. A park and ride system into Watford and it's industrial parks is sadly lacking and causing serve congestion especial in the Hempstead road, Rickmansworth Road and StAlbans road area's. An attempt at a minimal motor car free Watford is now needed to reduce pollution. Air traffic is also becoming a problem and will need to be considered more carefully to reduce the increased noise pollution especially at night.	9/12/2018 5:27 PM
293	A hive of commerce and industry that is pleasant to work, shop and live in with good recreation playing fields, parks and other leisure facilities.	9/12/2018 4:45 PM
294	A cleaner place with less take away joints and nail bars in St Albans road. No high rise buildings which contribute to parking problems. More focus on quality of life of residents then profits by building high rise buildings.	9/12/2018 4:36 PM
295	Watford should retain its diversity and be a thriving economically successful town, providing good quality homes and employment as well as good quality schools, medical care and other services for its citizens.	9/12/2018 4:26 PM
296	Green not concrete city	9/12/2018 8:41 AM
297	Watford needs to keep it's diversity but efforts need to be made to integrate all and work on local community projects, the differences between faiths need to be respected but also merged together for the benefit of Watford. A diversity festival would be an amazing way forward. Community connections need to be strengthened and any areas of issue/problem areas should be targeted by youth worker's or engagement teams/PCSO's Roads need to be improved along with access to town. Open to initiatives in housing, business I would like Watford to be an open and welcoming town, good infrastructure, housing for all plenty of activities and entertainment all year round to entice people into town thus increasing job opportunities. Alternative activities that very few other towns have, like a cyclo park like they have in Gravesend Essex, with cycling still being the biggest growing area of commuting and leisure. A cycle friendly town. Excellent commercial buildings to draw in large business's. More independent alternative unique small business's given incentives to make Watford a different interesting place to visit. Open spaces improved upon.	9/12/2018 8:13 AM
298	A place for families, with parks and places with activities for kids and babies.	9/12/2018 7:16 AM
299	A well connected hub with a great variety of leisure, employment and cultural options	9/11/2018 7:41 PM
300	A community hub outside London providing full facilities for families in a pleasant and friendly atmosphere	9/11/2018 7:06 PM
301	Clean, tidy, open spaces and not houses and flats built on every scrap of ground, we don't need a concrete jungle or to have blocks of flats that are completely out of character to the area. More parking when housing estates are being built.	9/11/2018 6:03 PM
302	Thriving, contemporary and safe	9/11/2018 5:46 PM
303	More affordable	9/11/2018 11:52 AM
304	q	9/11/2018 10:47 AM
305	Less busy and more community orientated	9/11/2018 9:03 AM

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306	I would like Watford to feel like a part of greater London. By that I mean have a diverse and thriving economy, from the office jobs to the entertainment and consumer industries on the high street. Have affordable and reliable public transport. Be able to comfortably manage the population growth without lowering the standards of liveability.	9/10/2018 9:52 PM
307	lots of open spaces and trees no more building on green spaces or infilling which is ruining the neighbourhoods and the town in general.	9/10/2018 7:40 PM
308	An affordable town to rent in and to commute into London. That would entail ensuring the new home built are not sold at an inflated price point, as well as re zoning the Watford Junction train station. I would also like to see a continuation of pedestrianizing the town centre.	9/10/2018 5:35 PM
309	A happy community where people can move around with ease. This will most probably requite South West Herts to be one unitary authority having control over traffic, transport and education with strong representation for health and other regional matters.	9/10/2018 4:11 PM
310	A vibrant but not too congested town with a variety of things for everyone, impossible really.	9/10/2018 2:34 PM
311	Family friendly, safe, easy accessible, reduced traffic congestion	9/10/2018 2:33 PM
312	Modern affordable town which recognises diversity but is not overdeveloped without providing suitable corresponding amenities (ie education, health, employment)	9/10/2018 11:46 AM
313	Somewhere I'd be proud to call home. That implies safe and clean with room to live and enjoy life to a good and sustainable standard. It is somewhere I want to tell others about, welcome them and entertain them. Somewhere I want to bring my children up in, and their children too. Somewhere I can get around without hassle and meet the majority of my and my family's needs. Somewhere that welcomes the future but doesn't ignore or obliterate the past. Finally, somewhere we can all have the chance to contribute to its future.	9/10/2018 11:21 AM
314	I would like Watford to retain its own identity and for it to be well supplied with affordable public transport and safe cycle routes so that the unavoidable increase in population is not matched by a deterioration in air quality. I would like it to retain plenty of green space rather than the rest of the borough becoming as grey as some parts of West and North Watford.	9/10/2018 9:04 AM
315	An attractive, vibrant, inclusive town where people of all ages want to live, work and spend their leisure time. A thriving town offering a wide choice of work places, not just a dormitory town on the edge of London. A well connected town with excellent transport connections, first rate public transport services and fast Broadband services for all.	9/10/2018 8:57 AM
316	A thriving community with no homelessness. A safe neighbourhood where residents can park their cars. A commuter town with underground links in the centre not just national train lines. I think the metropolitan line should go to Watford central	9/10/2018 12:36 AM
317	I would like Watford Council to essentially reverse the current drive to apparently approve all developments in densely populated parts of Watford (namely West Watford) - without any assessment of the impact on local residents and infrastructure. Watford should aim to retain it's country feel with more tree lined streets, open green spaces, low rise buildings and new developments that look similar to their surroundings (e.g. Cambridge and Bury St Edmunds).	9/9/2018 8:53 PM
318	I understand the town needs to grow but I am against tall buildings. The limited land we have needs to be built on sensibly but this does not mean multiple blocks of flats being built. This will change the look of Watford entirely.	9/9/2018 8:27 PM
319	I want Watford to be a place I can feel proud to live in. A thriving town, but with a sense of community (so community meeting centres within each small area). Less traffic - visitors' cars parked on the outskirts of town, nearer the motorway, with free buses to bring people to the town centre. Much better cycling tracks that actually join up and take you somewhere, and are away from the main roads. A High Street we can be proud of, with small shops as well as the new Intu centre. For some years the High Street has a depressing place to be in and I certainly wouldn't take my guests into the town. Many shops are closed, there is no central area for people to meet and no real sense of character or history, Better cleaning. There are still revolting chewing gun and fast food stains on the newly paved Upper High Street. If we are going to have fast food chains and cafes, then the paving needs to cleaned properly and regularly.	9/9/2018 1:17 PM
320	Family friendly: -parks and green spaces - dog free areas in the park where people can have a picnic (not just the play areas) - playgrounds/ soft play areas/ cinemas/ bowling etc all centrally located rather than in out of town areas - keep libraries and museums open/ central - swimming pool centrally - family centres which provide activities for children and families - play schemes/ holiday activities Pedestrian friendly -improve/ make larger pedestrian only areas - make separate cycle lanes so that people don't cycle dangerously through pedestrian areas - put barriers up so that cyclists don't cycle too quickly down pedestrian only subways/ walkways - cut back on street parking centrally - improve the bus route so it doesn't drive through areas with many pedestrians	9/9/2018 12:13 PM

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321	Smart city with tall buildings.	9/9/2018 11:41 AM
322	A family orientated town, that looks after its residents. Not chasing the London commuters, not just focusing on business and money.	9/9/2018 11:11 AM
323	more provision for the older population for cheaper rented housing better health care by building that on over due hospital, guarantee we will be keeping our parks	9/9/2018 8:53 AM
324	Modern and relaxed place to work and live where you do not need to travel far from amenities which respects the history that it has and the open spaces that it has to create a community with in Watford who are pleased and proud to live here.	9/9/2018 8:36 AM
325	Much better than it is now. A place for people who want to live in Watford and not use it as a dormitory place.	9/9/2018 7:34 AM
326	I would like Watford to retain what's left of its character and stop building flats everywhere. Over the last decade Watford has become ugly and lost its sense of community. There is not enough infrastructure for the huge influx of people into the town and I think the debacle over the allotments and withdrawal of funding to the voluntary sector highlight that the council had lost touch with people at grassroots level. In addition, the ridiculous price of property and rents mean that young people have to move away from area because it's become unaffordable. So I think the council has lost the plot.	9/9/2018 12:55 AM
327	an environmentally friendly place that has improved its public transport service to make it cheaper and more efficient that people will leave their cars at home much more. A place that is also much more disability friendly including for those with vision impairment - an aging population will need this. By making it more accessible more people will be more active. More to be done to integrate the young and older generation to create more links.	9/8/2018 7:15 PM
328	A Place where people can come together as a community, not be isolated. A place where homes are built for the local homeless and somewhere where others can find a roof for a while. We need to make sure we have school Dr dentist etc for our own people and only encourage more people in when there are the facilities for them A place where we have such good public transport we dont need so many cars. A PLACE THAT HAS GREEN SPACES NOT BUILDING SITES.	9/8/2018 5:06 PM
329	Diverse local economy with infrastructure to match. Continue to be family friendly and crackdown hard on all crime particularly organised crime which is likely to be a spillover from London. Over development must be resisted and moved to other neighbouring local authorities.	9/8/2018 4:41 PM
330	A leafy, friendly, thriving suburb to live in. It needs to have both a reasonable amount of housing, a suitable infrastructure, enough jobs, good schools and excellent travel links including car, train, buses and cycles.	9/8/2018 2:46 PM
331	Lots of green spaces, vibrant & safe town centre, excellent transport links, housing for everyone, good schools, expanded hospital.	9/8/2018 2:13 PM
332	Lots of green spaces and play areas. A community that respects diversity. To have low rental property with long leases.	9/8/2018 1:32 PM
333	A place where there are open spaces with an appropriate balance between flats and houses, better transport links and employment opportunities	9/8/2018 12:45 PM
334	Much improved local transport, serving older residents & encouraging residents to use their cars less. Cleaner streets. Outstanding health & social care for older/vulnerable residents. Outstanding General Hospital.	9/8/2018 11:39 AM
335	A thriving, diverse town that promotes the health and safety of its occupants. Currently every piece of space is being bought by developers with no regard to the extra infrastructure required to support the growing population	9/8/2018 10:33 AM
336	I moved here from central London in order to get that small town feel but still be able to get into the city to do my job. I really like Watford's small town feel, the market and the wide range of independents - d20 board game cafe is a really great example.	9/8/2018 10:31 AM
337	A well connected town, where residents are able to access work in London easily but can access to all amenities locally without being reliant on their own car. A town where access to pleasant open space is available to all. A town where if you don't want to live in an apartment near the centre, you can live further out without being isolated or reliant upon private car use.	9/8/2018 10:15 AM
338	vibrant with a flourishing high street and some independent shops so it is different to other towns	9/8/2018 8:21 AM

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339	It is key that the right infrastructure is put in place to support the entire community. Over crowding also has to be considered, when growing up in Watford there was always open space, this simply has to remain. I am also concerned around the growth of ugly buildings in the area in recent years, any new developments must blend in with the area as it is, not stand out like a sore thumb.	9/8/2018 7:57 AM
340	A place where [REDACTED] are not sent round to my house to support the neighbours criminal activity. [REDACTED]	9/8/2018 6:33 AM
341	An affordable one. And a size limited/restricted one. We cannot continue to build on green/brown/open spaces we need to keep the size of watford to a town size and ensure we have green spaces in and more importantly around Watford. Green is healthy and important. We need to build more infrastructure to support people already living in watford. We need to provide schools and housing of great quality and diversity.	9/8/2018 12:43 AM
342	A place with lots of greenery and fresh air and with little pollution. With beautifully laid roads with no pot holes. And with less flats built everywhere. This is huge problem. I live in a flat . The service charges and ground rent are unspeakably expensive. And on the top of it is the council tax payment. Impossible to afford.	9/7/2018 11:39 PM
343	As a city worker I highly value the rural aspects hertfordshire - and Watford brings. It will be increasingly important that watford maintains its green areas, improves sustainability and continues to provide a clean, safe, natural environment for young families.	9/7/2018 11:17 PM
344	A place suitable to bring up a family, with good schools, low crime and plenty of green, open space.	9/7/2018 11:14 PM
345	A safe and thriving community keeping the Watford identity	9/7/2018 10:49 PM
346	A place with opportunity for families and workers with great open spaces, events and a thriving town centre. A town with good cycling facilities and not bad traffic. A town with a progressive council willing to listen to its people and try new ideas. A town with more independent shops and less chain stores than others.	9/7/2018 9:42 PM
347	Multicultural with appropriate levels of infrastructure and by that I do not mean the minimum	9/7/2018 9:41 PM
348	Watford needs to have more residential parking.	9/7/2018 9:25 PM
349	A safe and happy place to live	9/7/2018 8:27 PM
350	More greenery increase hospital size and schools to accomodate the increase in flats and houses	9/7/2018 8:14 PM
351	Have good transportation including the Met line extension	9/7/2018 8:09 PM
352	One which sees Watford become a London Borough with the benefits that brings. One where parking is more considered as a birth right than a source of income through excessive fining for local residents.	9/7/2018 7:41 PM
353	A town of WORKING people	9/7/2018 7:34 PM
354	Open to all but with enough amenities to cope	9/7/2018 7:33 PM
355	Pedestrianised town centre with just the ring road.	9/7/2018 7:29 PM
356	A place to work, enjoy open spaces, to have a wide variety of shops and safe neighbourhood to live in.	9/7/2018 7:26 PM
357	Culturally diverse with the appropriate and by that I do not mean minimum infrastructure in place. This should include sufficient schools places(a drastic change to planning where until certainly four years ago planning consent did not address this properly. A council official told me that flats do not mean children. Sufficient doctors and dentists in place. Lag times should be fined. Parking places within the town centre will need to be addressed as well as off street parking for new properties. Don't rely on we will force them on to bicycles.	9/7/2018 7:05 PM
358	I would like to be an environmentally friendly town where we encourage people to travel by public transport and have bicycle lanes. To be a happy friendly diverse town.	9/7/2018 6:38 PM
359	More Green space. Thought of as Hertfordshire more than London	9/7/2018 6:29 PM
360	I would like Watford to retain it's identity as a town rather than an extension of Greater London. I enjoy living in a multicultural community and feel strongly that central spaces be retained within the different wards of Watford where communities can meet, shop etc. There has been far too much building on every tiny space that can be utilised to turn a profit without any real thought as to the impact overcrowding is having on living conditions and especially parking.	9/7/2018 6:27 PM
361	A green town with protected wildlife areas. Less football focus and more open spaces with less high-rise.	9/7/2018 6:17 PM

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362	I'd like to see the town keep it's victorian/Edwardian town houses and not have them surrounded by high rise blocks of flats. The town centre is losing its identity. You also need to build houses and not just flats as families will grow out of flat accommodation. Also over populating a small area increases anti social behaviour which also ruins the town centre,	9/7/2018 6:03 PM
363	A vibrant town with a sense of community.	9/7/2018 5:52 PM
364	A place that families come and visit - not nightclubbers and drinkers! A town where 1. there are good public transport links to outlying areas 2. where children can safely walk and cycle to school 3. where children can attend their closest school and not have to take tests to get into a good school 4. there are clean streets 5. the homeless are cared for properly	9/7/2018 5:42 PM
365	Less of a suburb of London and more of a town in its own right with lots of businesses, options for leisure time and a variety of housing available.	9/7/2018 5:41 PM
366	A family friendly place. Safe. Diverse population celebrated.	9/7/2018 5:39 PM
367	A town with increasing housing of a varied types but only where there are enough amenities to support new housing, thriving businesses, excellent entertainment, shopping and recreational areas. In addition the current good transport links should be improved and extended.	9/7/2018 5:22 PM
368	Low rise family homes. Too much high rise puts pressure on local amenities, the environment is unattractive and leads to alienatio.	9/7/2018 5:04 PM
369	Not overcrowded by all flats/houses being crammed into the centre of Watford. Spread it out more	9/7/2018 4:56 PM
370	litter free, friendly, no homeless, no drugs, buildings regularly painted, no overgrowing weeds, infrastructure maintained.	9/7/2018 4:49 PM
371	Family friendly. Financially stable.	9/7/2018 4:33 PM
372	I am happy with the present direction of Watford (but I do wish you would finish the works in the centre of town soon). One of the key features which will help Watford in the future will be communication, Road, Rail and Internet, all need to be developed. A town we can be proud of, including healthy population.	9/7/2018 4:25 PM
373	Family friendly, Financially self sufficient.	9/7/2018 3:40 PM
374	Ethnically mixed. Thriving and busy Not too many flats Good shopping, businesses, football club etc	9/7/2018 3:25 PM
375	A place where I can walk down a High Street not full of drunkards, drug addicts, bored kids doing wheelies and being indimidating and being a nuisance and without the dirty street food stalls. It used to look like St. Albans. Now it looks like Brixton. Impossible to spendcan afternoon with the kids there anymore.	9/7/2018 3:25 PM
376	Safe place for families with low density housing spread out over the area. Improved parks with community hubs and improved parking and public transport.	9/7/2018 3:05 PM
377	Vibrant with good shopping, restaurant and entertainment facilities.Also plenty of green spaces and attractive flower displays and parks.	9/7/2018 2:55 PM
378	Nothing like a Mini London, Building all Higglely Piggledy mix of offices & houses and not much in a way of green Spaces - Not losing it's identity, not losing it's Culture, not losing diversity. If new building could replicate the old or in situ with the buildings in it's surrounds so much the better rather than those that stick out like sore thumbs - design of better roadways, improved lighting for both roads & pathways - smartning of shops on outskirts on Town centre - Better placement of & better looking Hospital for better accessibility for all to access	9/7/2018 2:51 PM
379	Not over developed. Not to have lots of high rise buildings. Better transport links to Cassioburly park. Parking to be considered for new developments - we aren't London and people can't get around by hopping on a bus or a tube in the same way they can in London. Keep our green open spaces especially green belt. Continue to improve the town centre. Fill all of the empty trading units and make the top feel less of an alcoholics gathering ground	9/7/2018 2:44 PM
380	A pleasant place to work and shop	9/7/2018 2:42 PM
381	A pleasant and peaceful place where there are sufficient school places, surgeries with less than 2 weeks waiting time for an appointment, and where traffic flows freely and not like what it is now.	9/7/2018 2:34 PM
382	Modern, vibrant, safe, with good facilities for children	9/7/2018 2:28 PM
383	A strong Independent town (ie not London)	9/7/2018 2:22 PM

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384	An affluent place with a town centre that is bohemian and unique, full of small local businesses offering something different to every other chain packed high street in the uk. I would like to see a stall on building of flats as they are bringing more people than the area can cope with, especially the roads. Housebuildijg should focus on family homes - not flats, with parking	9/7/2018 2:20 PM
385	Vibrant town centre and communities. Flagship designed buildings that we can be proud of and that are not just built to meet housing needs. Delivering open space for communities. Modern in the way we travel which promotes sustainable living e.g tram routes. Affordable house prices which don't force people to move out of Watford.	9/7/2018 2:12 PM
386	Still have good shopping, restaurants, football club, Schools etc. Do not develop all industrial areas into housing people need places to work. We need the Croxley Rail Link to get the met line too Watford Junction. Have a mix of flats, houses and bungalows so people have options on type of housing. Still be mixed ethnically do not make Watford a white middle class suburbia.	9/7/2018 1:59 PM
387	I want Watford to feel like a community and have space where people can be together as a community. I want more green space and I want a more civilised high street with less bars and more restaurants, preferably independent	9/7/2018 1:57 PM
388	Very much like we are now, a diverse population who have a range of public services available to all, in a town which is progressive but not part of London while maintaining its own identity	9/7/2018 1:42 PM
389	friendlier, more family orientated, i.e. family homes available. Not a commuter town for London.	9/7/2018 1:27 PM

Q2 Do you have any suggestions as to how these could be addressed?

Answered: 289 Skipped: 130

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	This is a poor question because it does not say what the issues are which need to be addressed.	10/21/2018 10:07 AM
2	Sharing between other districts is good as long as all the high rise urban development isn't just concentrated in Watford but other authorities share the burden. Also to lobby government together for investment infrastructure.	10/20/2018 9:49 AM
3	Sharing/pooling resources can be very sensible, the centralising of WHHT physio seems to have worked out well, however I feel it is important to not become fully unified as each borough has it's own identity, which should be retained.	10/19/2018 10:52 PM
4	Safe - visible policing, continued commitment to Anti Social Behaviour services Clean air - green infrastructure - electric car charge points, cycle lanes, pedestrianised streets, less parking provision for new builds. Environmentally sustainable - is there availability of water for new developments? Investment in rainwater / grey water harvesting for new developments and major renovations. Higher standard of planning permission for sustainability Family orientated - leisure activities and family orientated businesses Opportunities for independent business - investment/supporting Wenta Investment into healthcare - new hospital?	10/19/2018 10:20 PM
5	Cheap and reliable public transport	10/19/2018 9:53 PM
6	Better and clearer explanations to the public about the planning process so that the public understand how and when they can be involved and how they can have a voice. Councils really listening to the public.	10/19/2018 9:43 PM
7	Not particularly	10/19/2018 9:32 PM
8	Do "these" refer to neighboring authorities or issues? The question is not clear.	10/19/2018 9:28 PM
9	Cycle superhighways between towns and to key places such as the hospital - by the most direct route (cyclists wont cycle a mile out of their way to get 300m of good cycle path) Direct buses which don't go round the houses and cost less.	10/19/2018 4:22 PM
10	Better and clearer explanations to the public about the planning process so that the public understand how and when they can be involved and how they can have a voice. Councils really listening to the public.	10/19/2018 3:46 PM
11	Work with surrounding local authorities (e.g. Hertsmere, Dacorum) to release land from the green belt and create a new town, with a focus on good accessible transport and social, environmental and economic sustainability.	10/19/2018 3:28 PM
12	How what could be addressed?	10/19/2018 3:21 PM
13	" Watford Borough Council has been working with neighbouring authorities to address important issues and will continue to do so in the future." - I am not sure what they are and hence cannot comment.	10/19/2018 2:34 PM
14	Improve public transport. Build the Metropolitan line extension. Increase frequency of St Abbey Line, with park and ride options at North Watford and Garston stations. If you build a footbridge from the Asda car park to Greycaine Road, it is possible to create a low-cost large capacity car park for North Watford Station. This could become a very popular alternative to driving to Watford Junction, since no-one likes St Albans Rd or A4008 traffic jams and the cost of parking at Watford Junction. Buses should be more frequent and cheaper. Dome roundabout needs an underpass, and link the A41 to a park and ride. Build more cycle lanes, segregated from traffic, paved and well-lit. It is especially important that road junctions can be crossed safely. Update Watford General Hospital. Better managed allotments.	10/19/2018 2:25 PM
15	A review of public transport between authorities. Park and ride scheme(s) may help but I don't see room for one within the borough. This would mean using another authority's area for something that may not be to their benefit.	10/19/2018 2:16 PM
16	Wider support for organisations such as New Hope	10/19/2018 1:58 PM
17	We would suggest the inclusion of a strategic policy which promotes cultural and community uses, flexible town centre policies which take a permissive approach to the release of A1 retail where it is no longer viable in favour of leisure and cultural uses, and a robust policy protecting existing cultural and community uses from unnecessary loss.	10/19/2018 1:58 PM

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18	Improvements to roads and getting around Watford need to be addressed.	10/19/2018 1:27 PM
19	By forming a Unitary Authority	10/19/2018 12:53 PM
20	having a plan involving other local authorities is good. whilst each Authority may have different priorities there are common problems that need to be addressed like road infrastructure, ease of parking, ease of access and no traffic jams! there may be Transport questions later but the access to Watford centre from north (Hempstead Rd) and from the south (Bushey Arches) needs to be improved. also Park and Ride needs to be properly introduced with quick bus links to/from the centre of Watford and other links that other Authorities will want. with limited space in Watford it is likely the park will be outside Watford boundaries.	10/19/2018 11:48 AM
21	Similar vibes to Pop Brixton - A bit more excitement in the market and on the high street Shared office spaces for small business, starts ups, self employed.	10/19/2018 11:41 AM
22	Lots of issue can be address by communities working together, with the town giving some direction. So the point is for the borough to provide a good environment for these communities to thrive and speak on important issue.	10/19/2018 11:23 AM
23	Watford needs to take the lead as the economic hub	10/19/2018 9:47 AM
24	Cross-party agreement.	10/19/2018 1:33 AM
25	Watford and nearby authorities should be working together to collectively oppose pressure from central government to be building so many homes in the south east of England, which has already reached saturation point. Whilst there is a shortage of homes in the UK, there should be a much greater focus on building more homes (and creating more/better employment opportunities) in other parts of the UK, such as Scotland, Wales and the North of England. The south east can not cope with the demands being placed on it, so the local authorities should be seeking strength in numbers to oppose this pressure from central government.	10/18/2018 10:28 PM
26	stop the high rise stuff, you could build decent lower buildings with underground car park, turn all the empty offices into decent housing stock but only allow developments that incorporate parking. The development on the corner of Gartlett road is really attractive and has decent parking,, well done whoever approved that one	10/18/2018 10:06 PM
27	So when building these houses, do they actually have a look around during rush hour and think, okay this is very busy, but if we do this and have the exit going here this would help with the flow. Your putting pressure on the roads and schools that can't cope.	10/18/2018 4:09 PM
28	Invite residents of Watford to be on ad hoc committees/groups so that the voices of the residents are actually heard.	10/18/2018 12:18 PM
29	We offer free pre-application advice and will be able to give feedback on design, heritage, drainage and water quality, ecology, estates and utilities advice. With careful design and assessment, our waterways may be able to receive runoff from future development sites, providing sustainable options for site drainage (although mitigation works to the canal infrastructure may be necessary to cope with this.) The Trust is not however a land drainage authority and any such discharge would be subject to an agreement with the Trust's Utilities Team and appropriate controls to protect water quality. Our waterways provide readily available opportunities for developments to incorporate innovative technologies to make use of its water such as hydropower and the abstraction of water for the heating and cooling of buildings, and we have been involved in many successful projects on our network, where developments have found the system to be more efficient than air source pumps.	10/18/2018 10:04 AM
30	Better transport links between Watford and neighbouring areas.	10/18/2018 9:35 AM
31	Impact on existing infrastructure should be more of a factor when planning and for large developments, developed should be compelled to pay for the necessary additional buildings and resources,.	10/18/2018 7:48 AM
32	What issues? Question too vague to reply.	10/17/2018 6:50 PM
33	We strongly support the proposed Strategic Partnership with neighbouring Councils. Sub-regional co-operation offers the opportunity for joined-up solutions and economic, housing, social and environmental challenges.	10/17/2018 4:45 PM
34	Public transport links needs to be improved to help with congestion.	10/17/2018 4:05 PM
35	What demands do these other Authorities have that is same and different from Watford. Watford could use land in other areas to provide facilities like Park and Ride. Bus networks could provide fast links to Watford centres and centres of importance to other authorities. I travel throughout Europe in a Motorhome. Bus networks in many cities are effective, cheap (one fare) and buses are full.	10/17/2018 3:31 PM

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36	I would like to see a much talked about but not really realised 'integrated public transport system' organised with other local authorities/government agencies and private transport providers.	10/17/2018 2:18 PM
37	I would like it to have a community feel - with a good town centre that everyone can access and feel safe and comfortable in, good schools and solid infrastructure (roads, schools, medical services, utilities, public transport etc) to support the town. I would like the town to supported community hubs outside of the town for residents to access local shops and services easily close to where they live - this would relieve some of the congestion experienced already now even without without further development.	10/17/2018 11:58 AM
38	By accepting that it would be better to create a new community in the less densely populated parts of Hertfordshire instead of trying to cram people into an already overcrowded town like Watford. I already see tempers fraying over parking and think that it won't be long before people start coming to blows and blaming 'the other' for the lack of infrastructure facilities.	10/17/2018 11:42 AM
39	5 out of 6 years living in Watford is not a fair way of deciding who is more entitled to help. Someone who has been here 20 plus years but maybe travelled the world for 1 year should not be a lower priority than someone who has moved to England for 5 years	10/16/2018 2:36 PM
40	The South West Herts Strategic Plan is a great idea. Bearing in mind that within each of the five district boundaries there are (sometimes wide) differences of approach, a patient and sympathetic attitude is needed so the fact of establishing the Strategic Plan is in itself a positive step.	10/16/2018 12:10 PM
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42	If the Government [which is based in London] in their National Planning Policy Framework have advised that 770 new homes per year are needed then the transport links HAVE to happen. We need the Metropolitan Link, the Oyster card and better links to Birmingham and Manchester i.e. Virgin Trains need to pick up at Watford. The roads then need to be improved so that ambulances and emergency services are able to move swiftly without humps and poorly maintained roads. There has been a recent Herts Transport survey which seems to wish to get everyone to use bicycles and buses - yet all road transports uses the same roads which are full of holes and bumps.	10/16/2018 10:03 AM
43	Most importantly, avoid unfettered development focussing only on units (large blocks of flats with no amenity are little more than warehouses for people), The focus should instead be on low level intensive development as has been shown to be practical in West Watford. There should be a realistic appreciation of likely parking needs at the planning stage to avoid pressure on existing roads (and residents). There should be a focus on preserving existing green spaces (not just Cassiobury Park). Token provision of "pocket parks" is insufficient.	10/16/2018 9:01 AM
44	Better transport links	10/15/2018 8:19 PM
45	Rail links should be improved to neighbouring areas so that other communities feel more integrated with Watford and what it has to offer. Collaborations should be demonstrated through public facing initiatives,m.	10/15/2018 6:48 PM
46	Increase new properties near Watford Junction for people relocating out of London. Highlight the businesses with HQ's in Watford, to encourage others. Improve transport links to Heathrow.	10/15/2018 4:12 PM
47	Yes - when building new homes we need to consider communities	10/15/2018 1:53 PM
48	Sensible approach to planning - not cramming as much into as little space as possible Stop building dwellings without taking account the needs of residents - a lot of places seem to have little to no parking, which just pushed the problem elsewhere around the town	10/15/2018 12:25 PM
49	Ideally a new town, like Milton Keynes should be built as Watford is already terribly overcrowded, the current infrastructure cannot cope. Take a harder line on population control and immigration, what sort of mess are our children and grandchildren to inherit otherwise? Raise awareness on single use plastics, perhaps a similar campaign highlighting the plight of marine life in our oceans such as that used in anti-cigarette campaigns. Insist all new builds use energy efficient renewable energy sources. Encourage communities to use their local facilities to partake in the running of a variety of clubs for teens, new mums, families and seniors etc.	10/14/2018 11:26 PM
50	Joint projects with buisnesses. Schools scouts etc	10/14/2018 8:33 PM
51	Stop building on an and every open space. Stop using the excuse that the Government will step in. It won't it has bigger issues than a county 8sm big	10/14/2018 8:06 PM
52	Better public transport links to St Albans	10/14/2018 7:10 PM

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53	Perhaps more 'open meetings not just behind close doors - also, perhaps more advertising/announcements when meetings are taking place..	10/14/2018 7:08 PM
54	Stop the building of blocks of flats/apartments. There is only a housing shortage in the South East because millions of people want to live and work here. But why do we have to meet that demand? I and many others might want to live in Mayfair but that doesn't mean that Westminster Council has to build a flat for me there. Does it?	10/14/2018 4:11 PM
55	I think the ideas for new garden cities are the way forward. They can be planned properly to include all the housing and infrastructure needed, so that people can live in a pleasant area with all the necessary amenities.	10/14/2018 12:13 PM
56	I do not think Policing should be shared across neighbouring authorities. We are extremely lucky to live in a place with low crime rates (compared nationally) however if police are spending ridiculous amounts of time in the car travelling all over Herts, Bucks, Bedfordshire it won't be long before criminals take advantage of this and crime increase.	10/14/2018 10:37 AM
57	A significant input into public transport provision and cycle lanes that actually go somewhere.	10/13/2018 8:42 PM
58	By aiming to retain a balance of open spaces and development. By taking in the needs of existing residents as well as those who move into the area. Infrastructure is vital as the road system is already very busy.	10/13/2018 6:24 PM
59	Higher police presence in known problem areas. A general intolerance of nuisance behaviour and pooling of knowledge between forces/agencies. The banning of turning gardens into parking spaces unless at least 10% is still plantable.	10/13/2018 5:09 PM
60	We need a sound local plan that is based around what the people of Watford want and need to enjoy a good quality of life and not one that simply delivers the ever increasing unrealistic housing numbers that the government stipulates Sustainable development for Watford should not mean destroying the character of our town whose history goes back to the year 1007 The plan should be robust enough to require developers to build affordable quality homes for will suit young parents with growing children Tall buildings should include good amenities such as balconies and rood gardens	10/13/2018 10:52 AM
61	Joined up thinking or cross district input over decisions and plans where decisions will impact/affect more than one district - to avoid 'knock on' effects or potentially save money by economies of scale e.g. boundary way redevelopment; development on or along key roads that connect districts such as Rickmansworth road or Bushey Arches.	10/13/2018 7:40 AM
62	Without being provided with what these direct issues are it is hard to comment. As with facing any issues the key is to discover the root cause and to address that and place preventative measures to stop the issue multiplying. It's better to cure than to continually treat a problem.	10/12/2018 9:49 PM
63	The Bus services are very localised, with an emphasis in connecting outer Watford with inner Watford, and not many routes traveling to other towns, if you do not live on one of the routes that serve other areas, the journey involves changing busses, which makes it too expensive compared to taking the car, a Hopper fare like London Busses have introduced would make the bus network more accessible and affordable.	10/12/2018 8:09 PM
64	Transport links Shared educational resources	10/12/2018 6:04 PM
65	Stand up to government pressure forcing overdevelopment	10/12/2018 5:36 PM
66	No	10/12/2018 1:02 PM
67	Payment of council tax should entitle you to a residents' parking permit that is specific to the road in which you live. This would allow residents to park outside of their property and would resolve the parking issues in our town. Families are unable to park outside their properties, sometimes spending up to 30 mins looking for parking spaces which could be 20 + minutes walk from their property. This is frustrating for all and especially those with young children, mobility issues etc.	10/12/2018 7:39 AM
68	I would like to see more designated cycle lanes. The roads are too busy and congested currently for people to cycle on safely. Also with all the building that has taken place there is more on street parking and less road space for cyclists. I think we should avoid building on green spaces.....there are too few of them now!	10/11/2018 8:35 PM
69	Yes, just one aspect of it is, user friendly public transport system	10/11/2018 6:46 PM
70	Create a new town. Don't keep shovelling small accomodation with not enough parking into an already busy area. Why are you putting hundreds of houses up at bushey arches with not enough parking? You are trying to make people park in oxhey village to force people to move to a permit system which will not solve the problems you create. It will make things more stressful for residents.	10/11/2018 5:51 PM

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71	In the short term Brexit is likely to reduce the demand for housing, but it wont eliminate it. As I've already suggested change of use from retail to housing may become a necessity soon, to prevent unused retail premises becoming a blight on the town centre. If that is too radical perhaps conversion to office accommodation would free up office space to allow unused offices to convert to housing.	10/11/2018 4:55 PM
72	-There are a lot of old buildings in twon which looks awful, they need to get refurbished or cleaned. -The rents in Intu shopping centre is super high that's why there are a lot of shops closing down.(Also the other side of the shopping centre needs to get refurbished)	10/11/2018 11:11 AM
73	Think they all need to work together to ease congestion, particularly access to m1 at junctions 5 and 6 in morning rush hour. Work together to plan services such as schools, hospitals etc.	10/10/2018 7:28 PM
74	Understanding where the majority of Watford residents are working, and Watford workers are living. Creating great links between surrounding towns and areas is likely to support growth and development.	10/10/2018 5:36 PM
75	I think local councils need to have better sharing of housing and transport planning decisions. There seems to be a disconnect as to what building housing on the edge of Watford borough means for transport and facilities in surrounding districts.	10/10/2018 11:29 AM
76	Reduce traffic congestion around the town centre Drastic Action required. Major changes to transport required. Roads & Cycle-routes.	10/10/2018 10:46 AM
77	No building just for numbers, properly follow up builds and hold greedy developers accountable, focus on infrastructure.	10/10/2018 7:56 AM
78	Not sure that encouraging more and more retail into Watford is necessarily a good long-term strategy, as it will encourage more private cars into the town, all of which will be needing parking spaces and simultaneously worsening Watford's air quality. Also the people employed in new retail ventures will require housing, but the wages for such work are not sufficient for the current cost of housing hereabouts. Certainly not for buying properties and probably not for current private rental costs either. What we could do with more of are skilled, better-paid job opportunities in and around the town.	10/10/2018 1:34 AM
79	Money, or lack of, is the big issue here. Council tax would have to be increased, not a popular move I know.	10/9/2018 10:56 PM
80	Not too much development! Preserve the history and celebrate residents who love now. Keep identity as individual town. Roads and transport infrastructure appropriate and wiring to size. Facilities available for all that are not over crowded. More buses, trains, more police to keep safe. More community events and checks on town centre to ensure all visitors are safe.	10/9/2018 10:29 PM
81	Continuing working together with the people having their voice heard by enformative and open sessions for all	10/9/2018 9:01 PM
82	Better transport links Better more coherent hospital facilities More family homes and less 1 bedroom flats. More accessible homes to be built not just for the elderly but for the physically disabled and their families.	10/9/2018 12:31 PM
83	1) Avoid packing residences and offices inside the town, unless it is like for like. Encourage development outside the town, perhaps in conjunction with neighbouring authorities. 2) Provide these with good public transport options and proportional schools and healthcare provision. 3) Try and streamline road connections.	10/9/2018 11:51 AM
84	I'm not sure as all public consultants seem to have little impact unfortunately.	10/9/2018 11:30 AM
85	Sharing policies and planning, so everyone across these areas can access a full proper range of services. e.g. specialist healthcare, housing, transport. Improving transport links and the pricing of them.	10/9/2018 10:19 AM
86	Increased visibility of police officers	10/9/2018 9:56 AM
87	Watford is the biggest authority by population of those listed above and possibly the smallest in area. It is therefore difficult if not impossible to locate a park & ride scheme within the borough perhaps a neighbouring authority could help with this and also with Watford's housing quota when we are probably already the most densely populated.	10/9/2018 9:46 AM
88	Better public transport. Better roadways. Fewer pockets of housing where people from one culture or another settle together. More caring about the vulnerable in society.	10/9/2018 7:53 AM
89	1. Improve infrastructure including cycle network and public transport to aid car free access. 2. Protect green spaces through legislation 3. Redevelop some of the old run down housing stock 4. Investment in community and cultural programmes supported by volunteers 5. Lobby rail companies for them to provide better services 6. Develop brown field sites with mixed use developments 7. Understand development strategy of housing firms - leverage higher value flat development to include some family homes. 8. Introduce car hire scheme like zip car	10/8/2018 11:19 PM

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90	Any new building development 'must' have a green or garden roof as part of winning the contract. Existing buildings get a tax break if they put a green/garden on their roofs. Imagine if Watford became known as 'The town of rooftop gardens'.	10/8/2018 10:08 PM
91	Encourage big business to move to watford which will create more jobs and bring more money in	10/8/2018 9:34 PM
92	Sharing good practices between the areas but also local businesses	10/8/2018 8:40 PM
93	Look at tracts of land in a wider context to benefit the larger community whether usage is residential, industrial or welfare amenities not limited by borough boundaries. Provide high quality of public transport links between areas.	10/8/2018 4:25 PM
94	Force new developments to build underground parking for a minimum 50% of the flats being built. Costs to ploughed back by purchase price. Use the MLX line (if underground is dead) for light rail like DLR. guided bus way will remove any future possibility of using the line for rail. Flip WFJ to allow access from St Albans road, force London Concrete and all other heavy industrial out of central town. If this is too difficult or land owners being obstructive can we compulsory purchase the land as this is crucial to the station and Towns future. Also provide access from Colonial way to stop the queue of traffic in Woodford/Radlett road in rush hour. Ring road: Can we get rid of the flyover by diverting the ring road onto Upton rd using both lanes and then onto Cassio Road with give way (priority to ring road) or traffic lights at this junction. then allow traffic to come on to Ricky road up by the town hall. then onto the roundabout back to the otherside of the flyover. This will allow traffic to flow more freely around the ring road and stop the grid lock of the past, whilst also giving the high street a cleaner appearance.	10/7/2018 7:15 PM
95	Nope	10/7/2018 7:07 PM
96	Too much traffic congestion. Change the phasing of traffic lights and re work the one way system.	10/7/2018 5:35 PM
97	By building homes with space, gardens and enough places to park. People drive, developers need to address this. If the councils wish to address the environmental impact or car ownership then perhaps provide new home with car parking spaces for electric cars. But spaces must be provided.	10/6/2018 10:17 PM
98	Better transport infrastructure.	10/6/2018 2:23 PM
99	Already stated.	10/6/2018 1:47 PM
100	For a start have a look at St Albans Facebook and video about Local Plan. It's excellent. On Watford's Facebook you cant even click on link to take you to Plan Consultation!	10/6/2018 1:25 PM
101	No	10/6/2018 12:54 PM
102	i have no expertise in this area and have only lived here at the later part of my life.	10/6/2018 8:58 AM
103	Better roads and public transport to link the centres of population in South West Hertfordshire, or a serious reduction in the volume of traffic, mainly by measures to discourage parents from driving children to school.	10/6/2018 8:28 AM
104	Traffic density either needs to be drastically reduced between the neighbouring parts of South West Hertfordshire or there needs to be a massive investment to improve roads and public transport links	10/6/2018 8:21 AM
105	Improve cycle routes. Introduce the replacement for Met line extension Stop prioritising cars on the roads and make the roads quicker for pedestrians to cross(more responsive crossings) and cyclists to use safely	10/5/2018 9:32 PM
106	Let them build flats and houses, the amount going up in watfordnis beyond a joke. The council won't listen to residents.	10/5/2018 6:31 PM

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107	<p>Watford is already over congested and the infrastructure (i.e. local roads) cannot support the existing high volumes of traffic. The number of proposed new homes in the area is going to make the situation much worse. I have lived here for 10 years and grown up in the surrounding area. I have always thought Watford a nice area to raise kids - until the last 2 years when levels of traffic congestion has increased! I am scared for my children. I feel unsafe walking my children to school with the level of traffic and pollution levels. On numerous occasions I have witnessed near misses with school kids narrowly being missed by cars. This is of particular concern on Vicarage Road outside Watford Grammer school, where the building work is taking place at the bottom of Market street (my kids had a lucky escape from a turning lorry on this road only this morning) and on Clarendon Road! Nearby towns need to support the housing crisis as Watford is already over populated! It is more congested than parts of London and I can only see that people are going to start moving out of the town as pretty soon it is going to become an unbearable place to live and house prices will plummet as there will become a surplus of housing, ironically! There are plenty of other nearby towns that are not overpopulated or congested that would be far more suitable to build new homes. (Rickmansworth, Aldernham, Carpenders Park, St Albans etc) build new homes in these places as well. Why so many new homes on one place it is not sustainable.</p>	10/5/2018 6:21 PM
108	<p>We are short of doctors surgeries, these should be added. The issue of dealers / drug usage and homelessness should be addressed. It is making residents feel scared and encouraging people to move away. Some sympathetic designing needs to be incorporated into the Clarendon road area with regards to safety of the pedestrians and school children of St Johns. The walkways have no fencing between the road and pavements (where possible) and even on clear sunny days it is hard to navigate at 8.30 in the morning due to the heavy footfall of children and professionals from the nearby offices. There must be some way to provide a safer walkway by incorporating these factors at design stage. It is already an issue and the school is only at 1/5 capacity. When these new plans come through the school will be at maximum capacity rendering the walkway, as it stands, insufficient and dangerous.</p>	10/5/2018 4:59 PM
109	<p>If the housing growth targets are to be met, then this can only be achieved by radical imaginative plans to create a new community on what is now green field space in this area of SW Herts</p>	10/5/2018 4:54 PM
110	<p>Keep the balance between housing and employment land - ensure Town Centre remains a regional centre for both retails and nightlife..... need to address transportation into the town such as park & ride, better public transport and to get MLX back on track</p>	10/5/2018 1:33 PM
111	<p>I don't see much working with neighbouring authorities at all. Watford Council seems to be hell-bent on throwing up as many ugly high rise flats as it can utilising every single piece of land regardless of what the residents of the town say. You don't see Three Rivers doing that, or Hertsmere, or St Albans.</p>	10/5/2018 1:25 PM
112	<p>the central area has and is becoming overdeveloped. The infrastructure and services {gas, water, electricity, transport at breaking point. We must keep our parks and leisure and shopping facilities or it does not remain a town but a place to sleep. the only practical solution is brown field sites and changing low density housing areas into higher density areas. a prime example is Hempstead Road / Cassio estate maybe slightly infringing on the bark at the back of the estate. If planning restrictions were relaxed there would be scope for over 500 extra dwellings without impacting greatly on Watford</p>	10/5/2018 10:30 AM
113	<p>I can see that working with other nearby authorities would sometimes be beneficial, but would not like to see yet another tier of administration between the County Council and Borough Council, so it need to be more 'informal', coming together for specific issues.</p>	10/5/2018 10:11 AM
114	<p>Proper planning which includes saying no to over development in the town centre</p>	10/5/2018 9:08 AM
115	<p>Any authority body that makes decisions on behalf of the local people should be made up of local people from all backgrounds and areas so that there is a balanced view point when decisions are being made.</p>	10/5/2018 4:08 AM
116	<p>Stop building more housing. He town is over populated. It cannot be properly policed. So many high rise buildings and losing the towns history. The town is lacking a community sense, but providing better natural areas would be far more beneficial rather than more concrete and cramming more people in!</p>	10/4/2018 11:42 PM
117	<p>Safe separated cycling lanes/ new cycle routes so children and adults can cycle safely (to try and reduce traffic). Traffic reducing methods - attractive out of town park and ride system (make cheaper than city centre parking)</p>	10/4/2018 11:18 PM
118	<p>Work with neighbours to bring back the Metropolitan Line extension</p>	10/4/2018 9:00 PM

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119	I really do not know - it depends - each area has separate councils, has different politicians who want to be elected and therefore will always have their agenda at the top of their list to obtain votes. How different areas could negotiate on these matters without someone being the loser leaves me baffled	10/4/2018 6:12 PM
120	I see nothing in the text nor this question that explains what "these" are so could not begin to suggest address	10/4/2018 3:37 PM
121	More community involvement	10/4/2018 12:14 PM
122	Less building of over populated flats and blocks of flats. Schools spaces are increasing but this can only work for so long until all spaces are filled. More policing on street. No youth services children's youth clubs removed from Watford. Kids now hanging potential to get into crime or drugs	10/4/2018 5:53 AM
123	Transport in out and through watford and neighbouring areas has to be joined up.	10/3/2018 10:21 PM
124	Work more closely with a larger amount of councils to spread the problem rather than contain it in a small area housing needs to be spread to other area we have had enough flats	10/3/2018 6:39 PM
125	Be Trueful and honest to the residents.	10/3/2018 4:51 PM
126	Parking Housing for LOCAL people	10/3/2018 8:31 AM
127	Have restrictions in development that supports added infrastructure as part of the plan, not just building homes that offer no facilities close by or local amenities. And build more social housing, affordable in Watford is not affordable for many.	10/2/2018 11:13 PM
128	Many of the surrounding areas are poorly served by public transport between Watford, making them inaccessible for those who don't drive. This could be improved to allow residents of all areas to live, work, study and spend time in local areas.	10/2/2018 7:33 PM
129	The town planners need to realize that people are human and need to live in decent homes that are affordable, decent size and well built and have access to the outside and not to be crammed into every single space with no parking and no decent amenities. They should also take into consideration residents that already live here - how they feel and what their needs are - how they access services and get around - no one wants to live in a town that you cannot get around or appreciate. Finally stop this ridiculous idea of high rise residential blocks locally - have no lessons been learnt from the 1960's and Grenfell	10/2/2018 5:08 PM
130	- Incentivise employers to locate in Watford - Remove red tape associated with so-called Conservation areas. National regulations will suffice. Besides tall buildings are going up in the area making it redundant and subjective. - Free parking in town centre shopping car parks after 18:30. Win Win for local businesses and residents	10/1/2018 7:53 PM
131	Strategically planned redevelopment of Watford to include: Watford Junction; Watford's transport system to eliminate traffic congestion (especially in North Watford) which is a prerequisite to property development; affordable home ownership (instead of leasehold) to enable resident's children to remain local residents;	10/1/2018 3:56 PM
132	Where opportunities include our network, we would request to be involved from the earliest stages. We offer free pre-application advice and will be able to give feedback, design, estates and utilities advice.	10/1/2018 2:44 PM
133	Covered in previous page	9/30/2018 9:14 PM
134	We need a bigger police presence and more schools need to be built	9/30/2018 7:27 PM
135	Watford and the surrounding area should be united administratively in a new London Borough.	9/30/2018 5:14 PM
136	Better transport link with London. Improved parking facilities. Better arrangement on roads as Watford comes to a halt if there is a football match or shopping event.	9/30/2018 9:07 AM
137	What are you asking here?????? Very badly written question. It would be helpful if you guided us explaining the issues.	9/29/2018 12:31 PM
138	Improve communications with the people who live in these areas as well as the local councils.	9/29/2018 7:03 AM
139	Cheaper reliable travel	9/28/2018 10:23 PM
140	Don't really understand what this question means.	9/28/2018 6:26 PM
141	Please I am a pedestrian user of Tolpits Lane and Hadgen Lane. I always see cyclists on the pavements of Tolpits Lane and Hadgen Lane. Some of the cyclists are on high speed. Please can you ensure that pedestrians could walk safely on the pavements without worrying about speedy cyclists?	9/28/2018 2:56 PM
142	Brainstorming sessions between councils, creating smaller ideas based groups of residents to Blue Sky ideas for the future. Understand the route causes of residents issues.	9/28/2018 7:06 AM

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143	Apply to be a London borough	9/27/2018 11:39 PM
144	More coesion between local and neighbouring councils	9/27/2018 5:43 AM
145	Better transport links, tram line instead of the failed line from Metropolitan line to Watford Junction.	9/27/2018 12:29 AM
146	Build. The only solution is to build and to expand, and not be constrained by petty NIMBYism	9/26/2018 7:11 PM
147	Work together regarding recycling, & other green issues. Have a coordinated plan to improve public transport links, commit to providing safe roads & pavements that are connected together for walkers and cyclists. Work together to have better services such as policing & hospitals.	9/26/2018 7:08 PM
148	Dont know what the issues are	9/26/2018 5:11 PM
149	By actually listening to the people living in the area rather than just ploughing ahead with every high density housing scheme that gets put on the table. I can't wait to see the huge impact on the traffic congestion once the Croxley Danes School and high rise flats have been thrown up. Someone definately hasn't thought that one through.	9/26/2018 4:18 PM
150	Linked up public transport between neighbouring towns subsidised by all the authorities	9/26/2018 4:01 PM
151	More sport facilities social help for elderly new jobs	9/26/2018 8:48 AM
152	Lobby Sadiq Khan to deliver on the Croxley rail link	9/26/2018 7:27 AM
153	Low rise flats for sustainable rent, prevent buy to let	9/26/2018 6:26 AM
154	Not concrete over everything	9/26/2018 6:25 AM
155	Work together. Be transparent.	9/25/2018 6:00 PM
156	1) re movement of traffic - attention to the layout and design of roads e.g. there is no need to have the traffic lights permanently in operation at the Dome Roundabout. They could be adjusted for peak times only, the exception being for the pedestrian operated lights to enable people on foot to cross the road. A little time ago the lights were out for an extended period whilst work was in progress and there were less hold ups with the traffic flowing more freely. Another point is, has the feasibility of a tramway system been studied? - it seems to work well in some places. 2) Already mentioned - strategically sited movement activated cameras to identify fly tippers in several areas around the town to identify and prosecute the offenders. The increased chances of discovery and prosecution will act as the best deterrent to such offences.	9/25/2018 4:02 PM
157	More shared services like finance and housing to dilute costs.	9/25/2018 1:59 PM
158	The construction of new properties needs to be slowed down. You need to look at the road/travel infrastructure to adjust this to cope and INVEST in the increase of traffic. New schools, they are over subscribes with most parents having to travel to get to their school. The school my child attends is a 15 min drive away for example, simply because there was no local places available. Although I am ok with this as its a good school, some people cannot afford the travel costs. Can the local doctors surgeries and the hospital cope with the increase in people. All these key areas are being missed; if these are being address I would expect the council to publicise what is being done to make suitable adjustments.	9/25/2018 1:17 PM
159	Cycle paths are few & far between. Prevent cars from parking in current cycle lanes & increase the number of lanes to allow an end-to-end cycling on dedicated/car separate paths.	9/25/2018 12:30 PM
160	More police and cctv on the streets.. and the train link from croxley to watford high street should have been completed. The meriden estate needs a massive improvement and a big clean up. A friend lives there out of No choice of her own and its not safe for the kids, streets are dirty and the pavements aren't even safe. Watford needs a massive clean up and there are plenty of people on social benefits that should be made to help clean the streets alongside school kids.	9/25/2018 10:46 AM
161	By doing below: Less population More schools Better roads More hospitals Bigger parks	9/25/2018 8:28 AM
162	Don't mess it up	9/24/2018 10:00 PM
163	More police, more investment	9/24/2018 6:00 PM
164	Links with schools and transport.	9/24/2018 5:42 PM
165	Traffic reduction measures should be a priority and requires a big picture approach.	9/24/2018 4:58 PM
166	Better public transport links and better visibility of the activities in the neighbouring areas.	9/24/2018 2:55 AM
167	I suggest moving in the exact opposite direction, so as to stop blurring the town's identity.	9/23/2018 5:37 PM
168	Build better quality housing Build more family housing Favour local house buyers Encourage more local business	9/23/2018 3:12 PM

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169	I think the Abbey Line link from Watford Junction to St. Albans is under resourced and under specified. Being only single line all the way severely limits it's frequency and that means it is less attractive for the local population to use as it means long waits between trains. also if extra halts could be incorporated in the line (not easy I appreciate) it would further enhance it's attractiveness. Upgrading it to include double lines and passing spaces to increase the train frequency would be my priority.	9/23/2018 2:58 PM
170	Stop knocking down houses. Stop building properties on every available bit of land.	9/23/2018 1:46 PM
171	Watford can with other boroughs with the use of their land. To pool resources to ensure that targets are met. I would also urge Watford Council to work with Three Rivers Council to buy and maintain a cemetery. The existing one is fast reaching its capacity.	9/23/2018 9:51 AM
172	I think a sensible solution would be to address demands for extra housing at a macro level by including the entire area of South West Herts and allocating enough space/greenbelt to build a mini Milton Keynes style town with appropriate infrastructure, schools, hospitals etc.	9/22/2018 11:00 PM
173	Access to Watford Junction station needs to be improved (especially for car passengers and taxis) and the train service should be better with longer trains, specially at non peak times.	9/22/2018 5:35 PM
174	Such a good idea to work with neighbouring authorities. Make public what is being addressed by holding meetings and information posting online. For those without digital access, use pop-up events in the high street and show plans and visions in premises no longer used by business.	9/22/2018 2:47 PM
175	Become a unitary authority take back control of the housing stock from Watford Community Housing and Thrive homes	9/21/2018 10:30 PM
176	This consultation is a start. Finding out what people want is crucial. But unless residents see some positive changes then the initiative is wasted. Working in partnership with other services so that work is not duplicated. Spend money wisely. Did the paving in the High Street need to be changed yet again?? Having spent money make sure that the areas are cared for. The previous paving looked (and stayed looking) dirty within weeks. Doing something about how traffic flows in Watford is imperative. Car parks that come out onto the ring road and lead to gridlock is not a way to encourage residents or visitors into the town centre. Making parking easier/cheaper and using all parking areas effectively is crucial to attracting people to use the new Intu development. Is parking going to be free in the evenings. If not having to pay to park to go to the Cinema will not work. At the weekend is it not possible to open parking at both the college and town hall cars parks which are not being used which could encourage visitors to the top end of the town by the Pond. Many people just park in the Harlequin car parks and never visit anywhere else.	9/21/2018 6:40 PM
177	Please see answer in question 1. Lunch clubs in churches etc. A council organised mobile meals on wheels - cooking on the go - serviced by those already having a licence. e.g one type per day of the week - for the disadvantaged - and serving healthful food aided by those in community service programmes / part of probation services or volunteers Youth club drop ins administered by locals - perhaps the unemployed or retired or again in church halls (without computers - or this being limited) being mindful of the need for youths to socialise. Greater utilisation of the expertise that is available amongst the multi-racial community - bringing people together. Greater use of local radio. Councillor led initiatives perhaps.	9/21/2018 11:25 AM
178	need to address West Herts hospital trust to improve facilities and access for patients, councils need to collaborate to coordinate public health and social care	9/19/2018 1:22 PM
179	By utilising information on how effective and how these services and facilities are currently used, look for ways to improve. Traffic has been a constant issue for Watford and the knock effect is far reaching. With an understanding of what Watford will look like in 2036, it is possible to consider major infrastructure changes. The possibility of creating a model for housing which could be applied across developments where consideration such as access and infrasture could be applied to create a consistent approach which incorporates the goal for achieving what is required by 2036.	9/19/2018 6:54 AM
180	Better transport links between neighbouring towns	9/18/2018 8:28 PM
181	Council and mayor to be more accountable to voters saying one thing to be elected and doing what they like when elected	9/18/2018 8:13 PM
182	More policing, better street lighting.	9/18/2018 4:47 PM
183	peny spaces for green	9/18/2018 4:25 PM
184	Stop building so many houses/flats	9/18/2018 2:28 PM
185	There should be far more joint projects and less obsession with boundaries. An example would clearly be traffic and transport, where a more co-ordinated approach would effect massive improvements and avoid duplication and impossible transport connections.	9/18/2018 12:01 PM

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186	If many issues are shared by nearby authorities maybe there can be emphasis to obtained unused land (ie around M25 junction 21a) to build necessary affordable housing rather than squeezing them into undesirable location within town centre and alike.	9/18/2018 11:15 AM
187	Not building more houses that are NOT affordable for young people. Watford is already congested too and it will be worse when the new builds happen. More reliable cheaper buses and less cars but that is not going to happen.	9/17/2018 7:34 PM
188	Reduce business rates & ease planning	9/17/2018 3:26 PM
189	Continue to work together to improve our town. Share knowledge and ideas that have worked in other nearby authorities.	9/17/2018 1:32 PM
190	Listening to those who live and work in Watford instead of those who think they know what's best but do live locally.	9/17/2018 1:26 PM
191	Co-operation with neighbouring authorities can only be beneficial and may well be essential in some areas	9/17/2018 11:56 AM
192	A new town should be considerent on the rural land between local authorities. Flats have their place but if we are serious about tackling childhood obesity we need families to have the option of homes with gardens. Some development should be allowed on green belt where that green belt is currently not fully accessible to the general public. Any development on green belt should be 50% new public park. It doesn't make sense to build high rise flats looking out on to fields which residents of those flats can't access.	9/16/2018 3:15 PM
193	Better and cost effective transport within Watford and to London. Health care provision Watford not being sent all over Hertfordshire and London for treatments More community project like the events in Watford in the summer	9/16/2018 2:22 PM
194	Closer integration of public transport with the tfl system, so that you can use oyster cards to get around. Public facilities like the leisure centre are OK, but very overcrowded. These need to expand significantly.	9/16/2018 10:31 AM
195	This is gibberish - try using clear facts in what is being said - it doesn't mean anything. Sorry I cannot comment as I don't know what you are talking about.	9/15/2018 7:25 PM
196	Working across the councils to ensure local travel links are as available as possible in order to enable greater choice for people to live and work in, using combined political pressure to ensure that local services are kept up or introduced.	9/15/2018 12:11 PM
197	By working together with nearby authorities and Hertfordshire council. This question seems to be different from the one in the consultation document.	9/15/2018 10:37 AM
198	Forming a company to build council homes.	9/14/2018 7:05 PM
199	Fewer meetings, more actions.	9/14/2018 1:29 PM
200	More police less clubs	9/14/2018 1:09 PM
201	Build homes in other areas as we are very dense in population already and have many terraced properties already	9/14/2018 12:08 PM
202	Have fewer meetings and more actions.	9/14/2018 11:43 AM
203	Stronger supervision of contracted out services to ensure they do the work properly and we get value for money.	9/14/2018 10:54 AM
204	Re-evaluate business rates and public transport strategies and efficiencies.	9/14/2018 9:58 AM
205	think maybe this needed to be put after question 3, not before it...	9/13/2018 11:57 PM
206	Stop flooding the place ,Don't build any more houses or flats tell central [REDACTED]	9/13/2018 10:08 PM
207	Encouraging more small businesses to open. Retain, and celebrate Watford's history. Knock the buildings down in front of St Mary's church to open the space around the towns oldest building. Keeping the large frontage as part of the Harlequin extension is a good example of marrying old and new.	9/13/2018 8:49 PM
208	Less Red Tape, less "management groups" & more actual work happening..	9/13/2018 6:17 PM
209	Currently there is a reasonable partnership between authorities who have space and facilities within each others territories, e.g. Three Rivers, WBC, Hertsmere etc share HWRCs etc. under the HCC banner. But this could be extended to neighbouring authorities, e.g. Harrow, Brent, Berks. for leisure, transport, access to services etc. Reciprocal arrangements will be key to this, as would developing a cross-authority cooperation strategy document.	9/13/2018 4:25 PM

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210	More money for public transport. This must be better funded. Far too many people rely on their cars because they have very little faith in public transport and its expensive. This is a County wide issue which should be addressed. Watford won't be the only Borough suffering with poor public transport. Watford is a tiny Borough and I'd like to see places like Three Rivers use some of its land for more housing particularly social and affordable that can be taken advantage of by those in Watford who is particularly affected by the housing crisis. New developments should provide parking for each home whether you live in social, affordable or if you are fortunate to purchase a property. People like to have their own vehicle for convenience so I don't think car owners should be penalised especially as public transport is very expensive.	9/13/2018 3:29 PM
211	More of this information published to general public	9/13/2018 3:18 PM
212	If we really do accept the growth projections then Government must also accept our acreage is very small and not able to cope with that level of growth. Something has to give and sadly it should be the green belt-we need to build several small new towns in SW Herts	9/13/2018 3:13 PM
213	Personally it seems clear to me that the 770 new homes required by the government is unachievable without overdevelopment. I would start by trying to change government policy. Failing that, please do not just go ahead knocking up ten or more storey buildings. As I said people only live in tall buildings if they are forced to, and after Grenfell, I would suggest that most families really don't want to (In my work in news I have interviewed a number of the victims, and I can tell you that NONE of them wanted to live in a tower block). Why build buildings no-one wants to live in? Build outwards rather than upwards. And with back gardens. I also noticed the council allowed the building of a block of flats in someones back garden recently which was utterly disgraceful....The bottom line is that unless the government cuts immigration, we will never have enough housing...	9/13/2018 2:33 PM
214	As above - transport and infrastructure improvements, sensitive housing and road planning	9/13/2018 1:25 PM
215	Improve rail links Cost effective public transport	9/13/2018 10:46 AM
216	Work together for the good of the community. Take full responsibility for working towards a common goal. Stop cutting services	9/13/2018 9:43 AM
217	Implementation of local park and ride transportation. York city is a fine example of how a car free city works. Housing; regenerated some of the older housing areas, by using more efficient space saving modern buildings for example Bristol and Leeds city regeneration areas.	9/12/2018 5:35 PM
218	By merging Town Halls and departments reducing overall headcount and having local smaller satellite offices and one central Town Hall suitably located.	9/12/2018 4:54 PM
219	Permit parking. Take into consideration how additional building of high rise buildings influences infrastructure. No more permits for take away joints and nail bars in St Albans road. Fix bumpy roads to the same standard as mascot wood for example.	9/12/2018 4:39 PM
220	Probably already in place but more communication between boroughs to enhance every borough and again work together. From what I have seen there always seems to be some friction between authorities. Include and inform the community earlier about issues and hold public forums, a sense of belonging and having a say can make residents feel part of the town which makes them loyal and again it will improve community links.	9/12/2018 8:19 AM
221	Lobby to secede from Herts County Council as an enlarged unitary authority. Combine resources to achieve cost savings but also to improve services and transport links.	9/11/2018 7:44 PM
222	Stop the overdevelopment of Watford and the end of the town community Watford should be prepared to build houses and accommodate only its fair share of UK increased population UK government should spend resources in old industrial towns in the north which are suffering from population decline esp in the young	9/11/2018 7:10 PM
223	More support for homeless, there are too many in Watford. More police patrols on the high street, there's always people drunk and disorderly when I walk through the town centre to go to the gym in the evening.	9/11/2018 5:51 PM
224	I'm not sure	9/11/2018 11:53 AM
225	Stop building high rise apartment blocks they are unsightly and no one especially children should live like that.	9/11/2018 9:05 AM
226	Many resident in Watford commute into central London. It is fantastic that Watford is on the TfL network but as residents of Hertfordshire we have no say in how it is run. Residents of an area that rely heavily on the TfL network should have a say over how it is run and be able to effectively argue against unfair/unaffordable price rises, which we are currently unable to do.	9/10/2018 9:57 PM
227	unsure	9/10/2018 5:43 PM
228	One unitary authority for South West Herts	9/10/2018 4:12 PM

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229	To continue to liaise and work with other nearby councils and county councils, for the best possible outcome because not doing so would be suicidal.	9/10/2018 2:41 PM
230	More joined up thinking with local community groups, neighbouring councils etc which sounds like what is happening	9/10/2018 11:48 AM
231	What are the local issues? It would be useful to list them! Talking, listening, thinking outside the box are essential. Feedback and explanations. Use brown field sites for housing, significantly improve the transport network (particularly integration and accessibility), enforce development or make 'unused' land available to the wider public. Enlarge the infrastructure - health and education in the borough are critical.	9/10/2018 11:36 AM
232	New developments should have amenity space designed in and robust proposals for green areas (not planters which appear on drawings but never materialise in the development as built). Tall buildings should have plenty of space between them so that daylight can pass around them, rather than canyons of gloom forming as landowners seek to match and exceed the height and density of neighbouring developments. New developments should be permeable to foot and cycle traffic rather than forming gated barriers to the rest of the community, so that cycling and walking can be viable transport choices. Having to go "the long way round" and walk or ride along noisy, busy roads pushes people towards car travel. Increases in housing should be matched by increases in facilities. For example, a large development in Leavesden a few years ago included space for a local GP surgery to move into and a small supermarket.	9/10/2018 9:31 AM
233	Build more homes so that children of Watford families don't need to move away from their friends to find their own home. Ensure our excellent parks and open spaces are maintained to a high standard, and provide free access to leisure centres for young and old. Encourage businesses to make their base in Watford, as many already do, to allow more working age residents to find employment locally. Improve our public transport - more buses, more cycle lanes and more joined-up cycle lanes, more use of car clubs to discourage private car ownership.	9/10/2018 9:03 AM
234	Metropolitan line to into Watford junction	9/10/2018 12:37 AM
235	Watford Council needs to adopt best practice from neighbouring areas (rather than race to the bottom and approve all developments irrespective of the local impact) and ideally work with them to oppose Central Government plans to build so many more homes in Watford.	9/9/2018 9:05 PM
236	I'd suggest allowing existing housing stocks to be converted into flats where possible and also allowing private owners to do the same. This will visually minimise the impact of development within the town	9/9/2018 8:30 PM
237	Please see my previous comments.	9/9/2018 1:18 PM
238	Specialist project planning committees.	9/9/2018 11:44 AM
239	Simply sharing ideas and joining forces, i would rather watford assigned itself to its herts neighbours than with London.	9/9/2018 11:19 AM
240	build tat overdue hospital and build council housing for older persons	9/9/2018 8:54 AM
241	Have a good plan! As noted this is tricky with the housing targets. For housing the only way unless the boundaries of "Watford" can be increased in up. However I would suggest that a larger number a bit higher, say 15 stories rather than a few leaping to 30 would be better. We do not want to look like down town US city. Business should be spread across the town rather than just a few areas to reduce congestion I and out. I understand shopping is important to Watford but I believe as more moves on line retail has reached it peak for large stores. To keep them I the town over the next decades rents and rates should be reduced. Parks and defined green spaces should be kept and may be enhanced for those living without external space in tall buildings. Local food shops and eating spaces for the modern cash rich, time poor, convenience focused individuals. Look to imaginative ideas driven from within the community for arts culture and activities that make Watford a nice space live.	9/9/2018 8:54 AM
242	Stop building large developments on the edge of Watford that affects neighbouring councils	9/9/2018 7:36 AM
243	I think Watford should follow St Alban's example and resist destroying the character of the town to meet government targets. In addition, Watford is a tiny geographical area and makes no sense to keep building flats. There have been many shared building schemes with Three Rivers in the past (Leavesden) where there is more space. As Watford provides / hosts all the services for vulnerable people such as NHT/ refuge/ substance misuse services used by TRDC maybe TEDC can free up land to build housing.	9/9/2018 1:02 AM
244	Better cheaper public transport to stop the less privileged being kept away from work etc.	9/8/2018 7:17 PM
245	Stop development that includes "some affordable housing" What do we want unaffordable development for	9/8/2018 5:08 PM

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246	Housing development is too much in the centre of Watford. Needs to be moved further outside and to neighbouring authorities. Better bus connections are also needed.	9/8/2018 4:44 PM
247	Continue to develop areas as they have been so far including the town centre and parks.	9/8/2018 2:47 PM
248	Increase council tax for the most expensive properties - there should be more bandings to cover those properties worth into the millions.	9/8/2018 2:19 PM
249	More speaking with people from neighbouring boroughs who can together champion best practice and ideas.	9/8/2018 1:36 PM
250	I think there must be a common strategies for infrastructure projects that will improve Watford and the other authorities.	9/8/2018 12:49 PM
251	Alignment between authorities on transport infrastructure shared by both, and would benefit both if improved. For example the Abbey Line has struggled to attract investment to improve the infrequent and unreliable service. Significant levels of undeveloped and currently industrial land surround the line and could be developed in a sustainable way if the infrastructure was improved. In Watford this could be the area around Watford North station such as the Greycaine industrial estate. Outside of the borough the Radlett airfield could be developed.	9/8/2018 10:39 AM
252	The government's demands for this amount of additional housing should be strongly opposed. How is St Albans managing to avoid such development? Does Theresa May's constituency have the same requirements	9/8/2018 10:37 AM
253	No.	9/8/2018 10:34 AM
254	Unfortunately more people will as stated above will put more strain on the infrastructure. Their has to be a joined up approach to the transport network, more people will bring more cars and if not cars a greater demand on public transport availability as they will no doubt have to travel for work. So please work together both locally and nationally to have transport links in place either before or at a minimum alongside development.	9/8/2018 8:02 AM
255	Business keep failing, we must vote tory as they're the only party for business, business keep failing we must only vote tory, crime is high, we must only vote tory, [REDACTED]	9/8/2018 6:35 AM
256	Careful and considered growth. We need to speak to residents and find out what's important to them. As a parent with a child who want to leave Home and become independent I know it's not possible as the rent and mortgage rates are to high for him to live on his own. Good affordable housing is essential to allow younger generation to grow and become rounded, society giving individuals. Good quality schools with healthy challenging environments need to seeded and developed. Our children are our future	9/8/2018 12:49 AM
257	Our nearest neighbour is London. We should be treated as Londoners. And we over 60 should have freedom pass to move to the city free by over ground and under ground train. A free bus pass does not take us far. My friends live in Stanmore and harrow who are able to enjoy free ride to city and enjoy the wonderful sites, where as I am stuck at home. It costs me £9.60 off peak . Also watford will create lots of jobs for Londoners who will travel free to watford if they are over 60.	9/7/2018 11:57 PM
258	Chair meetings that welcome outside influences and inside peoples ideas and input.	9/7/2018 10:52 PM
259	Watford and adjoining councils to look at all domestic property that has been vacant for more than 2 years and all commercial for one year and approach the owners to establish their intentions for these properties and consider purchasing for development.	9/7/2018 9:48 PM
260	Better bus and cycling routes between neighbouring areas for commuting and leisure. Direct buses to Heathrow and Luton airports are a must - unbelievable we don't have these already given the proximity, businesses and diverse population in Watford.	9/7/2018 9:47 PM
261	More services to cope with the overpopulation of the Town. More Police, more money into the Hospital and Doctors surgeries, more teachers etc. The list is endless but will not be dealt by local authorities.	9/7/2018 8:33 PM
262	Build more schools and increase hospital.	9/7/2018 8:16 PM
263	More disabled parking in centre of town	9/7/2018 8:11 PM
264	Make Watford a London Borough, rezone the stations to reflect this and bring value back to public transport including buses.	9/7/2018 7:43 PM
265	Social housing should only be given to workers	9/7/2018 7:35 PM
266	We need to spend money on more gp surgeries and public transport	9/7/2018 7:34 PM
267	Consider local bus support and health centres on LA boundaries.	9/7/2018 7:07 PM

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268	More solar panels on public buildings More better and more frequent bus service Better train service More environmentally friendly initiatives	9/7/2018 6:41 PM
269	In order to answer this question I would need to have an idea of the local issues that have been addressed by consulting with bordering authorities.	9/7/2018 6:33 PM
270	Community representatives can be paid to visit neighbouring boroughs and produce a meaningful and unbiased report back to Council.	9/7/2018 6:24 PM
271	We all accept that we need more housing, but the problems it brings are many. In an ideal world you would find solutions to the hospital, doctor, school and increased traffic problems before overcrowding the area. At present the building resolves the housing crisis but creates so many other problems that will take years to resolve.	9/7/2018 6:13 PM
272	More focus needs to be given to the provision for older children (13 years +) More youths groups in the immediate locality so as to be walkable.	9/7/2018 5:54 PM
273	More and more consultation and by asking new businesses to help us achieve these aims by contributing	9/7/2018 5:44 PM
274	By introducing working groups which are not led by expensive staff but residents	9/7/2018 5:44 PM
275	-	9/7/2018 5:42 PM
276	The hospital needs extending and modernising as soon as possible so encouragement is needed there. Bus and train issues (including redeveloping Watford Junction, sorting the Abbey line, and the overground changes) also need to be pursued vigorously.	9/7/2018 5:29 PM
277	Use brown field sites. Develop in entire county not just restricting development to already densely populated areas like watford	9/7/2018 5:07 PM
278	Use land outside of Central Watford if building homes is required	9/7/2018 4:59 PM
279	Bushey should be part of watford's constituency not hertsmere given locality. The stations should be rezoned immediately.	9/7/2018 4:51 PM
280	Communication, activities which involve the people. Competitions, inter borough festivals and competitions. Jeux son frontier. Bicycle rides. Flower & produce shows, Fancy dress competitions/ parades. inter boruogh.	9/7/2018 4:34 PM
281	No	9/7/2018 4:33 PM
282	Work with Three Rivers, Hertsmere, Dacorum, St Albans etc Go back to National Government about unachievable housing targets	9/7/2018 3:27 PM
283	Watford Borough Council and nearby authorities (ie Abbots Langley Parish Council) to share authority currently under Herts County Council Control - that way improving repair work needed & under time control then currently is,	9/7/2018 3:04 PM
284	Bulk buying in of goods and services to reduce costs.	9/7/2018 2:57 PM
285	No	9/7/2018 2:21 PM
286	Planning permissions without parking or garage space. We have sufficient and excellent public transport links although access to Watford Junction must be improved and drop off and collection areas made larger and more accessible	9/7/2018 2:00 PM
287	Improve transport links so housing development can be carried out in other areas as Watford is already vastly overpopulated. Local schools are oversubscribed, hospital waiting lists are too long.	9/7/2018 2:00 PM
288	The major issues are growth in housing which is required by the government - but is always flats and no housing. Lack of investment in the population of the town, for example parking, social services - new doctors and schools So infrastructure investment would be an advantage to the population rather than seeing Imagine Estate Agents signs everyway!!! The Train Extension to join London Midland and TFL across Croxley Green would be a great help to residents too	9/7/2018 1:51 PM
289	No.	9/7/2018 1:37 PM

Q3 What do you think are the key issues facing Watford in the future?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Over development re: housing and the erosion of the existing green field spaces scattered across the town such.	10/21/2018 10:10 PM
2	Reducing the dominance of the private car as the prime means of transport.	10/21/2018 10:07 AM
3	High housing demand from government with limited space left available and pressures on infrastructure such as roads, doctors, schools etc. There needs to be a joined up approach with HCC and surrounding districts and the government. Redevelopment is great in town centre but this needs to radiate out now to other parts of Watford eg North Watford so these areas don't look shabby in comparison.	10/20/2018 9:49 AM
4	Increasing school places and standards. Traffic. Retaining and improving bus facilities. Patient intake on GP registers. The hospital needs an enormous overhaul. Retention of businesses/shops on the High Street and in the shopping centre. Rejuvenate St Albans Road. Ensuring enough of Watford's facilities remain affordable/free.	10/19/2018 10:52 PM
5	Increased homelessness Drugs Over development and speed of which the character of town is changing Sustainability Traffic Air pollution	10/19/2018 10:20 PM
6	Congestion and non affordable housing	10/19/2018 9:53 PM
7	Overdevelopment and loss of the character of the town. Opportunities for appropriate development should be taken, but done correctly and not to produce ugly buildings with no defensible space or at the cost to the local environment. Investment in local and emergency services. The town is at such a turning point, please don't let the Opportunity to develop be wasted on bad choices in design and capacity by overdeveloping and losing the nature of the town and any of it's surviving attractive old buildings. It would be a tragedy to swamp and overwhelm the town's character of red brick terraces, old churches and shops with high rises and too many people.	10/19/2018 9:43 PM
8	Overpopulation, huge increases in traffic, uncontrolled immigration and the town blending into London's conurbation.	10/19/2018 9:32 PM
9	Population growth, budget cuts, Brexit, infrastructure to be renewed or changed	10/19/2018 9:28 PM
10	crime, tower block cultures, lack of services and no space to build them as all space is sold to greedy builders, air pollution as Watford turns into a car park	10/19/2018 8:25 PM
11	Poor public transport (except into London - which brings people who use Watford as a dormitory into town). Too much empty retail space (new buildings on Thomas Sawyer way are empty and have not created the promised jobs). Need to ensure more sustainable new homes - match London energy efficiency targets and use carbon offset funding for electric vehicle charging points on street lampposts (older terrace area don't have drives).	10/19/2018 4:22 PM
12	Overdevelopment and loss of the character of the town. Opportunities for good development must be taken, but done correctly and not to produce ugly buildings with no defensible space.	10/19/2018 3:46 PM
13	Lack of investment in good public transport, resulting in too many cars on the roads. Loss of employment space (office to resi?) resulting in poor quality housing developments. Developers taking advantage of high housing targets being imposed on local authorities in order to create poorly designed developments with negative impacts on struggling local infrastructure. Developers arguing that they cannot afford to provide the required levels of affordable housing in their developments. The expectation that creating housing developments with barely any parking will mean that the people who choose to live their will not have cars - this is not central London! Without sufficient transport, people will still have cars.	10/19/2018 3:28 PM
14	Road traffic congestion, air quality,	10/19/2018 3:21 PM
15	Housing and traffic congestion	10/19/2018 2:34 PM
16	Traffic congestion. Air pollution. Illegal parking. Health care provision.	10/19/2018 2:25 PM
17	Over-development and lack of room for infrastructure improvements.	10/19/2018 2:16 PM
18	Housing / private renting	10/19/2018 1:58 PM

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19	Roads, there are not enough routes into Watford. Building works, this is causing problems being able to drive around Watford. Doctors, hospitals & schools, not enough, the ones we have cannot cope with the amount of people we have plus all the new ones moving in will make it worse.	10/19/2018 1:27 PM
20	Excess housing numbers being imposed. Not enough family houses being built. Not enough social housing.	10/19/2018 12:53 PM
21	Road Infrastructure car Parking traffic jams into and around Watford including the ring road. shopping centre will run down if people cant get easy access to the shops/ eating areas/social amenities/	10/19/2018 11:48 AM
22	Homelessness Affordability to purchase High rents	10/19/2018 11:41 AM
23	-debt management -Waste collection -Infrastructure related to a growing population (school, nhs etc.) -Support of the elderly -Support of the communities	10/19/2018 11:23 AM
24	Lack of housing investment in the town centre and lack of transport corridor capacity, road, rail etc	10/19/2018 9:47 AM
25	Over-crowding / over-development. Loss of community facilities (libraries, children's centres etc). Crime. Keeping streets etc tidy.	10/19/2018 1:33 AM
26	Too many cars.	10/18/2018 11:42 PM
27	Overpopulation, inadequate infrastructure including lack of schools, poor performing schools, inadequate health care (very stretched GP/community health services and a hospital that is seriously struggling) and transport issues such as massive overcrowding on trains, poor performance by train providers, cuts to bus services and insufficient parking facilities in certain residential areas.	10/18/2018 10:28 PM
28	Lack of infra structure to cope with all the people who live in the flats. Just where will they all park? Parking for those who do live near the centre, is ABYSMAL. Once people get families, they then have to move far away as they can't afford houses.. This breaks down communities even more. Lots of rented accommodation in the centre also breaks down communities and leads to poorly maintained housing stock and isolation and yet more rented property as neighbours cant cope with the noise mess and issues of poor rental inhabitants. Making Watford an 'amazing retail centre' is great but I don't believe many more people will come unless you reduce car parking charges. Reduce the charges else you will just have a beautiful but empty retail centre	10/18/2018 10:06 PM
29	Over crowding. Infrastructure:- Health care, Education, Roads, Services:- Water, Sewerage, Gas, Electric, Telephone etc. Pollution. Ageing Population.	10/18/2018 6:31 PM
30	Well if you keep building and building, you may cause problems with current houses. No space in schools for all the children, not enough doctors. Instead of building on any spare bit of land you can find maybe look for a big space that can house houses, schools and a doctors. Like what you have done by the studios. Go out of the centre of town and look for the space around the outside of watford and build there, instead of congesting one small area.	10/18/2018 4:09 PM
31	Housing, major traffic problems, jobs, a hospital that can cope with the increase in population.	10/18/2018 12:18 PM
32	Wellbeing is at the centre of our charity. Our research shows that spending time by water, whether it be your lunch break, daily commute or just a weekend stroll, really does make us feel happier and healthier. With ever increasing rates of obesity, stress and declining mental health in the UK, we are uniquely placed to make a significant contribution to improving the wellbeing of millions of people. Our canals and rivers run through some of the most heavily populated communities in England and Wales, providing accessible green and blue space where it's needed the most. That's why, here at the Trust, we're working with volunteers and communities across England and Wales to transform canals and rivers into spaces where local people want to spend time and feel better. We know this will bring wellbeing opportunities to millions. Our work involves not only looking after our waterways, but promoting them widely to the people who have waterways on their doorstep so that many more people benefit from our free, accessible and local source of wellbeing.	10/18/2018 10:04 AM
33	The danger of over-development and a burgeoning population which, if not well-managed, might result in a number of parallel communities living alongside each other but not integrated with each other. Over-development might lead to strain on resources and a decreasing quality of life for the inhabitants.	10/18/2018 9:35 AM
34	Overdevelopment, too many flats being built in already densely populated areas.	10/18/2018 7:48 AM
35	Housing and transport.	10/17/2018 6:50 PM

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36	Lack of School spaces, Local services such as GP's are already under pressure, Bus routes being cancelled making it impossible for the non drivers/elderly/vulnerable/disabled to travel to places ... This cannot happen if our town is to prosper!! The council need to make the whole of town more Wheelchair accessible. Too much housing & not enough services in place.	10/17/2018 5:52 PM
37	Ability to provide capacity for further economic and employment growth - providing high quality modern commercial and retail facilities to serve the growing population. Ability to provide new housing to meet the needs of the growing population, without unnecessary encroachment on the surrounding green areas of the highest quality.	10/17/2018 4:45 PM
38	We need a bigger hospital. It is a great shame that a huge housing deveopment is being built next to Watford General when the hospital is struggling to cope with an increasing population. God help us if there was a major incident as we're always running at full capacity as it is.It's all very well constantly building new homes but where will these people get nursed if they're poorly! And where will the children in these new builds play? Every available piece of space has flats built on it.	10/17/2018 4:05 PM
39	Road networks. Roads from south and north are often bottlenecks (Hempstead road, roads leading to and from Bushey Arches. The Oxhey Lane/Pinner Road allows lorries which would be better suited to A41. There were plans once to tackle Bushey Arches problem and one solution went thru between Carpenders Park down to Hampermill Lane and across to West Watford. There wasn't the political will to push a solution like this through. If you/Government want to build more properties in Urban Watford then these road networks need to be in the plan and agreed with the other Authorities.	10/17/2018 3:31 PM
40	lack of affordable housing, volume of traffic, lack of funding & cuts from central government.	10/17/2018 2:18 PM
41	The planning for the future is a faster and more than the town has ever seen before and the town is likely to lose any sense of community. Any plans for public transport underestimate the likelihood of most people abandoning personal transport means. Personal transport is relatively cheap and extremely convenient. Public transport is expensive and mostly inconvenient. If the town isn't careful the centre of town will just become a white elephant and the residents of the town will become like other towns in the country with disgruntled rather than engaged residents.	10/17/2018 11:58 AM
42	Too many people living here without the infrastructure to support this. When things become intolerable people blame easily identified groups of people. This could lead to a breakdown in the good community relations that we currently enjoy.	10/17/2018 11:42 AM
43	Losing its community and industry as it becomes a dormitory town for London.	10/17/2018 1:33 AM
44	Housing demand!! Generations of Watford English people should be being put first. Why should residents have to move boroughs when they were born and raised here	10/16/2018 2:36 PM
45	Brexit; housing and the problems which ensue: schools, shops, medical facilities, leisure facilities.	10/16/2018 12:10 PM
46	Brixit; housing and the problems which ensue:- schools, shops, medical facilities, leisure facilities	10/16/2018 11:53 AM
47	Transport Links Support services - GP surgeries are already closing their books to new patients Air quality Green spaces	10/16/2018 10:03 AM
48	Avoiding overpopulation in the limited area covered by the borough with inadequate services of all sorts for the people living here. Thus, integration with plans for Hertfordshire as a whole is crucial; the current pressures cannot be dealt with by focussing on Watford but must involve nearby areas within the 20 minute radius referred to in the introduction to this exercise	10/16/2018 9:01 AM
49	Over population and congestion	10/15/2018 8:19 PM
50	Overcrowding due to new housing targets and the resulting strain on resources. Also the proportion of the new houses which are for those with housing benefit is too high. This should be pushed back on if Watford is to develop as a commuter town with professionals wanting to live here.	10/15/2018 6:48 PM
51	Housing	10/15/2018 4:55 PM
52	Road congestion. Provision of school places. Homelessness.	10/15/2018 4:12 PM
53	Lack of space and parking	10/15/2018 1:53 PM
54	Congestion Available services - Doctors, schools etc. Death of the High Street	10/15/2018 12:25 PM
55	Too many people and not enough space basically. Roads will be a lot more congested - bad enough now. Watford will become a nightmare place to live.	10/15/2018 11:32 AM
56	Over-population. Pollution. Apathy. Obesity. Road congestion/gridlocks. Loss of identity and community. Increased drug dealing. No police presence.	10/14/2018 11:26 PM

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57	Over crowding leading to Petty crime Improve infrastructure	10/14/2018 8:33 PM
58	Over development, crime, local community prices out in favour of migrating London commuters	10/14/2018 8:06 PM
59	Congestion. Pollution. Overcrowding. Lack of parking. High property prices. Expensive rents.	10/14/2018 7:10 PM
60	Housing, social services like doctors, schools not just primary but Secondary too as within the Town or North Watford area there is not 1 Secondary school in walking distance (I am discounting the Grammar schools as they are exceptional to standard education).. Transport & road infrastructure, including bus services which moving out of town has not helped their time keeping.	10/14/2018 7:08 PM
61	Growing population and traffic	10/14/2018 5:47 PM
62	Whilst it's important that more housing is built it's vital that the infrastructure is there too I am a commuter, and every morning the trains are uncomfortably full. I think increasing housing is going to add to over crowding on the trains. Also I was very sad to learn the sure start Centre at Beechfield had shut due to budget cuts. It's where I met 3 amazing mums, we are still in regular contact and have spent 6 years helping, advising and guiding. Without these people I really feel my mental health would have suffered. It seems short sighted to take away what was such an important starting point into motherhood. Many of the other classes are subscription, which punishes people who don't have the money to attend them	10/14/2018 5:45 PM
63	Overcrowding. Pressure on Schools and GPs Traffic -congestion. -Traffic speed and jumping red lights. -blocking Box junctions - drop off at Station Negotiating the Town Hall roundabout is now a major test of motoring skills to avoid the all-day long concentration of fast moving traffic.	10/14/2018 4:11 PM
64	Overcrowding is a major issue. When flats are built to provide the required homes, there is never enough parking included,which leads to bad feeling among the existing residents. Everyone is competing for somewhere to park and the roads become even more congested.	10/14/2018 12:13 PM
65	Providing the services for all the extra people coming to the town. Local people need more parking, schools and doctors and visitors need more parking.	10/14/2018 10:37 AM
66	Over population.	10/13/2018 8:42 PM
67	Infrastructure - sufficient local schools, doctors' surgeries, care facilities for those who need them, being realistic about cars and parking. People will have cars, so it is important that any development has sufficient car parking.	10/13/2018 6:24 PM
68	Parking, school spaces, traffic congestion, train capacity into London, less and less green spaces, too many people basically!	10/13/2018 5:09 PM
69	Popularity of the town for commuters due to proximity to London Continued population growth-currently 1000 per annum Pressures on infrastructure - Road Space - Schools -Surgeries - Play space for young people Over crowding and deteriorating air quality from increased traffic	10/13/2018 10:52 AM
70	Access to good quality high achieving secondary schools which are non-selective and LOCAL to where pupils live. Pressure on the local hospital - my husband was admitted for 2 weeks last December and spent a few nights on a bed in an office. Traffic and congestion from over development in certain parts of the town. Enough services to support the increased housing and population - eg doctors, schools, nhs dentists. Car parking availability for those that need it - with many commuting outside of the area for work and high cost unreliable public transport prices car driving is often necessary - with most local secondary schools accross Watford and surrounding districts being selective it means the vast majority of pupils are commuting past more local schools.	10/13/2018 7:40 AM
71	Lack of parking, especially on new developments. Congestion and overpopulation particularly in West Watford. Lack of transport infrastructure.	10/12/2018 9:49 PM
72	Bus services, Housing and traffic,	10/12/2018 8:09 PM
73	Transport (watford junction station is no longer fit for purpose Housing (yes build up but also build communities within it) Need affordable housing (Eg state owned) Car club scheme New schools etc Traffic big issue Need electric car chargers everywhere!!	10/12/2018 6:04 PM
74	Overdevelopment	10/12/2018 5:36 PM
75	Housing costs and public transport	10/12/2018 1:02 PM
76	Availability of affordable /social housing Educational and medical facilities to meet demand Redevelopment of brownfield sites as a priority rather than utilising greenfield as far as is possible.	10/12/2018 10:03 AM
77	Overcrowding Lack of suitable parking Traffic and pollution Lack of funding for local schools Lack of funding for health services	10/12/2018 7:39 AM
78	Overcrowding, very little green space, lack of school places, doctors etc	10/11/2018 9:45 PM

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79	No space to build other than upwards. Everywhere is too busy. Local journeys take ridiculous amounts of time. Lack of parking everywhere. Building have been erected with minimum parking forcing people to park on both sides of roads that were never designed for such traffic. An infrastructure that has not kept pace with the rate of building. Watford Junction station is too busy....not enough trains, overcrowding , taking 10 minutes to exit the station along the passageway in busy periods. School in my area have doubled in size and are presumably full so more housing means more schools will need to be built. The town centre is too congested creating I would imagine, poor air quality for local people.	10/11/2018 8:35 PM
80	Fragmented public transport system	10/11/2018 6:46 PM
81	Trying to ensure Watford is a nice place yo live. Residents are sick of congestion and the lack of parking available to them. We need more car parks, around housing. I know of a few people (in permit areas) who refuse to go out in the evening because the parking situation is do bad. The answer is not lengthening permit hours; the answer is that more car parks need to be built.	10/11/2018 5:51 PM
82	I addressed most of these in comment 1. However maybe a park and ride scheme similar to Oxford might be considered to relieve traffic congestion. Two large car parks near the Hunton Bridge roundabout and Junction 20 could be built and you could ferry a lot of people into the town centre by (electric) bus. Increasing the number of electric vehicle charging points is another good idea.	10/11/2018 4:55 PM
83	Transport Transport Transport The buses are the worst, they are always late and unreliable and never accept card payments. I wish we had the red buses (London bus) in Watford. I always get stress using the buses until I get to the train station (Watford Junction) -Also I wish the Junction was part of the London Underground,there is no way to come back from London to Watford if you had a night out !!! It takes ages. -the only thing I don't understand why Virgin Trains don't stop in Watford and we have to gol all the way to Euston to get a Virgin Train, doesn't make any sense, does it?	10/11/2018 11:11 AM
84	Too much housing and too little infrastructure. The housing is small with no outside space and parking. The roads around Watford are jam packed and the doctors surgeries are over capacity.	10/10/2018 8:38 PM
85	Congestion, crime, antisocial behaviour	10/10/2018 7:28 PM
86	How to deal with the influx of traffic as the Intu centre expansion finishes - weekends (especially during match day) make it impossible to travel into or out of the majority of Watford, as everything leads to the ring road. Finding ways around the city centre would be great. The need for affordable homes and developments - not overpriced Help to Buy new builds that are inflated in price. Or even making the most of empty and abandoned buildings/houses as part of a scheme for redevelopment/encouraging local people to buy and improve them with support. Prioritising housing for local people trying to buy their first home or family home, rather than selling out to landlords. Parking around surrounding areas of Watford. Safer cycle lanes that would equip more people to cycle to work/surrounding towns. More security around Watford Junction and Met line for bikes. Support for the influx of homeless people in the area, which will only increase with the disparity between cost of living, and wages. Accessibility, road standards and dangerous crossing on St Albans Road (dangerous cycle path, constant accidents at Balmoral road quadrant). More regular trains on the Abbey Line to facilitate workers coming in and out of Watford (and to encourage more London workers to live in Leavesden/Garston etc)	10/10/2018 5:36 PM
87	Lack of doctors, schools, etc. No police station!!!! Parking on residential roads can be poor Traffic causing congestion and dangerous driving through cut through roads (ie Cassiobury estate)	10/10/2018 12:46 PM
88	Congestion, Travel, Anti-social behaviour School places, NHS services,	10/10/2018 11:29 AM
89	Not enough local transport and crumbling road infrastructure. Not enough housing.	10/10/2018 11:29 AM
90	Ease of access.	10/10/2018 10:46 AM
91	Development without improving infrastructure, sewerage, sufficient parking, doctors and schools. Quality developments which are completed properly and with long term vision to look appealing in ten years. Many are created and not completed fully, and with inappropriate materials that may save money on building but after a short period of time look awful.	10/10/2018 7:56 AM
92	Housing is the biggest problem the town faces, in the short term. There is an acute shortage of land within the borough for new housing. Mixed-use high-rise blocks would be perfectly acceptable in the town centre, with shop units and necessary facilities such as doctors surgeries on the lower levels, built within the ring road, but high-rise housing would completely ruin many other areas they were built in.	10/10/2018 1:34 AM
93	Traffic congestion and lack of car parking space in certain areas. Oxhey Village being one example. Rubbish in the streets.. over building in some areas and back garden building should cease.	10/9/2018 10:56 PM

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94	Over development. Over population. Crime. Not enough schools, doctors and too many people trying to access services including leisure services.	10/9/2018 10:29 PM
95	Housing,transportation,Schools,Health and green belt.	10/9/2018 9:01 PM
96	Homelessness - better accommodation and care for homeless people and other vulnerable members of the community. Over the last few years there has been a noticeable increase in the number of people begging/appearing to be sleeping rough in the town centre. As a woman walking on my own, I don't always feel safe in town in the evenings. Cleanliness of high street - pop up urinals appear too early in the evening, doesn't create a good family atmosphere.	10/9/2018 8:15 PM
97	Overcrowding. Too much traffic. Building on any bit of land. Not enough doctors schools etc.	10/9/2018 12:31 PM
98	Increased population leading to overcrowding. Infrastructure not keeping pace with growth, resulting in inadequate provision of school places and GP surgeries. Resulting traffic flow issues not being addressed.	10/9/2018 11:51 AM
99	Traffic and over development of residential properties. I live in Oxhey and parking and traffic is horrendous - getting anywhere most of the time is impossible - it would be the main reason for me to move and leave Watford. This has to be addressed. Flats are being built on every piece of available land and it's making the area feel dangerously over crowded without provision for parking for all these new developments.	10/9/2018 11:30 AM
100	Infrastructure, transport, parking, school places, health provision, lack of housing. Retail seems precarious. Intu having a monopoly on the centre of watford.	10/9/2018 10:19 AM
101	Homelessness, over population, lack of schools, drug use, lack of doctors, busy, unsafe roads.	10/9/2018 9:56 AM
102	Finding the space required for housing and parking. Planning permission has already been granted for housing with insufficient parking. It is no good saying "if we don't provide parking people will use public transport"	10/9/2018 9:46 AM
103	Lack of identity. Lack of infrastructure. A transient town rather than somewhere people live for their whole lives.	10/9/2018 7:53 AM
104	There is no more space in watford to build more new housing. New housing needs to be built in less dense areas of hertfordshire, outside of watford. Housing has increased in watford but existing infrastructure has not increased and cannot cope!	10/9/2018 12:18 AM
105	Population over growth resulting in a drain on resources. Increased conjection, resulting in frustrated residents who become more intolerant of people who don't appreciate our way of life	10/8/2018 11:41 PM
106	1. Housing 2. Infrastructure to support population growth 3. Erosion of green space 4. Employment - especially if businesses aren't supported by good infrastructure 5. NHS - under funded, increasing cost of care - aging population	10/8/2018 11:19 PM
107	Parking spaces and congested traffic. No enogh public services that can cope with the growing population.	10/8/2018 10:20 PM
108	A 2nd back entrance to Watford Junction station, come on man, this has been 'on the cards' for years. There is literally no point in having anything else in the plan unless you do this one thing. You CANNOT expand and grow the town unless you do. We MUST break the 'concrete collar' that is the one entrance that bottlenecks everything up that one road. The top 5 priorities in the Watford Plan should read like this: 1. 2nd entrance to the station. 2. 2nd entrance to the station. 3. 2nd entrance to the station. 4. 2nd entrance to the station. 5. Everything else.	10/8/2018 10:08 PM
109	Lack of good paying jobs ,people need to have a good wage to pay to live in watford . Crime need to see more police . traffic is getting worse need cheaper bus service like London also better cycle routes	10/8/2018 9:34 PM
110	Crime and ASBO Attracting investors, businesses and citizens who genuinely care about making Watford the leader in citizen welfare.	10/8/2018 8:40 PM
111	Housing, schooling, hospital, crime.	10/8/2018 8:10 PM
112	Creating more housing in North Watford will create chaos as roads are saturated already, south Watford and green areas around A41 are more suited as directly on exit routes.	10/8/2018 6:44 PM
113	Traffic- Congestion Lack of School Places Huge waiting times at doctors surgery and hospital Horrendous congestion on the trains- driving commuters away from Watford. Lack of facilities for young professionals (Couple and families)	10/8/2018 5:27 PM
114	Overcrowding. In the Skyline document it was stated ...the Metropolitan line extension is an essential prerequisite for ensuring densification through taller buildings is a viable approach to development - no that's dead in the water, what is going to replace it?	10/8/2018 4:25 PM

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115	Too many flats and not enough parking spaces. whilst the idea of not using a car is great, nearly everyone wishes to have a car to have the freedom to drive wherever they wish on a day off. Too much growth/flats built not enough infrastructure to support it	10/7/2018 7:15 PM
116	Housing, schools, transport	10/7/2018 7:07 PM
117	Too many people and an in-invested infrastructure.	10/7/2018 5:35 PM
118	Increased crime Car pollution Busier roads Not enough good schools	10/7/2018 7:44 AM
119	Genuinely? Gridlock. Therefore increasing pollution (primary schools next to ring road and on Clarendon Road). Decreasing amount of green space.	10/6/2018 10:17 PM
120	Over development and knocking down larger houses to build multiple properties ruin the few nice areas that people aspire to.	10/6/2018 2:23 PM
121	Shopping in an internet age. Housing. Community. Transport. Employment. Green issues. Care for the elderly. Health.	10/6/2018 1:47 PM
122	Overcrowding, lack of infrastructure, transport, pollution, drugs and crime.	10/6/2018 1:25 PM
123	Please see my first answer.	10/6/2018 12:54 PM
124	Affordable public transport. Affordable housing. Fare for travel to London for people living in Watford and working in London. Supporting viable facilities for the excellent service our local medical services offer.	10/6/2018 8:58 AM
125	Lack of infrastructure, too much traffic, insufficient numbers of doctors and school places	10/6/2018 8:28 AM
126	Continuation of investment in improving the green spaces and restriction of any new industrial and housing developments to those parts of the town where old run down housing could be replaced by modern units which will house more people in greater comfort. There should also be development of housing suitable for a growing elderly population.	10/6/2018 8:21 AM
127	lack of housing lack of rapid local transport using roads. it takes me a long time to move around the borough by car	10/5/2018 9:32 PM
128	Absence of available land for housing, tiny residential roads and extreme pressure on parking	10/5/2018 8:29 PM
129	Over population.	10/5/2018 6:31 PM
130	Lack of parking for local residents (already a major issue) - if I move my car after 7pm I am lucky to be able to park again at all! This is affecting my quality of life and 2 years ago wasn't an issue. The cause of this - numerous terraced homes being converted into flats so instead of the council issuing 2 permits per household it is now 4! The result - a struggle to find a parking space anywhere in your own permit zone after a certain time! This above issue is going to become unbearable with the amount of flats being built without parking! The council may have got away with it if the Croxley Rail link was going ahead but that has been cancelled, so how are all of these people living in these 700 new flats going to commute? Traffic issues as already stated above - only a matter of time before a fatal accident occurs High levels of diesel fumes coming from buses in town centre. Literally I have not seen any buses that fail to emit a dark cloud of smoke. Lack of infrastructure - if M25/ M1 or ring road have an accident on the whole of Watford becomes gridlocked due to the layout of the roads. Watford is already heavily overcongested and overpopulated. How is building new homes going to make this a desirable place to live. I already am looking at moving away from the town and know of a lot of local families that feel the same way.	10/5/2018 6:21 PM
131	Overcrowding, stressed healthcare services & schools, archaic infrastructure insufficient for modern day needs.	10/5/2018 4:59 PM
132	Too many high rise apartments with a consequent lack of supporting schools, health services and a road network that cannot cope. There is also a need for affordable housing so that the diverse community that currently makes up Watford can be retained.	10/5/2018 4:54 PM
133	Infrastructure of an increasing town - education, health, roads, public transport etc	10/5/2018 1:33 PM
134	Over-population and gridlock.	10/5/2018 1:25 PM
135	Lack of doctor and dentist surgeries Lack of local public transport Crime and drug dealing Lack of teeth by the council in the enforcement of bylaws. and unsocial behaviour. incidents drag on for years and are never really resolved. costing time and money. Instead of making them sign up at planning or licencing stage to a set of rules with clear consequences if they are broken, ie fine or temporary closure,[possibly making it self funding] they seem to be able to drag thing out for years	10/5/2018 10:30 AM
136	- Pressure on Green Belt and open spaces. - traffic - failure of necessary services such as schools, health provision, etc., to keep pace with demand as house-building continues	10/5/2018 10:11 AM

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137	Over development Over stretched infrastructure, including GP's etc. Poor transport, apart from the national rail connection Traffic	10/5/2018 9:08 AM
138	Over crowding and resources in the forms of schools, doctors, nhs dentists etc not being available when you need them. The road network has to be improved before we can take on a larger population because it's choked already and can someone please look at the design of these buildings that are being passed. They are ugly and out of keeping with what is a market town.	10/5/2018 4:08 AM
139	Lack of history. Being over run. Loss of green areas. Too many high rise buildings.	10/4/2018 11:42 PM
140	Infrastructure (roads, school place shortages, new hospital required) Crime	10/4/2018 11:18 PM
141	Transport links into London	10/4/2018 9:00 PM
142	Over-population resulting in climate issues and lack of green space which will affect wellbeing and cost more in the long run. There has to be an England plan	10/4/2018 6:12 PM
143	Traffic, crime.	10/4/2018 3:37 PM
144	Traffic and congestion Enough schools and doctors surgeries (this is already a problem) An empty high street	10/4/2018 12:14 PM
145	Overpopulated not enough space for people at school. Doctors and other local services e.g. housing. More people sleeping rough. More crime and drug related problems Youth services	10/4/2018 5:53 AM
146	Congestion	10/3/2018 10:21 PM
147	Too many people coming in from like nfon pushing local people out. Not enough investment in schools doctors green space affordable houses for local people and I mean affordable not London affordable	10/3/2018 6:39 PM
148	Parking housing for LOCAL people	10/3/2018 8:31 AM
149	High house prices, low salaries, an increasing population and too high expectations for a small area to achieve from Central Government.	10/2/2018 11:13 PM
150	Affordable housing. Rented housing is key for keeping young people in Watford. Current rents for good quality housing in Watford are far too high in Watford and cheaper prices needs to be seen. This should be a key issue; forget having nice parks if you can't live nearby to enjoy them!	10/2/2018 7:33 PM
151	Extreme overcrowding, bad transport issues, wasting money on the Metropolitan extension and no spending it on the hospital. No consideration for existing and potential new residents by providing small expensive crammed homes shoehorned into every unsuitable site. You cannot build large numbers of new homes without providing better roads, more doctors surgeries and schools before and not after the houses have been built - it is illogical and will be ultimately unsatisfactory for everyone and unsafe.	10/2/2018 5:08 PM
152	Parking Housing Overdevelopment Road congestion Homelessness	10/2/2018 2:32 PM
153	Too much building - trees being taken down willy nilly - not enough green spaces - most of which we had have been built upon.	10/2/2018 9:49 AM
154	- Crime rates are up in last 5 years - Housing shortages for 4+ bedrooms	10/1/2018 7:53 PM
155	Affordable Home Ownership Traffic Congestion Watford Junction Redevelopment Provision of Efficient NHS Services	10/1/2018 3:56 PM
156	Wellbeing is at the centre of our charity. To achieve improved wellbeing	10/1/2018 2:44 PM
157	- Expanding population causes increases in cars on roads, more pollution etc.	9/30/2018 9:14 PM
158	Overcrowding, parking, more traffic on our roads	9/30/2018 7:27 PM
159	Lack of influence in the decision-making process.	9/30/2018 5:14 PM
160	More cars on road than capacity. Parking facilities. Needs improvement in transport links.	9/30/2018 9:07 AM
161	Congestion. Badly timed traffic lights. Roads like St Albans Road, now looking very shabby, not aesthetically pleasing.	9/29/2018 12:31 PM
162	Firstly lack of affordable housing either as rental or to be bought. Secondly traffic congestion and transportation.	9/29/2018 7:03 AM
163	Bad reputation	9/28/2018 10:23 PM
164	Housing, education, health care, transport, not necessarily in that order.	9/28/2018 6:26 PM
165	Safety for pedestrians to use the pavements without clashing with cyclists.	9/28/2018 2:56 PM

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166	I think the larger and more developed the town becomes the higher and restricted the living costs will become. My family originate from Guernsey where it was always considered to costly to move back to. With all the price rises we may have to consider moving back as it will be cheaper.	9/28/2018 7:06 AM
167	Transport Education Mental health Elder care High skilled jobs Technology jobs	9/27/2018 11:39 PM
168	Too many people in what is becoming an overcrowded town. Too much traffic congestion with resulting pollution. Noise	9/27/2018 12:34 PM
169	Accommodating all the increased infrastructure required for growth	9/27/2018 5:43 AM
170	affordable housing, better transport links	9/27/2018 12:29 AM
171	Undoubtedly housing. A national crisis but acute in the london metropolitan area and the greater south east	9/26/2018 7:11 PM
172	Increased population, meeting the needs of housing everyone but having the infrastructure to cope else there will b further problems in the future and the cost of these will b prohibitive. Do not just concentrate on the short term putting in hundreds of flats esp high rises as these are known to bring there own issues and not have enough money to provide doctors, schools, etc and remember the increased need for policing and the increase in pollution from additional traffic etc etc	9/26/2018 7:08 PM
173	Overcrowding, traffic congestion, loss of useful shops	9/26/2018 5:11 PM
174	Increase in crime and deprivation which is what often comes with high density, low cost housing developments.	9/26/2018 4:18 PM
175	Social divide between those in the rich bits who keep all the open space for themselves and the rest of us crammed into more and more built up areas. Lack of social mobility as Council are ante car and useless at getting decent public transport	9/26/2018 4:01 PM
176	Congestion of town centre on football days. West Watford policing: drug dealing and street drinking of homelessness is increasing.	9/26/2018 7:27 AM
177	Not enough schools. Hospital not able to cope. Infrastructure appalling	9/26/2018 7:11 AM
178	Extension of London now and too expensive for average local to buy a property or even rent one	9/26/2018 6:26 AM
179	Overcrowding. Traffic. Overstretched hospital	9/26/2018 6:25 AM
180	Building affordable homes and houses for social homes and the homeless	9/25/2018 7:07 PM
181	Traffic, schooling, jobs.	9/25/2018 6:45 PM
182	Infrastructure. Schools and doctors Don't build 12 story flats with 2 parking spaces to share. Turn that new road into a real cross roads	9/25/2018 6:00 PM
183	The infrastructure needs to keep up with the increases in population.	9/25/2018 4:02 PM
184	Good Governance Strong customer focus at town hall and stakeholder level Adapting to a active and aging population Maintaining affordable housing Land prices rising Good transport links and infrastructure	9/25/2018 1:59 PM
185	Over populated Lack of school places Over subscribed doctors surgeries Poor road/travel infrastructure	9/25/2018 1:17 PM
186	Overpopulation for the amount of infrastructure.	9/25/2018 12:30 PM
187	Its too diverse. You are separating areas of watford with different cultures. Whippendell road also needs a massivr clean up its a dirty road with cars parking all over the double yellow lines and No one does anything about it. Clean Watford No More Houses until more schools and doctors surgeries have been built. We dont want Flats.... we need houses. There are not enough room for the kids in schools, watford hospital is failing I know because my friend is an ongoing out patience there and its massively failed her. We also do not have enough room for parking !!!! So to build 770 flats equals most likely 1540 car parking spaces. The logic just doesnt work watford can not have more flats.	9/25/2018 10:46 AM
188	Below is not given higher priority: Less population More schools Better roads More hospitals Bigger parks	9/25/2018 8:28 AM
189	Unemployment Housing shortages	9/24/2018 11:04 PM
190	Infrastructure.	9/24/2018 10:00 PM
191	Over population. Over development. More crime. Not enough public service recourcing. Busier roads. Less parking.	9/24/2018 6:35 PM
192	Lack of infrastructure to support the population	9/24/2018 6:00 PM

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193	Overcrowding and too many high rise building. Too busy. Becoming a mini London but without the wages of London. Becoming run down as many homes are let not owned and landlords do not maintain them. There is a goos chance that many children growing up could not afford to live here when they get a job.	9/24/2018 5:42 PM
194	Due to the proximity to London, and the fact that the town will become a place for people to come and drink/socialise I think there will be a greater problem with night-time crime and violence associated with a drinking culture. Also I've seen an increase in young people coming into Watford from London and perception that they have come here to cause trouble.	9/24/2018 5:00 PM
195	Overcrowding, strain on public services and transport.	9/24/2018 4:58 PM
196	Affordable housing	9/24/2018 4:42 PM
197	Too many houses being built on our green spaces we surely have enough.	9/24/2018 10:52 AM
198	Over population and traffic	9/24/2018 10:38 AM
199	Not enough space to develop a proper town center with a great variety of activities.	9/24/2018 2:55 AM
200	Too many immigrants.	9/23/2018 5:37 PM
201	Over population Water shortage Underclass receiving increasing benefits from local and national government	9/23/2018 3:12 PM
202	Increasing population will impact housing availability, services and general infrastructure (transport, etc).	9/23/2018 2:58 PM
203	Over population.	9/23/2018 1:46 PM
204	Increased population, all of a certain demographic (ie single person/two person households who live here and commute to London), continued pressure on services and essential infrastructure and the need to do more with less money from central government	9/23/2018 9:52 AM
205	Over building of high towers Schools and sustainable transport. Lack of a cemetery especially for the Muslim community.	9/23/2018 9:51 AM
206	Overcrowding, pressure on services and traffic congestion	9/22/2018 11:00 PM
207	Housing, is No 1 priority. The prominent percentage of young single males in our population will decrease once these lads marry or take partners and become responsible for children. The only way is up and it can be a good experience for families. I brought up my two children in a flat on floor 12 and we had a great time despite broken lifts on the odd occasion. Our little terraced houses are twee and cosy, but many are past caring for and take up a lot of space. We must face that fact and save just a few streets for the sake of heritage - perhaps for us oldies to live in. Schools will be needed which take up a lot of space if facilities are not shared. Perhaps the way ahead is for education complexes. Watford has the Westfield site and Langleybury site would be good for this too.	9/22/2018 2:47 PM
208	Housing particularly affordable and social housing Meeting the housing, health and social care needs of an aging population Traffic management, parking and public transport	9/21/2018 10:30 PM
209	At a time when High Streets are losing customers, making sure the new INTU development does not become a white elephant. It needs to have shops and services that are first class. To have yet more chain stores and restaurants, combined with awful traffic and parking is not an attractive prospect.	9/21/2018 6:40 PM
210	Growing population. Elderly care. Single mother isolation. Child development. Unemployment - and boredom leading to crime. Bullying and anti social behaviour. Racism. Poverty. Need to feed population healthily to avoid expensive healthcare. Education. Mental Health. Affordable housing.	9/21/2018 11:25 AM
211	Housing, Schools, Local Small Business.	9/20/2018 2:00 PM
212	need for more affordable housing, more school places, better transport links to London, managing increasingly busy roads, better health care, increase in violent crime	9/19/2018 1:22 PM
213	Yes, this is mainly around infrastructure. We are already at a point where gridlock on our roads occurs. The impact on towns and villages around Watford is huge, as well as the health of those walking or living nearby.	9/19/2018 6:54 AM
214	Increased population/ houses with lack of planning on road, infrastructure, schools, hospital, care support & potential impact to green spaces (including allotments).	9/18/2018 8:28 PM
215	Protecting our green spaces	9/18/2018 8:13 PM
216	Over crowding....road congestion as the infrastructure can't take the amount of vehicles on the roads now	9/18/2018 4:47 PM

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217	better hospital	9/18/2018 4:25 PM
218	congestion with traffic	9/18/2018 3:32 PM
219	Over crowding so not enough School places Hospital places Doctors surgery's Too many vehicles leading to gridlocked roads.	9/18/2018 2:28 PM
220	Housing for rent at low prices, public transport, education	9/18/2018 12:01 PM
221	Overcrowding of population, major traffic issues and NHS Hospital service unable to cope with demand, GP services overstretched, adding more housing within Town centre will increase in higher pollution, more traffic jams, reduction on parking areas, delays on other public transport.	9/18/2018 11:15 AM
222	overcrowding and traffic congestion, streets turning into car parks, not enough doctors surgeries or school places	9/17/2018 10:47 PM
223	Congestion	9/17/2018 7:34 PM
224	Too high rents and rates	9/17/2018 3:26 PM
225	Lack of housing Overcrowding Anti social behaviour	9/17/2018 1:32 PM
226	Lack of investment in infrastructure. Lack of social facilities. Lack of funding from central government.	9/17/2018 1:26 PM
227	The totally unrealistic housing targets imposed by this ██████ Tory government who cannot, or will not, control immigration! A Labour government would be even worse with the "open door" policy recently announced by Diane Abbot!	9/17/2018 11:56 AM
228	Transport infrastructure. Ascot Road development should never have been approved before met line extension was gaurenteed. Any alternative to met line extension while welcome would not have the same benefit due to not being directly connected to the main underground network. New schools need some open space around them to ensure children are kept active. Perhaps some way could be found to share the open space with the wider community when the school is shut. Cohesion. New State funded faith schools should be avoided to ensure the community stays integrated.	9/16/2018 3:15 PM
229	Transport and road links are currently at capacity. I am unclear how the constant construction of homes will impact on the area	9/16/2018 2:22 PM
230	Poor public transport is a big problem. You can get to London easily enough, but not move around Watford region.	9/16/2018 10:31 AM
231	What issues. Too much building? Older traditional cultural establishments being threatened with replacement with houses for which there is no infrastructure.	9/15/2018 7:25 PM
232	House prices forcing out many lower income families. Over development of larger, more expensive properties rather than ensuring affordable housing is built. Youth services lacking.	9/15/2018 12:11 PM
233	Increasing demand for housing and associated pressure on infrastructure as more people are priced out of areas closer to London. Unknown effects of Brexit on employers and the economy.	9/15/2018 10:37 AM
234	Sustainability Transport (necessary to reduce journeys by private motor vehicle, especially single-occupancy) Housing (affordability both for purchase and rent)	9/14/2018 7:06 PM
235	Traffic congestion and higher pollution. Shortage of affordable housing. Public transport overwhelmed. Crime.	9/14/2018 7:05 PM
236	Over development, excess population for local infrastructure, under developed local transport and neglect of pedestrians in favour of cyclists and motorists.	9/14/2018 5:07 PM
237	Sustainability Transport Housing	9/14/2018 2:37 PM
238	The death of the high street. Homelessness and begging. Congestion. Infrastructure for increased population.	9/14/2018 1:29 PM
239	Too much development and traffic	9/14/2018 1:09 PM
240	Over crowding, so more schools, more doctors, strain on our Hospital and services, extra waste generated so more landfill	9/14/2018 12:08 PM
241	Ageing population and lack of social care. Lack of GP's. Lack of youth ventures. Poor public transport.	9/14/2018 12:02 PM
242	The death of the high street. Increasing homelessness. Matching services and infrastructure to growing population. Traffic congestion as population grows.	9/14/2018 11:43 AM
243	Traffic congestion, lack of reliable public transport and over development.	9/14/2018 10:54 AM

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244	My main worry is that the town will become impossible for young people to live in due to increasing rent and property price. Too many friends of mine are having to leave Watford just to be able to afford to live.	9/14/2018 10:51 AM
245	Public transport	9/14/2018 9:58 AM
246	WATER Sewage containment	9/14/2018 1:03 AM
247	WATER, WATER, WATER, WATER, WATER, WATER, WATER, ie. there will not be enough of it!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Sewage treatment ie. if the sewage treatment is not expanded, the water we have will be polluted, and probably by sewage. Our town will flood with sewage. We need to make what we have smarter and more efficient. Adding more buildings is NOT AN OPTION according to the scoping report.	9/13/2018 11:57 PM
248	Idiot politicians who are only there to serve their own self interest	9/13/2018 10:08 PM
249	Pressure of health services with a growing population. 3-4 week wait to see a GP, so everyone goes to the overstretched A&E instead. Better transport is essential. Croxley Rail link would reduce traffic down Rickmansworth Road. Abbey Line is a joke, it's completely unreliable. Better railway connections to Rickmansworth, St Albans, Borehamwood etc would reduce traffic congestion hugely. To sum up, primary schools aside, the infrastructure has not kept up with the needs of a 20% growth in population and the hoards of Harry Potter tourists.	9/13/2018 8:49 PM
250	Infrastructure, like Doctors, Schools & overcrowding..	9/13/2018 6:17 PM
251	Too many residents. The infrastructure will not cope. We need many more schools, Doctors surgeries, etc now not taking into account all the extra homes that are being built.	9/13/2018 4:37 PM
252	Overcrowding leading to congestion and a loss of the amenity which encourages business to headquarter in the town. A change of the council's political party make-up which will lead to a lot of new-brooming and stumbling around with the inefficiency of new incoming strategies. The impending collapse of historical / legacy infrastructure, physical collapse that is as vehicles increase in mass and frequency. There will also be huge problems around the WGH project. The current "Health Campus" plan will not efficiently or effectively address the issues it was intended to address, and these issues will resurface within the lifetime of this Local Plan.	9/13/2018 4:25 PM
253	space/land to build new homes infrastructure for new developments congestion	9/13/2018 3:29 PM
254	Housing school places Attracting and keeping business in the town	9/13/2018 3:18 PM
255	Traffic congestion Housing - the need for it to be mixed-lots of small flats is not right as families grow and need space Education places	9/13/2018 3:13 PM
256	Over-development and over-population. Not enough doctors and schools and trees and open spaces..... not enough trains, trains are too expensive and don't run on time, the station is congested.	9/13/2018 2:33 PM
257	Becoming a suburb of London and commuters not bringing benefit to the town. Town centre becoming a ghost town - especially at night.	9/13/2018 1:30 PM
258	Road congestion, poorer transport links, train overcrowding, unfilled gaps in the High Street	9/13/2018 1:25 PM
259	Overpopulation Negative highway initiatives towards vehicles. Infrastructure around new builds needs significant improvement.	9/13/2018 10:46 AM
260	The hospital. Homeless. Crime. Low pay. Traffic. Improving and expanding social services. Looking after the elderly and infirm and treating them with more respect.	9/13/2018 9:43 AM
261	Efficient traffic management. Increased population Public services for the increased population Excellent transport public transport service to support the growing population. Excellent education for children and young people in Watford. Affordable accommodation to support the growing service sector.	9/12/2018 5:35 PM
262	Traffic congestion, Housing, NHS although that should be the government, Industry, Public transport, Care of the elderly.	9/12/2018 4:54 PM
263	Overpopulation. Parking shortage. Loads of residents are selling properties due to parking issue.	9/12/2018 4:39 PM
264	Given the predicted increase in the town's population, I fear that traffic congestion, increased burden on already stretched hospital and GP medical services, possible school place shortages and other over-crowding problems could happen.	9/12/2018 4:29 PM
265	Affordable housing, green spaces, opportunities for independent business owners	9/12/2018 8:42 AM
266	Housing Infrastructure Employment Policing	9/12/2018 8:19 AM
267	Housing, loss of parks, links to other areas	9/12/2018 7:24 AM

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268	Ludicrous housing targets set by central government, pressure these put on services such as schools, roads, health care etc.	9/11/2018 7:44 PM
269	Overdevelopment Lack of facilities/amenities due to mass flat building Towerblocks Loss of community Unemployment	9/11/2018 7:10 PM
270	The services eg doctors, hospital and schools not being able to cope with all the new homes that are being built.	9/11/2018 6:04 PM
271	Improvements to the station and more trains. Faster transport links into London. High house prices. A lot of people I know that work in Watford (currently renting) are having to move to Milton Keynes to afford to buy a house. More restaurants are bars that attract working professionals. Redevelopment of the other side of town (by the pond). There's units that have been empty for years.	9/11/2018 5:51 PM
272	property prices being too high	9/11/2018 11:53 AM
273	More secondary schools, more doctors surgeries, more green space, more parking, less road congestion.	9/11/2018 9:05 AM
274	Road usage. As a resident who lives near Watford Junction (on a non-permit parking street) I have great difficulty in parking near my home. Residents should be prioritised over commuter, however the infrastructure should be in place to allow commuters to use the the station without affect locals (for example, by creating affordable parking solutions near the station, increased public transport to the station etc)	9/10/2018 9:57 PM
275	overbuilding, and congestion	9/10/2018 7:41 PM
276	I am concerned about the tread in increasing buy and rent prices in Watford. As a 20 something i would love to buy a house in my hometown, but i am struggling to find a house i could afford to buy.	9/10/2018 5:43 PM
277	Traffic, schooling and employment	9/10/2018 4:12 PM
278	Lack of land and facilities, not having the control over the infrastructure required or being able to get the required infrastructure. There are lots of factors, to name a few, water , electric and gas supply, the sewerage system, schools, police, doctors, firemen, transport, buses, trains, cars, roads, etc.	9/10/2018 2:41 PM
279	School places Overdevelopment Traffic congestion	9/10/2018 2:36 PM
280	Traffic congestion-this is a huge issue which doesn't look like its going away Reduction in amenities with an increasing population Affordable housing but overdevelopment	9/10/2018 11:48 AM
281	Cramming more people into a finite space whilst maintaining the elements that make that space an attractive place to live and work. Housing, transport, green spaces, local facilities / amenities and education.	9/10/2018 11:36 AM
282	Watford is becoming a popular location for people priced out of London to move to. It is already pushing house prices and rents up to the point that many young people are unable to remain in the borough unless they have social housing. Pressure on schools and health facilities as population increases. There are already some areas where children entering reception are unable to get a place at any of their local schools and have to travel to locations like Bedmond for a school place. Increases in road traffic and corresponding levels of noise and air pollution.	9/10/2018 9:31 AM
283	A growing population combined with a dwindling supply of land for development. Government policies which put unrealistic pressures on already very dense towns like Watford, simply because there is such a high demand for homes here. Economic downturn following Brexit which will reduce our prosperity.	9/10/2018 9:03 AM
284	Congestion Increase in crime	9/10/2018 12:37 AM
285	Over development in densely populated West Watford (which accounts for growing serious traffic flow and parking problems) compounded by the short sighted Council decision to approve the Riverwell development. Need to stop the increase in high rise developments. Lack of office space thanks to the short sighted council decision to convert too many offices in and around the town centre to flats (or free school).	9/9/2018 9:05 PM
286	Realistically my main concern is the type of people moving from inner london outwards. I do not invisage affluent people moving to this town. We will end up picking up the undesirables of other areas.	9/9/2018 8:30 PM
287	Too many cars.	9/9/2018 1:18 PM

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288	- Not enough secondary schools (Nascot Wood WD17 / WD24 area) - No local university (young people leave to go to university - Cost of housing (families can't afford to have appropriate sized housing even with professional wages) - To many smaller properties being built (1 or 2 bed flats which are not appropriate for families) - Lack of trees/ green spaces in some built up areas (especially important for children if living in flats).	9/9/2018 12:21 PM
289	Housing, education, technology.	9/9/2018 11:44 AM
290	Address the housing issues, and development - west watford is regularly built on, whilst having a bad rep for being run down. While cassiobury and nascot are always well protected, and its no surprise they are the wealthier areas. Its classism and its unjust. Residents are being priced out. Affordable homes are only affordable for commuters. Social housing is like gold dust. Rent is rocketing. Housing benefit is a big spend for the borough. Its just a pointless cycle of money in and money out. The problem continues. Transport prices are very skewed. Oyster fares are cheap, but we are in an expensive train zone. Yet Herts buses are very expensive. Jobs have, in my opinion, always been available and there are plenty of opportunities locally and within short commutable distances. The town is losing its spirit and is fast becoming just another borough of London.	9/9/2018 11:19 AM
291	to many people not enough cheaper housing	9/9/2018 8:54 AM
292	How to fit that number of new home in t a very restrictive town and keep feeling of the town without it becoming a high rise fortress How to maintain the balance between all the requirements for space form housing, recreation , retail and business and keep the town moving and services of power, water sewage and gas supplied	9/9/2018 8:54 AM
293	Over development compounded with the desperation to build the MLX.	9/9/2018 7:36 AM
294	Overcrowding Environmental footprint of such densely populated area Employment Improved youth provision Loss of community at grassroots level	9/9/2018 1:02 AM
295	increased traffic more pollution needs addressing. Aging population will need addressing - keep them more active - put more in to enable this will reduce pressure of healthcare system . New hospital building is crucial	9/8/2018 7:17 PM
296	We have to prevent the place becoming so built up we cant breath anymore.	9/8/2018 5:08 PM
297	Over development and resulting over population. Must have balance between growing local economy and ensuring Watford remains a family friendly locality.	9/8/2018 4:44 PM
298	Ethnic diversity and living harmoniously.	9/8/2018 2:47 PM
299	Housing plus associated infrastructure and the fact that the hospital needs a major upgrade. Also lack of secondary school choices.	9/8/2018 2:19 PM
300	Not enough affordable housing. Too much traffic. Not enough High Schools. Too competitive a system for high school places.	9/8/2018 1:36 PM
301	Housing shortage Pollution and traffic congestion Employment opportunities Infrastructure	9/8/2018 12:49 PM
302	Housing Health & social care Public transport Anti-social behaviour/levels of crime & personal safety	9/8/2018 11:40 AM
303	Discouraging car use (therefore car-free developments) whilst failing to invest in alternative public transport options. Bus services have been in decline with reductions in funding. Ad-hoc pay-as-you go bus use is discouraged by the local bus operators through high single fare pricing, lack of transparency (single prices not available websites), and failure to accept contactless payment. Cycling is not a robust travel medium particularly in inclement weather. Consideration of how developing car and lift sharing services (which address some of the above deficiencies) can be encouraged. For example, should any bus lanes be open to car pool / lift share providers.	9/8/2018 10:39 AM
304	Over development - building everywhere with no allowance for green spaces and supporting infrastructure,i.e. schools, doctors surgeries, green spaces, pollution, transport in particular a railway station unfit for purpose	9/8/2018 10:37 AM
305	I think it's important for housing to be planned more effectively. Living in Watford requires having a car for many people and, for example, on [REDACTED], where I live, the new build flats do not have parking permission or parking spaces. This may seem ok on a planning level but the upshot of this is that in the evening there is a huge amount of unsafe and illegal parking. I don't blame the residents, I think parking should have been required for these new builds at the planning stage	9/8/2018 10:34 AM
306	pressure from increased housing on infrastructure	9/8/2018 8:22 AM
307	Over crowding Insufficient infrastructure Transport network/links insufficient	9/8/2018 8:02 AM
308	[REDACTED]	9/8/2018 6:35 AM

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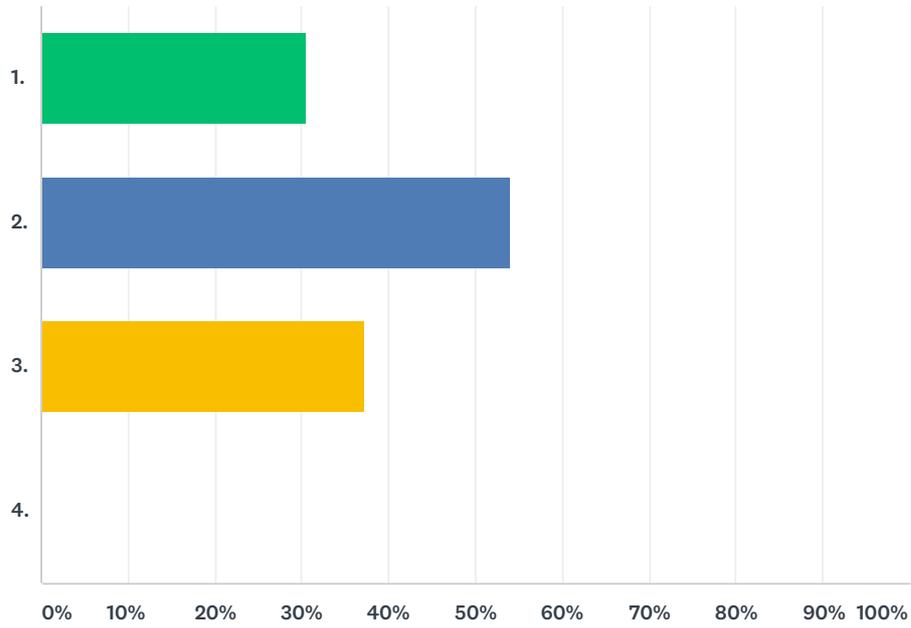
309	Space, housing, schooling, infrastructure, green spaces, parks and recreation. Beside the hum drum of road maintenance, lighting, parking, refuse collection	9/8/2018 12:49 AM
310	Too many flats to provide 770 houses each year . (the government says houses not flats)! The flats built have huge service charges and ground rent . The service charges go up every year . The management team makes money in between. There are parking issues . Only one parking place for each flat. If there are two cars per family as now most family have there is a problem for parking for the other car. The flats have lots of other issues .	9/7/2018 11:57 PM
311	housing, transport	9/7/2018 11:49 PM
312	Transport - watford junction is not fit for purpose and the bus service requires enhancements.	9/7/2018 11:19 PM
313	Over development, strain on the infrastructure, amenities and facilities, traffic congestion, loss of open space.	9/7/2018 11:17 PM
314	Housing Policing Diversity Community identity	9/7/2018 10:52 PM
315	Crumbling infrastructure due to poor planning and being brave enough to impose requirements on developers	9/7/2018 9:48 PM
316	As it's population grows - pressure on infrastructure: traffic, schools, doctors, hospital. Availability and price of housing.	9/7/2018 9:47 PM
317	Influx of crime coming from London and its boroughs. Over populating the town with no infrastructure built in to cope with it.	9/7/2018 8:33 PM
318	Health. Policing	9/7/2018 8:16 PM
319	Transportation	9/7/2018 8:11 PM
320	Transport.	9/7/2018 7:43 PM
321	Too many people taking from the town - not enough givers	9/7/2018 7:35 PM
322	Medical facilities and creating a vibrant city centre	9/7/2018 7:34 PM
323	Too much traffic due to overdevelopment and overbuilding of housing. An outdated and depressing general hospital which is not fit for purpose.	9/7/2018 7:29 PM
324	School places and lack of doctors	9/7/2018 7:07 PM
325	Over crowding and not having the correct infrastructure to support the people who are living in the community. We need more schools and doctors	9/7/2018 6:41 PM
326	Overcrowded communities vying for parking spaces, school places, doctors appointments, transport services etc	9/7/2018 6:33 PM
327	Risk of having too much social housing and as a consequence increased anti-social behaviour. Overcrowding, with too many low cost properties, increasng the criminal activity and burglaries.	9/7/2018 6:24 PM
328	Hospital needs serious improvements as staff are over worked with the amount of patients. Patients are the ones who suffer, mistakes are made then people end up suing an under funded NHS. Doctors surgeries cannot cope now and you have to wait a long time for an appointment. Roads are not good enough for the current traffic, adding more cars will cause the town to come to a standstill. Not enough parking to cope with more residents, you cannot say all new residential buildings will be car free. It won't happen. They will park in residential parking areas as they do now and people have to pay to park there currently. It's not fair to expect some residents to pay whilst others don't.	9/7/2018 6:13 PM
329	Housing congestion with no outside spaces for the dwellings. Anti social behaviour.	9/7/2018 5:54 PM
330	Homelessness, affordable housing for young people (including young males), youth drug taking and associated criminality	9/7/2018 5:44 PM
331	Too many expensive staff in public office, too many different departments and organisations involved without a real focus or aim. Problems can be resolved without paying consultants and managers.	9/7/2018 5:44 PM
332	Overdevelopment, poor standard of accommodation (shoe box size flats being built), local gov services suffering under weight of population growth and central gov cuts.	9/7/2018 5:42 PM
333	Housing, hospital care (both inpatient and community care), and rail / road infrastructure seem to be the main issues facing Watford in the near future.	9/7/2018 5:29 PM
334	Over population leading to traffic problems. Local hospital needs redeveloping before more housing not after!	9/7/2018 5:07 PM
335	Overcrowding, leading to not enough services, doctors surgeries and hospital can't cope with the number of people.	9/7/2018 4:59 PM

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336	The hospital is dilapidated and it has to serve three towns when three hospitals used to serve each town. There are too many cars in Watford. Watford appears run down.	9/7/2018 4:51 PM
337	Integration the ever increasing population.	9/7/2018 4:34 PM
338	Population growth straining resources.	9/7/2018 4:33 PM
339	Population overload on resources and facilities.	9/7/2018 3:41 PM
340	Keeping businesses and shops Housing Schools Traffic	9/7/2018 3:27 PM
341	Improvements to roads to keep traffic flowing, better cycle lanes & improvement on bus routes & stops, Better street parking, Lighting for Roads & Pathways. Making areas safer to walk around in evenings crossing accessibility speed reductions	9/7/2018 3:04 PM
342	To keep the balance between a strong enticing town centre and providing jobs and housing for residents.	9/7/2018 2:57 PM
343	Population - too many people, too much pressure on providing housing. We run the risk of looking back in 50 years time and saying what were they thinking letting the town be over built on with cheap ugly designs of buildings and lose what makes it attractive and nice. Wants to be London but doesn't have the transport links and our zoning makes travel expensive. Schools are a major issue with places not going to local residents. Hospital - everything about it. Money.	9/7/2018 2:35 PM
344	Too much inward migration, and too many flats leaving the whole area feeling claustrophobic.	9/7/2018 2:21 PM
345	Use of land and housing	9/7/2018 2:12 PM
346	Not enough space to deliver housing targets.	9/7/2018 2:00 PM
347	Over population. Very poor parking for local residents. Not enough green space. Not enough community spaces, especially for the elderly and for teenagers.	9/7/2018 2:00 PM
348	Easy answer - affordable housing for the locals rather than people moving up the M1 to buy a property. And services which are well funded and available - but this is the same in all towns around the country	9/7/2018 1:51 PM
349	Too many flats being built. Pressure on schools Traffic parking in residential streets	9/7/2018 1:37 PM

Q4 Which of the first three options listed above (one or more) do you think is best for Watford?

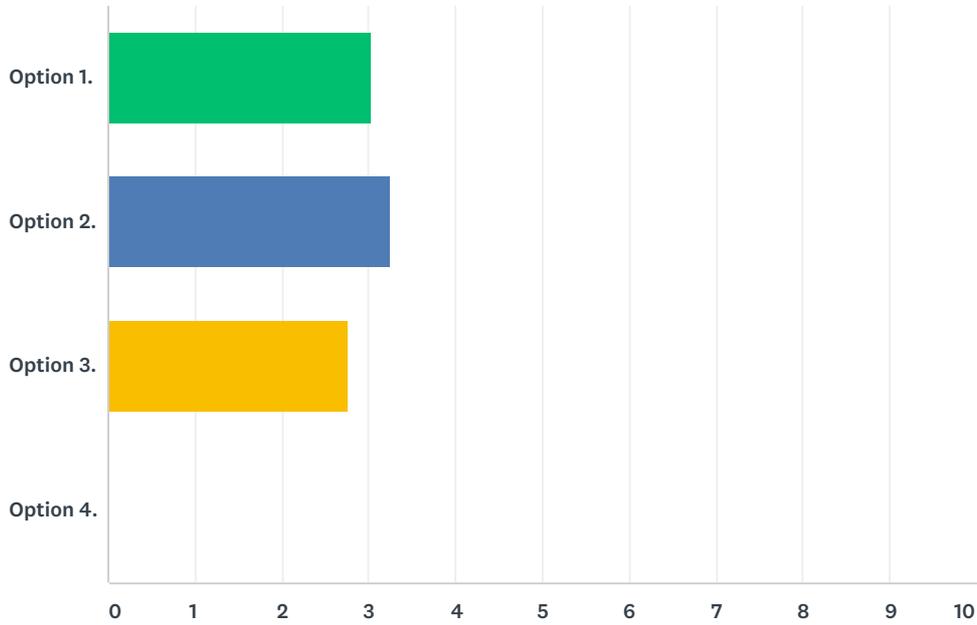
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1.	30.63%	102
2.	54.05%	180
3.	37.24%	124
4.	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 333		

Q5 Of the first three options above, do you have an order of preference about how new housing can be provided in the borough? Please rate the options from 1 to 3 - with 1 for your top option and 3 your least favoured option.

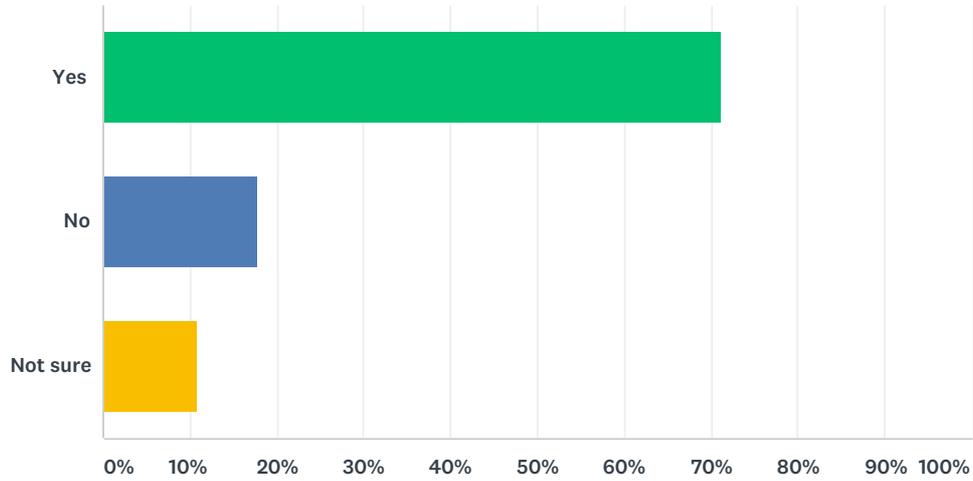
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	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	SCORE
Option 1.	30.79% 101	41.46% 136	27.74% 91	0.00% 0	328	3.03
Option 2.	41.18% 133	41.49% 134	17.34% 56	0.00% 0	323	3.24
Option 3.	29.81% 93	16.99% 53	53.21% 166	0.00% 0	312	2.77
Option 4.	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0	0.00

Q6 Do you think the council should continue to prioritise affordable housing being provided on sites when new housing development comes forward?

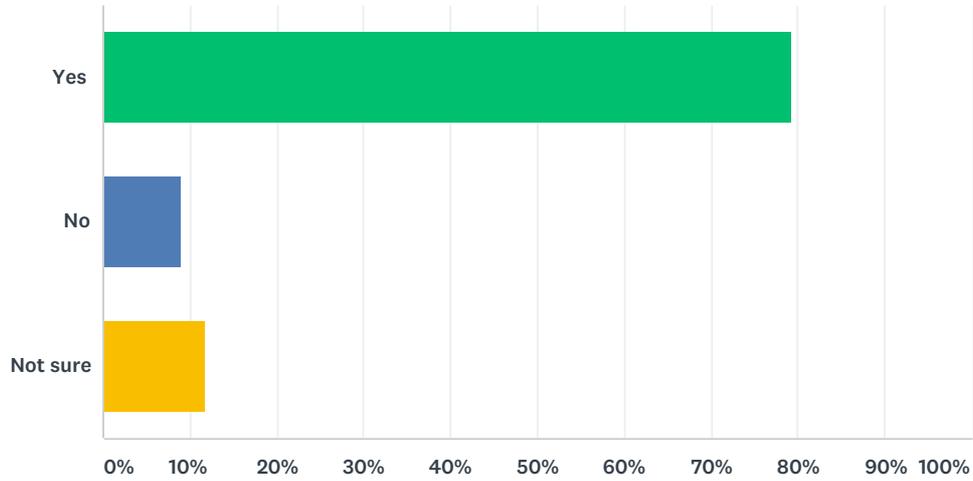
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	71.18%	247
No	17.87%	62
Not sure	10.95%	38
TOTAL		347

Q7 Do you think the council should encourage developers to make a financial contribution that can be used to provide affordable housing on other sites in the borough?

Answered: 347 Skipped: 72



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	79.25%	275
No	8.93%	31
Not sure	11.82%	41
TOTAL		347

Q8 Do you think there are any other approaches that should be considered. If so please write in below what approaches we should consider?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Lobby national government to use fiscal policies to reduce house prices for all. Policies like low interest rates and help-to-buy have pushed house prices up to ridiculously high levels. A problem with so called 'affordable housing' is that it encourages poor build quality and exploitation of poor locations.	10/21/2018 10:13 AM
2	More shared ownership schemes to help people get on housing ladder	10/20/2018 9:53 AM
3	Redevelop unused business lots/commercial properties that have been left empty for a significant amount of time. Could we be the first town to irradicate homelessness? Please see Reasons To Be Cheerful podcast, ep 26. Affordable and social housing provision must be a high priority.	10/19/2018 11:02 PM
4	Work with other councils to find the best solution across boroughs in the county as you say. Watford is the smallest town in the borough and near capacity. I am fully against development on Greenbelt land and the best use of previously developed and brownfield land must be undertaken. I understand too that Watford borough council are under pressure from above to provide the required numbers of new housing, but it must be done carefully and without overdevelopment.	10/19/2018 10:01 PM
5	At a national level, wages should be increased, help to buy schemes promoted more and immigration drastically reduced. People applying to live in the UK should be earning a minimum of £35k to be considered. At a local level, only people who have been living in the country/borough all their life should be considered for social housing where they qualify. Local councils can do much more to bring benefit tourism to an end.	10/19/2018 9:40 PM
6	build more co living spaces to split the costs of smaller private areas but larger communal areas	10/19/2018 9:39 PM
7	Help people understand that if investment is made elsewhere in the uk the pull to London and the south east will reduce which will in turn reduce the demand for housing and artificial house price increase in the area. Just like we need a modal shift in transport as we can't keep building roads ...we need a employment shift regionally as we can't keep building houses in the south east..	10/19/2018 4:35 PM
8	Developers should always should make an on-site contribution. Ensuring that the viability information that developers provide is robust (you probably already do this).	10/19/2018 3:31 PM
9	My questions to Watford Council: Are there statistics of "homes not occupied for over one year"? Are there anything the Council can do about this unoccupied housing stock?	10/19/2018 2:50 PM
10	Avoid too many luxury homes.	10/19/2018 2:33 PM
11	I do not think affordable housing should be built in high concentrations that encourage ghettos to develop as has occurred elsewhere.	10/19/2018 2:23 PM
12	Be absolutely firm in maintaining the required provision from developers.	10/19/2018 12:58 PM
13	Central Government money is reducing. Watford Council needs alternative sources of revenue. what about investing in housing property for rent in a large way?	10/19/2018 11:52 AM
14	More options to move into cheaper rented accommodation away from the high street. Help with deposit scheme as a repayment loan to help people out of temporary accommodation.	10/19/2018 11:43 AM

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15	Housing is an important issue, and again in the way these are design doesn't favour community spirit, and doesn't provide good or at least decent quality of life. First, it has to be affordable, definition is unclear and still remain unaffordable for the many. Second, a contribution from developer is always meaningless as it is then the responsibility of the council to build or buy new homes at expensive price. It doesn't make any sense. Developer should integrate affordable housing as part of their planning permission with criteria as such as space, price affordability, number of house / apartment. To favour communities, development plan should also include shared facilities such as kitchen, playing area, living room. It will become cheaper to build by sharing amenities, increase community spirit so people get to know each other. Also, stop the promotion of ready made and luxury accommodation, it just increase the price where there is no need. Decent standard should be in pace, at affordable price	10/19/2018 11:29 AM
16	The Council, should take a stronger initiative in promoting apartment living in within the inner ring road. This will crate a more vibrant town centre in an environmentally sustainable way	10/19/2018 9:50 AM
17	Infill development and repurposing obsolete industrial / commercial / retail land.	10/19/2018 1:40 AM
18	Stop permitting existing council housing stock to be sold off. Right to buy has failed, please fight against it continuing.	10/18/2018 10:30 PM
19	Use areas like green spaces in Harebreaks for affordable housing as there are 2 parks close by.	10/18/2018 6:36 PM
20	Make sure that all new Houses will be affordable as the ones that are being built are defo not affordable maybe if your a footballer that is it	10/18/2018 4:11 PM
21	Developers have got to stop being allowed to slip through loopholes when it comes to providing the correct percentage of affordable housing and everyone needs to remember that affordable housing is not the same as social housing and social housing is just as important if not more so for our town.	10/18/2018 12:41 PM
22	Given that there are in excess of 20,000 homes in London that are currently unoccupied, put pressure on the Mayor of London and London boroughs to take action to ensure that this situation is addressed to accommodate more families in London. Many people living or seeking to live in Watford may prefer to live in London, but are unable to do so because of the high cost of renting or buying property and its unavailability.	10/18/2018 9:46 AM
23	There are several options, that are not mutually exclusive, and probably all need to be implemented in part. Higher density development in the town centre locations and especially with good public transport access is needed. These areas can provide a significant number of good quality market apartments and affordable apartments. Existing residential areas should, where possible, be encouraged to group together sites to be able to undertake redevelopment at higher densities. The open green spaces and designated Green Belt should be subject to a qualitative survey, at identify areas where new housing is appropriate without damaging the attractiveness of the open areas. This should be done alongside associated requirements to improve the quality and accessibility of the adjoining green spaces and open land.	10/17/2018 4:54 PM
24	I think there should be more housing rented by the council. In fact I voted against WCHT taking over council housing stock in the first place.	10/17/2018 4:11 PM
25	All affordable housing should be scrapped. The money to subsidise affordable housing is simply added to the cost of unaffordable housing making the situation even worse.	10/17/2018 4:07 PM
26	As central money is being reduced, the council has to use more business approaches, like investing in developing and renting out property. This would provide another income stream.	10/17/2018 3:39 PM
27	The council could consider allowing more unused office spaces being turned into dwellings. In addition, Watford Council could work with other authorities like Herts County Council to redevelop some of their land in the Watford area.	10/17/2018 2:24 PM
28	The council should initiate and oversee projects to build affordable "council" homes where they are needed for the people in the town that need them. They can then ensure schools and infrastructure is put in place to meet the demands of the residents of these new homes. Developers too often build what they want to build for profitable purposes and not for the needs of the town and the Town Planning Department appears to have little control over this.	10/17/2018 12:04 PM
29	This relates to the previous question about where to put new houses. I would humbly suggest that new houses are put in the areas that currently have the lowest population density such as the sacrosanct Cassiobury Estate and not put into the already over populated areas such as Vicarage, Central and Callowland. This would reduce the value of properties in the more expensive areas which can only be a good thing according to your premise above about the high cost of housing and hopefully lead to more people being able to afford to move within the town as their needs change.	10/17/2018 11:50 AM
30	Council should always ensure developers meet councils stated percentages for affordable housing within new schemes.	10/17/2018 1:38 AM

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31	Consider option 4 mentioned previously Watford is NOT London yet it gets treated as a London Borough without the benefits.	10/16/2018 10:06 AM
32	Councils should be able to provide housing themselves for lower income tenants. The Meriden Estate shows that is perfectly possible to provide good quality housing and facilities under direct council control. We are unsure of the current legal position but believe councils should be able to limit percentage of private rental accommodation in any particular area and have power to enforce minimum standards on those that do exist backed up by an inspection regime	10/16/2018 9:09 AM
33	There is no space or parking in residential areas. Only option is to build on underused green belt land and provide better transport in.	10/15/2018 4:58 PM
34	none	10/15/2018 4:14 PM
35	I would raise the threshold to 50 % affordable housing	10/15/2018 1:55 PM
36	If developers cannot commit to the target amount of affordable houses, deny the application. What good is a small payoff to the council to protect the developers profit margins if they claim it uneconomical to build the required housing? It just leads to a shortage of affordable housing in the area	10/15/2018 12:29 PM
37	NOT FLATS ALL THE TIME we are not LONDON USE brown land to redevelop Think Outside the box!!!!	10/14/2018 8:37 PM
38	No social housing should equal no development with no financial cop out	10/14/2018 8:10 PM
39	More than half the housing should be affordable or social housing with sufficient parking and facilities, ie doctors surgeries, schools, etc also included	10/14/2018 7:14 PM
40	I think that 50% of ALL house building projects should be for affordable housing, not the current % depending on properties size/design.. Also, there are several empty office blocks in & around Watford which could be redesigned from within to turn them into flats, this would be a use if funds than keep knocking things down to build "new"..	10/14/2018 7:12 PM
41	Looking into ways to encourage older people to give up large family homes Possibly building communities in which they can retire and hv support when they become less mobile etc	10/14/2018 5:50 PM
42	Has anyone researched who is living in the new blocks of flats? Are they from Watford or from outside? Until you know the answer you don't know if you are meeting the housing needs of Locals or just allowing Developers to make money from people from outside the area. In other words perhaps your housing policy is not meeting the needs of Locals at all. (through no fault of yours if the research has not been done)	10/14/2018 4:17 PM
43	A cap on the amount of profit building companies/developers can make on providing housing and pass this saving onto the price of buying the property. Social housing should not be provided so close to town or in the more expensive areas.	10/14/2018 10:44 AM
44	Watford is full. No more building, please. It is becoming a nightmare of a town.	10/13/2018 8:44 PM
45	Population control is the only answer. Incentives to not have children if you live in a flat for example (not having a garden is detrimental to mental health).	10/13/2018 5:17 PM
46	1 Identify all properties that have been empty for over 18 months and require them to be rented out at affordable rent or use Compulsory Purchase Powers to acquire them and use them as temporary accommodation and/or social housing 2. Some private homes are under occupied because children have moved out etc. The council should look at options to acquire give incentives to the occupiers to move out of such properties and either lease them or sell them to the council for use as social / affordable housing	10/13/2018 11:04 AM
47	Developers are abundant in number and make a lot of money. They should be held accountable to ensuring that strict guidelines and requirements are adhered to - could profit be capped somehow so that they are encouraged to reinvest in services or ensure that new housing is truly affordable or a number of properties are signed over to the community housing trust. Could a not for profit development company be created between the council and social housing such as WCHT so that profit can be invested into more affordable and social housing.	10/13/2018 7:50 AM
48	when new affordable housing is made, there should be a clause in the contract stating the house cannot ever be rented out, and if the house is sold at a discount, then if it is re-sold within 10 years, the percentage discount must be reflected in the sale price, this would stop buy to let landlords and investors from taking much needed property away from the people who really need it	10/12/2018 8:20 PM
49	Yes Shared common areas (eg utilities - washing machines etc) Shared lounges etc le build communities where people can live together but have their own private space too Efficient and also sociable Solution to loneliness and high costs	10/12/2018 6:07 PM
50	Challenging central government targets	10/12/2018 5:40 PM

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51	Build, build, build. Small but of land somewhere? Build some houses. Brownfield site? Build some houses. Golf course underused? Build some houses. The only way housing cost will come down is by increasing supply. Build houses wherever you can. And not just developers. The council should build houses. I don't fully understand the legalistically of it but if developers can build at a profit then surely the council can at cost?	10/12/2018 1:07 PM
52	We need more social housing not just affordable homes to buy for the lucky few who get them. What happens to affordable housing when the first buyer wants to sell? Do they have to sell at an affordable price, or do they make a huge profit and move on? The council needs to better manage their housing stock. Reassess council tenants every five or ten years. Would they still qualify if applying now, or could they afford to move into the private sector either buying or renting, so the council property could service a more needy family? Any and all monies raised by selling council property should be immediately reinvested in new housing stock.	10/12/2018 10:11 AM
53	Why should London commuter towns such as Watford have to increase housing provision whilst London itself fails to tackle the housing issue effectively? Root causes of housing shortages, and the greater social issues connected to this issue, need to be tackled first before an effective approach can be implemented.	10/12/2018 7:54 AM
54	Not sure but many local youngsters I'm sure will never be able to afford a property in the local area as things stand now.	10/11/2018 8:39 PM
55	It's a complete mess. Something needs to change from the top. Cap house prices & only let people who are not British citizens buy if they live/work here. I know of one family who feel they will be forced out of Gloucester else they will be forever stuck paying ridiculous tdnt prices. You are breaking up communities and ruining our town	10/11/2018 5:56 PM
56	'Affordable housing' is a misnomer of Orwellian proportions. There are solutions but they require government legislation. An example which has worked elsewhere is to levy a tax on unoccupied housing at a graduated rate depending on how long it has been empty rising to say 5% of its value per year. In addition we need to tackle the monopoly of the big house builders. They keep development land off the market by the use of secret 'land options'. (That's an off balance sheet derivative which effectively enables them to control the land without owning it - it's what enables them to deny 'land banking' while effectively still restricting supply). The majority of potential development land gets controlled this way. First legislation needs to be passed to ensure 'land options' are publicly registered. Second they need to be taxed to discourage their use and free up the land for smaller developers.	10/11/2018 5:24 PM
57	Council is not supportive if families living together. You never get a support and housing benefits if live live with your family at the same place or renting from each other.	10/11/2018 11:15 AM
58	Developers should make larger financial contributions as part of section 106 agreements. Developers make huge profits and some make little or no financial contributions it's ridiculous.	10/10/2018 8:44 PM
59	More key worker schemes.	10/10/2018 7:31 PM
60	Stop promoting Help to Buy developments - in the South East they still remain out of reach of first time buyers, and are snapped up by landlords. They are also inflated in price and a way of conning lower income buyers. Instead, prioritise those who have already rented or lived in Watford for a certain amount of time in applying for appropriate affordable homes. Encourage this over landlords buying up more properties, or instil a cap on how many properties landlords can buy up in town. Offering parking permits/free or discounted car parking to those who buy traditional houses in Watford (often the streets are so crowded there is no parking available - if they could park in nearby car parks for free or at discount, some of the existing houses may be more workable). More usable connections between places where newer homes are being built (Leavesden, Garston) and Watford Junction/London. For those considering buying in that area who work in town, the Abbey Line only runs once an hour. Create opportunities for new home owners to build or renovate existing derelict/unfit houses. Demand a portion of each development as affordable housing from developers who want to work in Watford - with the increase in business most will want to build here. They should only be able to do so if they support the whole of our community. We don't need more overpriced new build flats that are twice the price of existing flats. We need well made structures with parking, with access to green spaces. Land that has been bought by developers but is being sat on without any building planned should be sold back/on to those who are capable of developing it more quickly. Build for those who already live here, who work here, having families here - not just for commuters who want to be near the station.	10/10/2018 5:48 PM
61	Yes, let people commute into Watford!!! You don't have to build all the houses here just build the infrastructure to get people in and out quickly and efficiently and they will still come!!!	10/10/2018 12:50 PM
62	Rent control and better landlord control to enable people to securely stay in rented accommodation long-term (like European models). More 5% mortgage schemes than shared ownership.	10/10/2018 11:34 AM

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63	Housing association or local authority rental properties are badly needed for those who are excluded by their financial situation from buying even so-called affordable homes. To a growing proportion of families they are not affordable at all. For some they never will be. With rents to private landlords of over £700 a month for a decent one-bed flat, £1250 a month and upwards for a 3-bed house, it's obvious there's a problem for families on low incomes. New flats to rent in the town centre, where ownership of cars is not needed so much, could be a solution.	10/10/2018 1:53 AM
64	The council should maintain a certain number of homes for rent along side private residences. Developers are allowed to make too much profit, some of that money could be put to good use in including things like a creche for example within the development. Reduction of a couple of apartments could house said creche, libraries etc.	10/9/2018 11:03 PM
65	More social housing. More housing association housing. More part buy housing.	10/9/2018 12:33 PM
66	Avoid clauses that allow developers to reduce affordable housing, should the original submitted development plan end up being modified. Developers shouldn't expect to have their own, perhaps controversial, building plans 'rubber stamped' simple through making an ill-defined 'financial contribution'.	10/9/2018 12:00 PM
67	Too many family homes are being knocked down to build townhouses and flats. We need to maintain the character of the area which makes it such a nice place to live.	10/9/2018 11:36 AM
68	The percentage of 'affordable' homes should be increased. 'Affordable' needs to be defined so as to actually be realistically affordable. Better re-development - for example there is a development of flats going on at the corner of Princes Avenue and Harwoods Road WD18. This has been built to look almost identical to the building that was demolished to make way for it. A lost opportunity - this could have been visually more interesting and built in a more environmentally friendly way.	10/9/2018 10:29 AM
69	Rent caps.	10/9/2018 9:57 AM
70	Whilst it seems to be of little or no interest to those in Westminster, the Government must bear a great deal of the responsibility for the rise in population resulting in the present housing shortage. It seems to have passed the problem onto the local authorities whether or not those authorities have the ability to cope. 770 new homes a year until 2036 might be achievable for the first few years but what happens when we run out of space by 2028?	10/9/2018 9:46 AM
71	Affordable housing is still far too much of a stretch for most people. Landlords suck up the lower cost housing stock.	10/9/2018 7:55 AM
72	Petition government to lower the target. Give priority to Watford residents who are already living here with friends and family. This will ensure the target for new homes is met without the massive increases in population	10/8/2018 11:46 PM
73	Mixed development with private developer contribution	10/8/2018 11:23 PM
74	You can put the above options in any different order, but basically the answer is a little bit of all of them together.	10/8/2018 10:16 PM
75	The council should build council houses and apartments for people in low paid work and should check every five years to see if there wages are better and then they can move out and let another low earner have a home for five years ,developers are just in it to get as much profit as possible their so called affordable is not affordable for most people	10/8/2018 9:43 PM
76	Consider areas with easy flow of traffic, building only areas directly connected to main exits out of Watford, North Watford area is saturated and so are it's services. St Alban's road and roads crossing it are too congested to add further pressure. Garston or southern area near Bushey are less congested.	10/8/2018 6:51 PM
77	There have been many recent planning decisions where existing policy of 35% affordable housing has not been enforced. Developers are being allowed to wriggle out of the declared policy by WBC planning officers. Affordable housing, especially apartments, should be incorporated in the general build and integrated throughout any development not be kept to a separate block which builds in a social barrier. The fabric of a development will be the same, it can only be the internal dimensions and internal finishing of each dwelling that makes the difference between 'standard' and 'affordable' so it's laziness on the part of the developer to consolidate the standards by block. Or, are developers and planning departments indicating that people requiring affordable housing should be segregated from the more affluent residents??	10/8/2018 4:25 PM
78	The only thing i can think of is to increase the % of affordable homes for development in the centre of town and decrease on a sliding scale for further out of the town/major public transport locations.	10/7/2018 7:23 PM
79	Make sure new housing looks distinct and architecturally interesting. Not like most new housing estates. Also try and include mixed use spaces.	10/7/2018 7:10 PM

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80	Consider making brownfield sites a development priority not letting developers take the easy option green belt sites.	10/6/2018 2:28 PM
81	Not knowing the area terribly is there land anywhere that would be suitable and good value for building on. This would need to be supported by adequate infrastructure and very good, affordable transport links to places of work and schools, health services. are there areas where supermarket chains have secured land making this unavailable, and, where foreign investors have 'stockpiled' properties with a view to making profits? If such situations exist they must be limited in future, perhaps a levy raised at the time of purchase, and or at the time of being sold.	10/6/2018 2:14 PM
82	Social housing.	10/6/2018 1:54 PM
83	I think this is a national issue and the Government should make more funds available to local councils for social housing. (more than they have announced already).	10/6/2018 1:01 PM
84	Replacement of older run down housing with modern units	10/6/2018 8:32 AM
85	Stop buy to lets, ensure some houses will only be available to first time buyers.	10/5/2018 6:36 PM
86	It's hard for someone who does not have to plan these things to comment on. I live in an area that encourages first time buyers that live in flats but then doesn't provide smaller family houses that they can then move onto. My main concern is that watford will become a town of 'flats' and larger 3 bedroom houses that will only attract the working, first time buyer as well as the more affluent family type. Watford needs diversity in terms of family dynamics and situation, not just race and religion.	10/5/2018 5:06 PM
87	The Council should build affordable housing	10/5/2018 4:57 PM
88	The Council takes a carte-blanch attitude to housing development - everything gets approved regardless of what local residents already living in the area say. This is undemocratic and must stop. The population of Watford is rapidly rising because the council keeps approving low budget, ugly, unwanted, unsupported developments.	10/5/2018 1:29 PM
89	I know in the scheme of things it's not much, but is it possible for the council to acquire properties that maybe require renovation etc. and renovate them so they can be added to the Council's housing stock? Also, could larger derelict, unused buildings be converted to housing?	10/5/2018 10:20 AM
90	My understanding is that when a developer wants to build, a percentage of housing has to be affordable. Recent housing that has been given permission has not reached that figure. If a developer can't achieve the levels of affordable housing required then they shouldn't be given permission to build.	10/5/2018 4:14 AM
91	Not building more housing and leave the town alone!	10/4/2018 11:44 PM
92	Would be interested to see development of micro housing and container homes	10/4/2018 9:04 PM
93	Without knowing more of who would be residing in these areas it is hard to comment. Whilst you do not want to create ghettos there has to be a certain element of common sense applied into who goes where. Anyone one of us could lose our jobs and be without a home and we would want to be able to be proud of where we lived - as that creates community and respect	10/4/2018 6:18 PM
94	Permitted development rights to add an additional storey to existing buildings	10/4/2018 3:42 PM
95	A huge issue I've faced since moving from back to Watford from London is the insanely high travel costs into London. I am now fortunate enough to work in Watford on a good wage which I'd usually need to go to London for. I have therefore eliminated the travel costs. I think encouraging big business to relocate offices outside of central London (for example, Clarendon Road and other business parks), will draw people out of the city and invest in local housing. In addition, investing in better and cheaper transport into London and around Watford will get people to move out this way.	10/4/2018 7:40 AM
96	Building schools and Drs for all the new builds. More checks on people to ensure they are not renting out the council house/ flats. Inspections on tenants to ensure they are looking after the property and there local areas	10/4/2018 5:57 AM
97	Affordable housing should be for people who are from Watford and not overspill from outside the area, so a scheme to encourage this.	10/3/2018 10:25 PM
98	Cap the cost of new smaller homes and reduce the amount of propertie people can own buy to let should be limited and only a profit of 10 per cent should be allowed when selling on to keep prices rising but much slower to stay more in line with wage rises	10/3/2018 6:47 PM
99	Consider the residents opinions. Not to go through the motions of 'consultations' when ALL the decisions have been made.	10/3/2018 4:55 PM
100	More social housing Not excepting payment not to build more social housing	10/3/2018 8:33 AM

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101	An increase in social housing so that those on lower incomes can still live in Watford not every job has a salary of £27,508. There are many jobs that are well below that figure so people have to travel in from further a field on poor transport links by bus or train which is an additional cost to them.	10/2/2018 11:20 PM
102	Preventing landlords from providing sub standard housing and accommodation, regardless of the price they are charging. Many people in Watford pay a lot of money for very poor living standards. New housing developments should put affordable housing first and should consider those who are already on the property ladder far less. People who can afford to rent there current home or who already own a home should not have new homes built with their needs in mind. Too many people are stuck living at home with their parents.	10/2/2018 7:41 PM
103	Most residents I know have no faith at all in the planning department as it seems if certain payments are made then refused plans seem to get approved and one planner was quoted as saying that there was no point in refusing planning permission because it will get approved on appeal - so whats the point of any planners? Planners need to be seen as working on behalf of all residents and properly take into consideration their concerns - this has not been seen for many years so no one has faith in them - so they have to earn residents trust and respect to go forward	10/2/2018 5:13 PM
104	Developers making a financial contribution to provide affordable housing at other sites is only appropriate where there is land available for development - in Watford this is not the case. The social/affordable housing provision should be increased to at least 50% of each new development. This shouldn't be too hard when new build 2 bed flats are going for circa £400,000. You already have figures re: salary so you know this is totally unaffordable for most. In the town centre, despite being 'connected' to London via public transport, eliminating any sort of requirement for parking is incredibly short sighted, especially when public transport via bus/train to nearby locations where people may work is frightfully unsuitable. It takes 2-2.5 hours by bus to get to Luton, for example. If you work in Luton, then you would need a car. It also means that anyone who is not a London commuter who owns a vehicle can't purchase one of these properties, because it's unsuitable. This issue is compounded further when there is no parking provision made for social housing developments as these tenants don't have a choice where they live, but may very well need a car to get to work or to look after family, or for any number of reasons.	10/2/2018 2:39 PM
105	Don't focus on just 1 or 2 bed flats/houses. Also need to build 3+ bed dwellings. As stated before, remove red tape associated with so called conservation area and allow local residents to extend & modernise.	10/1/2018 7:58 PM
106	Option 4 to deliver home ownership (not leasehold) outside the Borough	10/1/2018 3:59 PM
107	- Increase from 35% to 40%	9/30/2018 9:17 PM
108	A return to full scale Council / social housing	9/30/2018 5:19 PM
109	By making housing more affordable in the town we will invite more crime to the town.	9/30/2018 9:10 AM
110	The government's help to buy scheme and the part buy part rental scheme should always be available. People that buy new homes to rent out should somehow be prevented from buying on new developments until genuine home buyers have had the chance of buying or at least limited to what they can buy.	9/29/2018 7:17 AM
111	Much more social housing is needed. So called affordable housing is anything but affordable for most people.	9/28/2018 6:30 PM
112	There needs to be a nationwide assessment of mortgages. Renting a 4 bedroom house is more expensive than mortgage payments. Having done this for 4 years I believe we have proved we could afford even a 100% mortgage. It is the deposit that costs the most. Further to this even a deposit ownership scheme where a deposit is provided in exchange for a percentage ownership of the house would assist.	9/28/2018 7:12 AM
113	Get higher paid jobs in the town - eg technology	9/27/2018 11:41 PM
114	Working with other parts of uk to move businesses there to encourage migration from the south west	9/27/2018 12:36 PM
115	Not really any other options	9/27/2018 5:46 AM
116	Build more houses in Leavesden and near Abbots langley	9/27/2018 12:37 AM
117	Build more. Allow as many developments as possible as long as they produce the requisite percentage of affordable housing alongside them - the only way to increase the overall number of affordable properties	9/26/2018 7:13 PM

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118	I think that people who own more than one house should b taxed more heavily on multiple properties so that the flow of housing is opened up again and prices start to readjust to allow all housing to b more affordable for more people.	9/26/2018 7:12 PM
119	Stop building one and two bedroom flats. Families are poorly served by them. What is the average cost of a 3 or bedroom house (this is the size of property sought by families with two or more children, especially when children sharing the same bedroom is not practical i.e. a teenage boy and girl). The secondary schools are drawing in families, we need properties that will provide suitable accommodation for those families. It is quite clear why so many families rent flats next to the Watford Grammar Schools but then move shortly after securing a school place. Who would choose to bring up a family in a one or two bedroom flat?	9/26/2018 4:37 PM
120	Make all developments have a percentage of affordable housing	9/26/2018 4:05 PM
121	Prevent buy to let	9/26/2018 6:28 AM
122	Go back to council housing.	9/26/2018 6:27 AM
123	oy build modest homes, not luxury homes that locals can't afford	9/25/2018 10:18 PM
124	The council should build the homes for social and affordable housing. We do not need more home local residents can not afford to buy/rent. Look at building another garden city	9/25/2018 7:12 PM
125	Think that the priority should be given to renovation and utilising existing unoccupied housing stock, of which there are likely to be many in the town. This would assist in revitalising the centre more as well as providing affordable homes. Such a system was carried out in Liverpool where such stock was sold for a nominal sum on condition that the purchaser undertook to be responsible for the renovation. Then once the houses were occupied council tax could be charged, a win win situation.	9/25/2018 4:11 PM
126	I think there should be a scheme created for those on low incomes to get support for a mortgage and be able to buy. I am constantly checking shared ownership options and there are none in the local area at all. Personally I am on a income of £18k and do get a UC entitlement. I have a strong credit and work history within the professional environment. My low income is due to reducing my hours to work within school times (because childcare is limited and expensive). Yet I have no hope of buying as there is no support for someone. If there was a scheme available where working single parents could get a mortgage/shared ownership this would in fact be more cost effective all round and would either reduce or eliminate the UC entitlement to cover the high cost of rentals in this area.	9/25/2018 1:22 PM
127	Say No to flats. Redevelopment of certain run down areas is the only way forward. No highrises !!! If flats must be built then 5 storey is plenty.	9/25/2018 10:50 AM
128	Less population More schools Better roads More hospitals Bigger parks	9/25/2018 8:30 AM
129	Developers should provide facilities as part of the agreement to let them build eg schools, dr surgeries, play areas, sports facilities, community facilities.	9/24/2018 11:07 PM
130	Shared ownership with the council	9/24/2018 6:01 PM
131	Not sure	9/24/2018 5:44 PM
132	Is there an option to some sort of 'leasing' contract, where you can pay rent to a council house and part of it or full amount can be registered as deposit once coucil houses will be available for sale?	9/24/2018 3:03 AM
133	[REDACTED] We cannot house the whole world, so why try?	9/23/2018 5:41 PM
134	If there is a rule saying x% of housing should be affordable in a development then keep the not allow the large building firms to ignore it. Stop wasting that section x money on revamping playgrounds again and again, use it to fund protection of special areas from building, improve road and cycle networks etc. Reconsider all housing association (council housing) tenants at least every 5 years for suitability. Not fair they have a house for life for being poor	9/23/2018 3:21 PM
135	I think the 'help to buy' scheme has probably done more to keep house prices high than anything. It just a subsidy to a builder.	9/23/2018 3:05 PM
136	Stop this obsession with affordable housing. It should not be your right to buy a house/flat. Remove right to buy council housing. Either rent it or move out & buy in the private sector.	9/23/2018 1:53 PM
137	Developers are not building affordable homes and are opting to pay the council instead. This is setting a precedence revealing the council to be weak in front of developers and also the land the developers use to build is no longer available for social housing. The council must stand firm.	9/23/2018 9:57 AM

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138	Incentives to people who are living in homes which would accommodate larger families could be implemented in order to help them vacate, eg offer of alternative accommodation if consenting to an exchange of properties between owners and those in housing need. Mortgage and shared ownership schemes arranged between Councils and building societies may be useful. Direct purchase of property by Councils of desirable properties. Compulsory purchase at fair market prices.	9/22/2018 3:03 PM
139	Look at redevelopment of areas in Watford as there are many places badly planned and wasted space	9/21/2018 10:36 PM
140	Buying and dividing existing larger private houses in to flats or maisonettes where there is adequate space for parking etc.. Dividing current council houses that are very large into smaller family units - Single mum's etc. Making council house shares available for single people perhaps Similarly using large council houses that are only occupied by one person; divide the house so that the existing person can still live there but on the ground floor for example, and make the first floor into another apartment. Porta-cabins / caravans for emergency housing. Or provide a site for permanent council caravan homes which might suit the elderly (being on one level) as well as others.	9/21/2018 11:59 AM
141	Let to Buy. Council built houses where they can be Rent to Buy or Shared housing.	9/20/2018 2:02 PM
142	The potential for the public to invest in new developments, maybe a crowd funding approach	9/19/2018 11:08 PM
143	Using housing associations	9/19/2018 1:26 PM
144	No	9/18/2018 8:34 PM
145	Go to other boroughs further out	9/18/2018 8:20 PM
146	do not build on grass or alotments	9/18/2018 4:27 PM
147	Build a social housing estate between Watford and 3 Rivers possibly site old Langley Bury School	9/18/2018 2:32 PM
148	Option 2 has one massive fault. Developers seem willing to make finance available if they are then able to developer at luxury prices accommodation in the area they want and local authorities often either use the money so realised to support their finances or take far to long to use it for development of social housing and then in less attractive areas.	9/18/2018 12:09 PM
149	Compulsory purchase order on unused land (4 years +) or joint venture with surrounding local authorities to build houses	9/18/2018 11:22 AM
150	Any new build should be affordable for all especially for key workers like nurses	9/17/2018 7:41 PM
151	Social housing / council provided housing to replace those council houses and flats that were sold off in the 80s and never replaced. And new builds should be focussed on using renewable energies and should be built with a green environment and outlook in mind.	9/17/2018 1:32 PM
152	Tell this [REDACTED] Tory government [REDACTED]	9/17/2018 11:59 AM
153	Including affordable housing in developments is often good as it provides integrated communities. Claims from developers that this makes schemes unaffordable should be reviewed with extreme suspicion and reviewed by independent experts to ensure they are accurate and not developers simply gaming the system. In some cases a financial contribution may be sensible but this should be substantial and used to develop social/affordable housing elsewhere. As suggested previously the council should build some social and affordable housing under a public interest company to avoid right to buy. Possibly this could be integrated with construction apprenticeships for local people.	9/16/2018 3:27 PM
154	Part ownership and key worker schemes so people are invested in the place as well as the town	9/16/2018 2:27 PM
155	Convert older properties that are currently empty.	9/15/2018 9:15 PM
156	Higher demands for affordable homes, and long term commitment to ensuring that these affordable homes continue to be so without them being sold off again for higher profit. Further to that, careful consideration to rent prices must be considered as there are a number of properties owned by landlords who take advantage of the housing situation to charge inflated rents which can force some people into being unable to afford to save up for a house themselves. More effort should be done for council housing to be built, as well as private.	9/15/2018 12:15 PM
157	Housing developments with mainly affordable housing and a small percentage of the available site given to unaffordable housing rather than today's vice versa situation. Try working with developers that are more socially responsible (there must be some somewhere). Don't let developers walk all over the council.	9/15/2018 10:53 AM
158	Join with other authorities to start own company.	9/14/2018 7:10 PM

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159	Reject attempts by developers to ignore affordable housing. Local authorities should collectively challenge central government if the law is slanted in favour of developers.	9/14/2018 5:11 PM
160	Balanced development mixed housing.	9/14/2018 1:11 PM
161	Multi generational complexes.	9/14/2018 12:05 PM
162	More incentives and aide from govt and house builders and banks for first time buyers who cannot afford a mortgage having pitifully low wages	9/14/2018 11:37 AM
163	Stop selling council properties so that they are available to those that need them.	9/14/2018 10:56 AM
164	When new builds are made, there should be a ban on buying to let. They should only be offered to first time buyers at a actual affordable price. Private landlords buying to rent benefits no one other than themselves, it drives up the rent prices and prevents young people being able to on their own homes.	9/14/2018 10:56 AM
165	Until water, sewage and other infrastructure issues addressed, no new homes, full stop	9/14/2018 1:04 AM
166	National government needs to focus on decentralising from London, it is the only way this country can possibly be sustainable. The load needs to be spread from the centre, so that all can thrive, have opportunities, and the hothouse effect on the southeast dissipated. Bullying by the national government to persist in this policy should be resisted from all quarters.	9/14/2018 12:02 AM
167	These questions are all based on the premise that hundreds of houses flats will be built where are the options to say NO just goes to prove this is a waste of time and energy to tick the box that says consultation done. Pathetic!	9/13/2018 10:12 PM
168	No affordable housing, no planning permission. It should be as simple as that. Recent developments have had less than the required number of affordable homes. To us residents it appears to be a sham. If we want to help people get on the ladder, let's help them. They come before the developers needs.	9/13/2018 8:53 PM
169	More houses being built that are solely for rent from Council/Housing Association., ones with NO rights to buy on them, so the "stock" can be used by those who need it always. Also, give these 5 year tenancies with a view to renew IF circumstances remain unchanged but if they DO change then rehoming the residents in smaller or larger properties. Also, ensure the rents are affordable, you know £27k is max wages in area, take into consideration bills, utilities etc & set rents accordingly..	9/13/2018 6:22 PM
170	Ask the government to reconsider the number of new homes we have to supply each year. The amount quoted is an extremely high number and most probably not achievable. How has the government come to this figure?	9/13/2018 4:51 PM
171	Continue to prioritise? Could have fooled me! There's currently a net loss of council, trust and association affordable rented accommodation. This is a trend which has been going on for decades, admittedly not the council's fault as it has occurred as a result of central government. But the council is all too readily allowing developers to shirk the affordability criteria under the threat of central government review and loss of planning control powers.	9/13/2018 4:25 PM
172	People not on benefits but cant afford huge deposit to buy home - help these people	9/13/2018 3:20 PM
173	More joint ventures like the Kier Riverwell scheme	9/13/2018 3:17 PM
174	You should be lobbying government to cut immigration, and just say NO to their ridiculous 770 new homes a YEAR!!	9/13/2018 2:35 PM
175	I think affordable housing should be provided - to long term residents of Watford - but not all sites are suitable - i.e a large development in Aldenham - how can families on low income pay for transport into town and school.	9/13/2018 1:32 PM
176	All new and existing housing should be upgraded to be energy efficient	9/13/2018 10:50 AM
177	I think the council might also need to look into any homes that are vacant because they're owned by someone who doesn't live in the country. If multiple dwellings, owned by but unlive in by the same person are available, they should be used to help the people that are here. I've also been hearing about people using their homes as Airbnb options instead of renting because they can make more money from it.	9/13/2018 10:34 AM
178	How about building council owned flats.	9/13/2018 9:46 AM
179	Explain what is meant by saving and prioritising ones spending.	9/12/2018 5:00 PM
180	I do not agree with affordable housing. Owning a house is not a right. However having a roof above ones head is a right . Affordable rent why is that not an option?	9/12/2018 4:44 PM

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181	Place a cap on housing prices and discuss with LONDON boroughs as it's getting out of control and many properties as simply not worth the asking price. Build sturdier homes instead of cutting corners. Have fair agreements for home owners with developers/management agencies - the Reeds estate deeds are completely one-sided and therefore the agent operates an extremely poor service which home owners can do nothing about.	9/12/2018 8:46 AM
182	This is where we need to take a lead from other countries. Pre fab pre built homes built, cheaper and easier to construct Really look at this from a completely different perspective, homes are now being constructed from shipping containers/eco estates that have full solar power/research these ideas and have a public forum, plenty of brownfield sites round Watford that can be utilised. Designs of these to be inclusive of environment, to be made to be a unique beautiful but practical areas. Older buildings refurbished into affordable housing and shelters increased but with better facilities and support put in for those who are struggling. (National Lottery give grants to buildings that are going to be converted into housing/community places) Law changed on those being in large social family homes where only 1 or 2 people are living in.	9/12/2018 8:32 AM
183	Rent to buy option from the developer or council. Where the rent paid would go towards the amount to be paid to buy the property.	9/12/2018 7:29 AM
184	Space can be found for the foreseeable future if private landowners can be encouraged to utilise space - for example with rate reductions or abolition. For instance, there are large supermarkets whose car parks occupy vast areas of land - if Tescos, Sainsburys, Asda, Costco, Morrisons etc can be persuaded by making it commercially worth their while, high rise flats can be built above their surface car parks in most cases without having a detrimental affect on the visual environment or nearby residents. The council would make back a significant part of the loss of business rates from additional residential rate income.	9/11/2018 7:54 PM
185	Developers are making massive profits out of mass flat construction decimating the town infrastructure. ALL profits should be diverted to improving infrastructure. Watford infrastructure is suffering due to the new developments which have been put up without thought of new residential needs vis a vis - schools, doctors, shops, jobs etc Developments should only be allowed if they fit the existing town character Council to be allowed to build council houses again	9/11/2018 7:17 PM
186	No, if people save wisely they can afford their own homes. You can't have the latest phone and a house. The choice is there.	9/11/2018 9:08 AM
187	Housing associations could help to finance people in their houses to buy private properties this would release more housing	9/10/2018 7:49 PM
188	New housing should be built with adequate parking availability. Many new home owners or renters will work in London and commute on the train. There will also be a large amount of people who will drive to work around Hertfordshire. This needs to be addressed in planning.	9/10/2018 5:46 PM
189	Housing is required for middle class, especially flats, where standards are maintained	9/10/2018 4:15 PM
190	Build some council housing for reasonable rents.	9/10/2018 2:43 PM
191	Affordable housing is important but should not be prioritised by default. There has to be somewhere for people to move on to, to aspire to and still remain within the borough. Family homes are needed to attract and retain workers as they age. A mix of housing provides more opportunity for movement and avoids 'ghettoisation'.	9/10/2018 11:48 AM
192	Even so-called 'affordable' housing simply isn't affordable. More social housing is required to bring the affordability within the range of ordinary working families. We should also actively pursue self-build for those who have time and manual skills to offer but don't have the cash to buy a home. We should look at much smaller 'pod' homes for youngsters too get them started on the housing ladder. We should offer more HMO style housing, but to a really good standard, also to help youngsters and key workers.	9/10/2018 9:12 AM
193	The Council needs to take a tougher approach with developers e.g. all new developments in Watford - irrespective of their size - should only be approved if the developer agrees to pay a £100K levy (or other sizeable contribution) to the Council to help fund the development of affordable / Council owned homes.	9/9/2018 9:14 PM
194	- Need for larger 3 and 4 bedroom flats with decent size rooms so families can live there (Gran Canaria has very limited space but the capital La Palma has a largish population, people are able to live comfortably as they build upwards. The flats/ apartments are considerably bigger than they are in this country). - Need for communal/ fenced off gardens (if building flats) where children can play. - Developers should provide/ pay for infrastructure such as schools, parks, doctors' surgeries and shop in the newly developed area rather than relying on the existing amenities. - allotment sites and centrally located supermarket areas should be considered for housing (asda/ sainsbury's)	9/9/2018 12:33 PM
195	Prioritising affordable housing in tall building projects.	9/9/2018 11:59 AM

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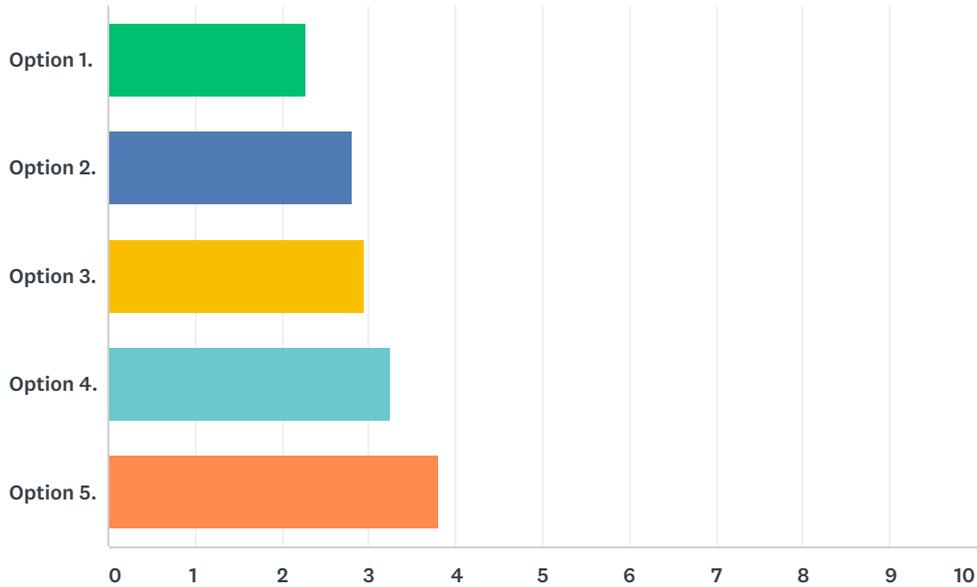
196	There have been developments that failed to provide the required % of affordable homes through some loophole. That is unacceptable. It is frustrating enough that 'affordable homes' are rarely affordable, but to cut the % short is insulting.	9/9/2018 11:23 AM
197	Not really different, I seems to me that as more retail will move on line (look at Amazon's projected increase in value) spaces which we have been retail should become high density housing, like the old has site in South Watford.	9/9/2018 8:59 AM
198	council owned smaller properties for lower rent to people over 60 only to free up bigger houses	9/9/2018 8:57 AM
199	There are a number of empty properties in the borough. Buy them under compulsory purchase and use for affordable rented properties.	9/9/2018 1:08 AM
200	you need to provide better integrated housing on equal levels and not segregate the rich and poor	9/8/2018 7:20 PM
201	There is no point in just building if those buildings are not energy efficient and life enhancing. We need homes not just houses and we need to accomodate Watford people before we encourage newcommers. If we keep encouraging people here we will just be squeezed into an urban sprawl and Watford as we know it will cease to be. We are already so crammed in and crowded we just cant go on like this.	9/8/2018 5:13 PM
202	Building on derelict sites not green belt.	9/8/2018 2:51 PM
203	The so called affordable is not so for many. The founcil should buy the land wnd build council houses.	9/8/2018 1:41 PM
204	The Council should be directly involved in developments. It should create a company that will develop affordable housing which is genuinely affordable. The developers have no incentive to provide affordable housing and in my view 50% should be affordable housing on any new development	9/8/2018 12:56 PM
205	Social housing can be provided in separate developments, particularly outside of the centre where more units can be provided with the same contribution. For example it makes no sense to force a development next to Watford Junction targeted at commuters with London incomes to provide social housing as part of the same development.	9/8/2018 10:45 AM
206	The developers should not be allowed to ignore the need for green spaces in their developments. We have a growing obese and population not aided by the lack of play areas for children and nature spaces for adults	9/8/2018 10:41 AM
207	Please see my previous response about parking. In terms of housing, I see a lot of space dedicated to out of town retail that could be more efficiently repurposed for housing, for example the developments at the end of lower high st	9/8/2018 10:36 AM
208	Not really	9/8/2018 8:05 AM
209		9/8/2018 6:37 AM
210	Ask the near by authorities or councils to built more home rather than providing 770 home in watford. There is more space in Aylesbury , Hamel, ect	9/8/2018 12:10 AM
211	Have a focus group of young people and really discuss and understand what "affordable housing" means	9/7/2018 10:56 PM
212	Reevaluate it's own building of local authority properties confirm that it is happy that it is meeting its own obligations.	9/7/2018 10:02 PM
213	Schemes to help people who grew up in Watford to get on the housing ladder if they want to live here.	9/7/2018 9:49 PM
214	Stop contractors building estates and homes simply to rent out.	9/7/2018 8:35 PM
215	Look at surrounding areas. Redo unused buildings for housing	9/7/2018 8:19 PM
216	Affordable housing is a national issue, sadly local intervention will bary scratch the surface	9/7/2018 7:46 PM
217	There is a difference between affordable housing and social housing. Affordable should be for key workers. Social housing should be contained to certain areas	9/7/2018 7:39 PM
218	Watford is already overdeveloped. Danger of areas losing their character and identity. Infrastructure is not there to sustain an increase in population.	9/7/2018 7:36 PM
219	It would be more cost effective if affordable housing was built by council's rather than developers	9/7/2018 7:18 PM
220	Insider the redevelopment of commercial premises	9/7/2018 7:12 PM
221	Pass the money from developers to other Boroughs so affordable housing can be built elsewhere and so trouble can continue to develop outside of Watford.	9/7/2018 6:31 PM

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222	It's always been the case that it's difficult to purchase a property where you were bought up, people have always moved out of the area and commuted in or build a life in the new area. Developers should provide incentives for people to buy but funding from public money won't help solve the cost of new homes in the local area. If public transport was more reliable and less expensive people would consider moving further out.	9/7/2018 5:48 PM
223	Redeveloping former industrial buildings/sites. Forcing owners of unoccupied properties to make them available for social housing	9/7/2018 5:46 PM
224	Definition of "affordable housing" needs clarifying.	9/7/2018 5:45 PM
225	Mixed housing development	9/7/2018 5:10 PM
226	Encouraging people with big houses to take on lodgers with tax breaks. Encouraging people with less money to join together to buy. To build more sustainable homes with green tech to save money.	9/7/2018 4:54 PM
227	Shared housing with common facilities	9/7/2018 4:42 PM
228	Build somewhere else.	9/7/2018 4:34 PM
229	Work with housing associations in Watford	9/7/2018 3:30 PM
230	Part buy scheme with Council Rent & amenities in one payment make flats affordable to persons paygrade	9/7/2018 3:14 PM
231	For the council to take a more pro active approach to providing more council housing, as after the initial investment the properties will produce income for many years to come.	9/7/2018 3:01 PM
232	Stop flat and apartments they are destroying the feel of the town. Build family homes to meet demand for long term living in watford, not short term family options that are flats.	9/7/2018 2:26 PM
233	I think putting affordable housing all together in one block, as is currently done, has led to social problems in our area and increased crime rates the loss of community and increased intimidation. There is no open drug use in the area as well. I think affordable housing is necessary but I think it has to be very carefully considered as to where it is put and how it configured.	9/7/2018 2:07 PM
234	The council and Developers are guilty of appealing to Londoners who can afford more than those who live within the area now hence people moving out or wanting to move out of the area.	9/7/2018 1:53 PM
235	INSISTING that Developers provide infrastructure support (Schools, Surgeries and improved road traffic development). Enforce section 106 (Is there a Planning Levy in Watford).??	9/7/2018 1:39 PM

Q9 For the options above (1-5), do you have an order of preference about the types of new housing needed in Watford in the next 20 years? Please rate the options from 1 to 5 - with 1 for your top option and 5 your least favoured option.

Answered: 318 Skipped: 101



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Option 1.	13.36% 41	10.75% 33	13.36% 41	14.98% 46	47.56% 146	307	2.27
Option 2.	10.47% 31	19.59% 58	21.62% 64	36.49% 108	11.82% 35	296	2.80
Option 3.	10.54% 31	23.81% 70	32.65% 96	15.31% 45	17.69% 52	294	2.94
Option 4.	15.12% 44	33.68% 98	22.34% 65	17.53% 51	11.34% 33	291	3.24
Option 5.	52.22% 153	12.29% 36	10.24% 30	14.33% 42	10.92% 32	293	3.81

Q10 How do you think these types of homes can be provided on the limited amount of land we have available in the borough?

Answered: 282 Skipped: 137

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Focus on disused / derelict brown field spaces. Too much focus has been made on use green field / green belt space on many recent developments	10/21/2018 10:17 PM
2	Convert road space to housing. For example the town centre ring road could be removed and the space used for housing. Without the ring road there would be less traffic in the town which would be a bonus.	10/21/2018 10:18 AM
3	Please see previous response - can you redevelop vacant lots?	10/19/2018 11:08 PM
4	<p>Well I think we need to look no further than the abomination which is the Watford Muslim youth centre being constructed currently. This is an absurd waste of taxpayer money (Dorothy thornhill donated a vast sum of money from the council which was completely uncalled for) when as this whole survey has eluded to... the fact that there is extremely limited space for housing in the borough. How this got approval I will never know, it has been under construction for 18 months and isn't even a shell of a building yet. Huge numbers of flats have been approved for construction nearby off Hagden lane which is around the same size of this site. The council could half their problems in providing housing if they stopped this ridiculous development and built homes instead.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Why another community centre for the youth population is required is beyond the reasoning of any logical person. In short, there is a huge, valuable spot of prime real estate available to solve a portion of the housing crisis and provide accommodation to a range of families in our society, but this is instead being utilised by an underfunded, unnecessary and divisive waste of incredibly valuable space.</p>	10/19/2018 9:56 PM
5	A majority of families are attracted to living to Watford, so providing only one room apartments is not sufficient, you need at least 2-3 bedrooms flats. Not having a garden can be replaced by a communal garden or area for children to play in a safe environment.	10/19/2018 9:42 PM
6	No and this consultation and wording is just to prove that you are going to continue to build high rise apartments without parking and outside space in a way that says well no-one had any better ideas!	10/19/2018 8:35 PM
7	Tell the government what Watford needs. The government are playing a numbers game and are constantly being outfoxed by developers who limit supply of land to push up prices ... we should not have to build on flood plains to deliver ridiculous targets - with climate change this is a recipe for disaster which will cost more in the future	10/19/2018 4:40 PM
8	With regards to the above, the housing that is provided should meet the housing need of the area. I don't think a decision should be made regarding what type of housing should be provided in Watford based on what residents say - it should be done based on evidence in terms of housing need. In terms of providing homes, focus should be on providing these around transport hubs (e.g. can apartments be provided on top of some existing units around the train stations?)	10/19/2018 3:36 PM
9	mixed developments are essential to help build a community.	10/19/2018 3:27 PM
10	Build good quality high-rise tower blocks for a mix of small and family sized apartments.	10/19/2018 2:55 PM
11	Look at brownfield sites. Maybe not so many warehouse style retail outlets.	10/19/2018 2:43 PM
12	With considerable difficulty! The easy and most unacceptable option is apartments in tall buildings. Your options report highlights so many unknowns that, while true, is of little help.	10/19/2018 2:28 PM
13	Ensure the highest level of design skill.	10/19/2018 1:00 PM

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14	there is unused land west of Watford off hampermill Road which could be drained and put to good use. the Skyline report I found very interesting. if it is to be used properly (and not be a coffee table adornment) then I would feel comfortable that Watford Planners would allow high rise buildings which would provide a community effect and would look acceptable from a skyline viewpoint. I liked that thought was being given to how Watford looked /would look if high rise buildings were allowed.	10/19/2018 11:56 AM
15	High rise flats Building on unused green space outside of central watford	10/19/2018 11:44 AM
16	Question is irrelevant as it focus on individual need, and not on communities. Having some own space make sense, but is it an apartment? a house? Most people don't stay there during the day, so it is an asset that is not utilise to its full potential. Furthermore, people stay individual rather than bounding with their neighbour. Within the same 'building', there should be private space for families as well as community space, such as a living room, playing room, kitchen etc. Doing is so, will maximise space utilisation, and create bounding with the neighbour	10/19/2018 11:33 AM
17	By building upwards	10/19/2018 9:51 AM
18	Permitting extensions of existing family homes more freely, to permit families to live there. I know many people who can afford small homes in Watford but who are now stuck despite the fact that they want family homes where they can raise children - family homes in Watford are massively overpriced and aren't sold frequently enough because empty-nesters continue to live in homes that are too big for them and have a surplus bedrooms. We need incentives for older people whose children have left home to downsize so that young people looking to start families can buy homes. An increased number of homes on the market would decrease prices slightly and would ease the need to build more new family homes.	10/18/2018 10:35 PM
19	knock down some of the rubbish empty shops in the high street.. stop giving out alcohol licences to reduce noise and disturbance at night at top end of town,, develop it as a community Not a night club!	10/18/2018 10:11 PM
20	Speak to neighbouring boroughs and join together to make a bigger site with loads of mixed size homes for everyone and every type of set up	10/18/2018 4:13 PM
21	Creative architecture.	10/18/2018 12:45 PM
22	Only by a depressing amount of over-development.	10/18/2018 10:22 AM
23	Think a mixture of housing is needed rather than focussing on one type - also think the amount of homes Watford is being asked to build is not realistic given then density of housing already.	10/18/2018 7:53 AM
24	Not possible.	10/17/2018 6:53 PM
25	Redevelopment of old/dilapidated properties already built. Buy smaller plots of land not just huge areas for whole estates.	10/17/2018 5:57 PM
26	There are several options for the delivery of a significant increase in the number of new homes, that are not mutually exclusive, and probably all need to be implemented in part. All new developments should contribute to affordable housing. The Council should encourage a mix of housing for sale and housing to rent, reflecting the demands from different population cohorts. Higher density development in the town centre locations and especially with good public transport access is needed. These areas can provide a significant number of good quality market apartments and affordable apartments. Existing residential areas should, where possible, be encouraged to group together sites to be able to undertake redevelopment at higher densities. The open green spaces and designated Green Belt should be subject to a qualitative survey, at identify areas where new housing is appropriate without damaging the attractiveness of the open areas. This should be done alongside associated requirements to improve the quality and accessibility of the adjoining green spaces and open land.	10/17/2018 4:57 PM
27	I think it is nigh on impossible to keep constantly building this volume of homes without the infrastructure in place to meet the needs of Watfordians or anyone moving into the area.. Regardless of my views I believe WBC will constantly build more flats as it will take less space and be cheaper. Or maybe it will build on more allotments or playing fields as it did with the shameful way it seized Farm Terrace,and then re-named the Health Campus Riverwell once it had won.	10/17/2018 4:18 PM
28	Chose apartments without specifying size. The skyline report was impressive to look at. I hope that it isn't a coffee table document but a real working template. If consideration is given to the placement of the high rise buildings with suitable amenities as outline in the Skyline report then the results will be attractive to live in. There are areas of land north of Hampermill Lane for example where reclamation work could be done to put such land to good use.	10/17/2018 3:44 PM

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29	Firstly, good home are more likely to be produced by good architecture and design and being developed in a thoughtful way. Secondly, a mixture of dwelling size and design can produce more vibrant and supportive and sustainable communities where some common spaces can be shared spaces (such as play areas for children or sitting area and spaces such as roof garden for socialising) which can make it possible to achieve higher density housing.	10/17/2018 2:29 PM
30	The Council can borrow money to buy appropriate sites for development/redevelopment. Developers shouldn't be allowed to make these decisions for the Council otherwise we just finish up with more 5/6 bedroom back garden developments which are properties that don't house the people in the town that need housing and just add to the town's problems of congestion and lack of schools, services etc.	10/17/2018 12:07 PM
31	I am not able to prioritise above without knowing which types of homes are most needed based on our current population and those on the housing waiting list and in temporary accommodation. Surely you use this sort of data to decide what needs building rather than the whims of builders and the views of the public who may lack the essential information to make a sensible decision.	10/17/2018 11:52 AM
32	Build on what land is available first before you worry about what land you don't have	10/16/2018 2:41 PM
33	The Parish Council have no comments to submit.	10/16/2018 12:16 PM
34	If smaller houses/ bungalows are built it will encourage more downsizing for senior residents and also appeal as starter homes. Currently Watford seems to have large residential sites being built e.g. Rounton which has houses at a million pounds - stop this.	10/16/2018 10:12 AM
35	Rigorous planning control encouraging developers to focus on high density, high quality housing, each development having a range of housing types. Clearly, all this will be fatally compromised if planners are forced to work backwards from an unsustainable answer on housing need in this small area. This will require political pressure on central government	10/16/2018 9:16 AM
36	Mixed housing options, I've seen a development proposed for St Albans road that has housing, apartments, retail and a brewery on it.	10/15/2018 8:24 PM
37	Building on outskirts and green belt not in already overcrowded areas like west Watford.	10/15/2018 5:00 PM
38	Redevelop Watford Junction area, town centre and St Albans Rd areas with taller flats. Provide housing on brownfield sites.	10/15/2018 4:17 PM
39	its all about the design	10/15/2018 1:56 PM
40	Intelligent use of space. There are areas of the borough which have seen much less development then others, so we can look to start developing within those areas (Oxhey, Cassiobury, Nascot)	10/15/2018 12:31 PM
41	A difficult question?! Don't really know to be honest but don't think it's a good idea that people live like sardines. There are some grotty properties around Watford which need levelling and that would provide more land.	10/15/2018 11:47 AM
42	Build more housing around the Intu and High Street area. Use old industrial and industrial warehouse areas. Also as you mentioned some pages back communicate with our neighbouring councils with joint plans. But ultimately the space available is finite and central government need to re-evaluate their targets.	10/14/2018 11:53 PM
43	Use brown land. 're develop already used houses. Get developers to develop land bought and not to sit on it	10/14/2018 8:39 PM
44	Yes if you stop allowing developers to bypass rules	10/14/2018 8:11 PM
45	Should use the land previously earmarked for luxury homes	10/14/2018 7:20 PM
46	As previously stated, redesign some of the empty office spaces in Watford.. Also, there are several people within the area who own more than 1 home, if a property has been empty for more than a year then force buy then cheaply & redevelop them for those in need.	10/14/2018 7:15 PM
47	Why do we have to keep building ?	10/14/2018 6:04 PM
48	I think apartments are the best way to provide a large number of homes, but they should all have balconies and parking included. Underground parking is a good option as it wouldn't take up any more land.	10/14/2018 12:28 PM
49	More high rises	10/14/2018 11:25 AM
50	It is impossible, they can't be. The government calls it a "housing crisis" it isn't, it's currently a Property crisis. In years to come it will be a Housing crisis. If you continue to focus on building flats/apartments and knocking down houses to build more flats/apartments then families as they expand and people as they want to move out of small accommodations will have no houses to live in.	10/14/2018 10:48 AM

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51	No more building. See above. Watford was busy when I moved here twelve years ago. It has got worse and worse and I shall move away as soon as my circumstances allow me to. It is dreadfully over-crowded.	10/13/2018 8:45 PM
52	Not sure	10/13/2018 6:30 PM
53	I am surprised that homes for the elderly are not mentioned, this is what is needed so they might have more incentive to leave their large family houses for decent homes (not these retirement flats either!!)	10/13/2018 5:21 PM
54	See comments above Plus work with neighbouring authorities	10/13/2018 11:07 AM
55	Look to acquire property in significantly underdeveloped parts of town eg Cassiobury and redevelop sites with more housing than currently exists on a site - as in an area like this with access to the best park in the country garden size can be limited; Look to develop lesser used green belt areas. Focus further out of the town centre where parking and traffic are already stretched. Liaison with three rivers and Hertsmere councils to identify such sites	10/13/2018 7:56 AM
56	Apartments can be built above other types of buildings, such as retail developments, some of the out of town centre retail parks could be redeveloped to accommodate these, if underground parking for the homes was built in as the development was being made, this would not impact on the customers car parking.	10/12/2018 8:27 PM
57	On Brown land Need to be near transport hubs Don't take any land from good green spaces MUST think about impact on educational facilities GP and traffic chaos	10/12/2018 6:11 PM
58	Looking at a map of Watford borough the west herts golf course takes up a huge fraction. Surely the need for housing outweighs golf? Could industrial sites be moved out of the borough and redeveloped?	10/12/2018 1:11 PM
59	If there is no land on which to build, solutions need to be shared with neighbouring boroughs.	10/12/2018 7:58 AM
60	Utilise all available brown land	10/11/2018 6:53 PM
61	Find a way! Everyone deserves decent accomodation with an outside garden.	10/11/2018 5:58 PM
62	I addressed most of these in my answers to question 1 and 8	10/11/2018 5:27 PM
63	It may not be deliverable if a town is reaching full capacity.	10/10/2018 8:46 PM
64	Careful planning for redevelopments and brownfield sites. Building in outer Watford, rather than central.	10/10/2018 7:33 PM
65	Having the ability to turn unused/unprofitable commercial or office space into houses, as has been done around the back of Queens Road/Loates Lane. With the number of high street shops struggling, transforming office blocks, shops and other vacant buildings into houses and flats would offer more value for locals, as well as improving the high street. It is easier to provide more flats and stack them on top of each other, yes, but leasehold offers so many issues to the UK currently, with freehold being sold on to third parties, the size of flats not accommodating families and the limitations on the leaseholder taking away the majority of the benefits of being a home owner. Perhaps some of the acres of land associated with the very rich houses/hotels/country clubs could be sold on to provide a decent number of houses and cottages on country estates, as around Nascot Wood area. Unusual properties that are no longer in use could be transformed into housing, as done with the properties around Orphanage Road. Larger properties that are struggling to sell in this economy could be bought by the council and converted into multiple homes, then sold on. Alternative home ownership could be explored and encouraged, making it easier to live on a moored canal boat, or find a patch of land to build a Tiny House. The government's site for Help to Build is a joke - there does not seem to be any available land. Finding those in Watford who are keen to build or buy small patches of land could be facilitated and supported.	10/10/2018 5:58 PM
66	Let people commute in!!! Watford is built up enough!!!	10/10/2018 12:51 PM
67	I think the council has to be realistic about the amount of housing they can provide. There's one current proposal for the TK Maxx, The Range site which proposes to put something ridiculous like 1000 flats onto it. Therefore probably more than 3000 people will be added to the heavily congested St Albans road. No consideration into the services that will need to be considered to accommodate such an influx of people into the area. Therefore my suggestion is that you need to stop promising such vast numbers and actually build to accommodate people comfortably. You go ahead and build towers full of flats/apartments you will dramatically reduce the reason why people wanted to move to Watford in the first place. I moved out from London for two reasons, affordability (i.e. we could get more space for our money) and we wanted a greener space to raise a family. Squeezing thousands more people into an already crammed space will dramatically change the shape of the town for the worse.	10/10/2018 11:40 AM
68	Develop brownfield sites, then greenbelt, then look at high rises.	10/10/2018 11:37 AM

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69	Exclusively flats in new town-centre high-rise development and some low-rise elsewhere. Mixed housing in other areas outside the centre as land becomes available. Green Belt land to be built on only as a very last resort.	10/10/2018 1:59 AM
70	You can't. There is not enough land to build all required by the government. Unreasonable expectations by them. Get Bucks CC to build houses on land surrounding Chequers and see how that is liked. Yes we need more houses but we also have to consider the quality of life of existing residents.	10/9/2018 11:11 PM
71	Buying homes with large garden space to accommodate more housing	10/9/2018 9:07 PM
72	It is essential to build (more) adaptive properties or at least accessible properties. A real mix of apartments, family sized apartments (both of which would be accessible builds) and then some houses on each plot. Not just single apartments.	10/9/2018 12:36 PM
73	In modern times there always has been, and will always be, a 'limited amount of land' available. When this is full people will have to live even further away from London. I'm afraid the only solution is to build away from the town centre. The problem will certainly not be solved by packing people into high rise, low footprint blocks with no provision for parking and poor access from already busy roads.	10/9/2018 12:13 PM
74	Don't try and squeeze them in to the current space when there is not the infrastructure to support the developments. Full means full - look for land elsewhere where there is less traffic and options for people to park.	10/9/2018 11:39 AM
75	There are industrial estates within populated areas that could be developed for housing, and these industrial areas could be moved more out of town onto available sites or unused green-belt land. All developments should come with new schools, GP surgeries, its own parking, and shops.	10/9/2018 10:33 AM
76	Build in unused areas or in green belt spaces	10/9/2018 10:00 AM
77	With great difficulty! Where is our MP in all this? He is after all our representative at Westminster. In the 17 years until 2036 the borough is expected to provide 13,090 new homes. Does anyone know where they will all go? Is anyone at Westminster interested? Or is everyone there over the moon that they have managed to push the problem down the line?	10/9/2018 9:46 AM
78	I don't know, sorry	10/9/2018 7:56 AM
79	By look of decadent and degraded areas of Watford to rebuild	10/9/2018 1:32 AM
80	Watford does not have enough land to accommodate the amount of new homes being demanded. The council are changing the character of Watford with the numerous developments of hundreds of match box sized flats with no parking and increasing traffic	10/9/2018 12:26 AM
81	If the target is number of homes, then make small studios that can accommodate maximum two people. This will take up less space and also discourage people from moving into the area	10/8/2018 11:49 PM
82	Build higher	10/8/2018 11:24 PM
83	The above ways you've already mentioned.	10/8/2018 10:19 PM
84	Small apartments reuse empty buildings	10/8/2018 9:52 PM
85	Use old industrial sites, brown land sites, old large residential blocks	10/8/2018 8:20 PM
86	Provide communal play areas within eye line of the dwellings they serve so gardens can be minimised but children still play outside without parents having to take time out of home tasks to go to a local park. Integrate parking underground, or on the top floors of apartment blocks. If building apartment blocks, put play areas inside - look at breakout type areas in offices and play spaces in hospitals to free up external ground space. Provide small bookable dining/party spaces for house or apartment residents to hire (modest charge) to pare down internal dimensions of dwellings.	10/8/2018 4:26 PM
87	Close the retail parks in lower high st, use this land for mix use development (flats/houses) plus local shops. On the high st provide larger units for the displaced retail park tenants. We get a higher quality fuller high street plus more efficient use of the large amount of land that these parks use.	10/7/2018 7:30 PM
88	Build densely, some terrace housing.	10/7/2018 7:12 PM
89	Rework empty plots and run down areas.	10/7/2018 5:41 PM
90	There are many unused and brownfield sites unused or in need of development. Incentives could be offered to developers to build on more challenging sites.	10/6/2018 2:31 PM

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91	It looks like apartments, flats can house more people than houses. This makes sense. This might work well if there is sufficient infrastructure available and space for people to enjoy the outdoors. Having safe cycle routes available could provide healthy exercise for those fit enough to cycle, and reduce the need for parking spaces, and benefit the environment in general. If more affordable land is available some distance out of town cycling or good public transport links could encourage people to move to such areas.	10/6/2018 2:25 PM
92	Work with other local authorities.	10/6/2018 1:55 PM
93	I favour building on brownfield sites but I am not sure how much of this type of land is available in Watford.	10/6/2018 1:06 PM
94	By replacing old, inefficient, run down housing with modern units	10/6/2018 8:34 AM
95	by using brown field sites. Zoning areas so that developers know which areas can have high rise potential and which would have to be lower density accommodation. Permit the conversion of single dwelling to multiple dwellings, especially in areas of very low density eg Cassiobury and Nascot wood, so that over the borough housing density could double Recognise that there is a change in urban land use across the borough, redevelop some of the former commercial streets eg sites on clarendon road into housing and redevelop upper parts of retail in the town centre to replace office space lost in clarendon road	10/5/2018 9:48 PM
96	Buy up streets of older housing and rebuilt with new	10/5/2018 8:34 PM
97	I don't think they should be built full stop	10/5/2018 6:37 PM
98	Neighbouring towns need to share the burden.	10/5/2018 6:25 PM
99	Building parking underground needs to be seriously considered.	10/5/2018 5:09 PM
100	They cannot!! Hence the need to look for a new town/village in the area	10/5/2018 5:00 PM
101	Getting a housing mix is crucial - however its expected that currently 3 to 4 bedroomed homes are needed at present - I'm not sure if flatted apartment style properties are right however where else will build these kind of 3-4 bedroomed properties as there's no land in Watford except in flatted developments of 10 story plus. We need to a new town or two in Hertfordshire/South East of England rather than cramping Watford up further.	10/5/2018 1:40 PM
102	Watford is full - thee is your answer to the question. The town can't build on land it does not have, and the residents do not want a skyscraper town (bad for health/infrastructure/society/communities). It's time for a reality check at WBC.	10/5/2018 1:34 PM
103	look a my previous comments allowing higher density planning Hempstead Road /Cassiobury Esatate even encroaching slightly into the park Brown fields sites ie Links Way near Radlet Road	10/5/2018 10:43 AM
104	I can only think that we need to go upwards, but learn from Grenfell Tower regarding fire safety, use of suitable materials, etc. Also the provision of adequate green recreational space surrounding the buildings. I remember driving through the suburbs of Zagreb. There were many apartment blocks - maybe 8 - 9 storeys, dating from the Communist era, but each was surrounded by allotments, with plenty of people working on their plots. I think each home had a balcony too.	10/5/2018 10:30 AM
105	Sorry - but you need to look at green belt or out of town brownfield.	10/5/2018 4:16 AM
106	By simply not building more and forcing housing in space we do not have!	10/4/2018 11:48 PM
107	Working with other councils to determine sites for a new garden city/ suburb	10/4/2018 11:27 PM
108	Develop micro housing	10/4/2018 9:05 PM
109	You wont be able to deliver the quota based on land area in this burrough. It is untenable and unrealistic what the government expects. Maybe they should look at why there is a shortage of housing - they gave people a chance to buy public housing at a reduced rate (short term gain long term pain) and allow there to be a culture of property landlords who own several houses/flats etc who in turn charge over the top. Maybe they should tax second home owners and increase the tax based on the number of houses they own. There would be a flood in the market of homes I am sure - one way of addressing the housing shortage	10/4/2018 6:23 PM
110	replace inefficient housing styles, reuse over-large gardens, go an extra floor or two when building proper sized apartments.	10/4/2018 3:47 PM
111	????♂ Good question	10/4/2018 7:41 AM
112	It's all very well indicating you need to build tower blocks with lots of flats but the infrastructure of watford cannot cope ... Road links are very good the housing can be built in other parts of the country not everyone has to live in Watford.	10/4/2018 6:01 AM

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113	Finding small brown field sites that can be in filled. Any new shops should have flats above. There are office blocks not currently being used. Clarendon house by the station for one can be converted. Building on brown field sites but at a sensible density	10/3/2018 10:29 PM
114	Reduce garden sizes and make parking under house to free up space	10/3/2018 6:51 PM
115	Limited amount of land.. what about Watford Museum and the acres of Cassiobury Park where a whole estate could be built and still have a fine park left..	10/3/2018 4:58 PM
116	I'm not sure they can but Watford Borough Council should try their hardest to achieve that aim and not be bullied by Central Government. WBC knows this town and the feelings of its local residents better than anyone.	10/2/2018 11:23 PM
117	Build flats! Forget the people who dont like them. They are a practical and reasonable solution to the crisis we are facing.	10/2/2018 7:43 PM
118	Brown field sites and not open green spaces but no to be covered in tiny expensive apartments - tis town has way too many apartments in some highly inappropriate buildings	10/2/2018 5:15 PM
119	Flats are economical on space, so this does well for limited land. However, there needs to be a stop on the number of 1 bedroom flats as Watford is inundated with them already and they are unsuitable for most couples/families. Terraced houses could also be a good option, and 3 bedroom terraces don't take up too much space but provide adequate space for families. Semi-detached houses would be great, but these do take up more room and would be more expensive. We also have a number of semi and detached houses in Watford already. If we could expand out of watford slightly to create new housing developments with (affordable) terraced/semi detached houses, this could work well, providing that schools and doctors' surgeries are also built to support these developments.	10/2/2018 2:44 PM
120	NOT on green land! Not taking NHS land ! Maybe we just haven't the room after all!	10/2/2018 9:55 AM
121	- Allow extensions/rebuild in conservation areas using national regulations - Use underutilised green spaces - Encourage businesses to relocate from central location to business parks. Use office spaces in central location to build 3+ bedroom dwellings.	10/1/2018 8:05 PM
122	Area Redevelopment	10/1/2018 4:03 PM
123	- Apartments - spread throughout the borough, some high rise where needed - not in blocks of more than two	9/30/2018 9:23 PM
124	Large scale redevelopment of old housing estates	9/30/2018 5:22 PM
125	Not sure	9/30/2018 9:11 AM
126	Using homes that have fallen into disrepair/empty. Using up land where there are council garages.	9/29/2018 12:53 PM
127	Low rise blocks of apartments and town houses. There must be ample room for parking with every new build preferably underground parking and restrictions on the roads.	9/29/2018 7:25 AM
128	Using lower quality green belt	9/28/2018 10:31 PM
129	No idea! In my opinion there should be no more developments of housing for sale, only social housing.	9/28/2018 6:34 PM
130	There is a large area of redevelopment potentially available on the BT exchange site. There is a large wasted area that could be redeveloped into smaller flats. Utilising more central areas for smaller apartments and then as you radiat out the larger the housing can become. Larger families don't really want to love in town centres where as single duel occupancy housing is more suited to central areas.	9/28/2018 7:16 AM
131	They can't without losing the character of the area. Do we want to become like London boroughs?	9/27/2018 12:37 PM
132	Build upwards where possible	9/27/2018 5:47 AM
133	Build more homes in the town centre above the shops also build more homes above the train station.	9/27/2018 12:40 AM
134	I think the concept that every year 770 house can b built in an already crowded town is a flawed idea. I think the government will have to accept that less houses can b built in towns and new areas will have to b developed. In towns I think old brown field sites can b used to build mixed housing developments.	9/26/2018 7:16 PM
135	Build up! you cannot create more land but you can create higher stories. Dense housing, close to transport and employment hubs reduces car congestion, increases economic growth and the vitality of the town centre	9/26/2018 7:15 PM

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136	I dont think that families would want to live in apartments. There are a lot of people who are living on their own who need to be considered (not just old people). Therefore a mix of houses and flats would be best.	9/26/2018 5:20 PM
137	You could redevelop the Cassiobury estate, Courtlands Drive and similar areas to fit in more modern family homes. You could also redevelop the area around Morrisons (Ascot Road) to provide more family homes (not high rise one and two bedroom flats). These will be well served by the new Croxley Danes and Westfield schools, local Surgery and Supermarket whilst given easy access to the business parks, Watford and surrounding areas, as well as London via the Met. Station, for employment opportunities. High rise flats in that area will present a massive problem and affluent families are highly unlikely to move into such developments.	9/26/2018 4:48 PM
138	Build terraced houses on part of the big parks like cassiobury	9/26/2018 4:07 PM
139	Just build huge tower blocks	9/26/2018 7:14 AM
140	Brown field sites, low rise flats	9/26/2018 6:29 AM
141	Redevelop areas	9/26/2018 6:28 AM
142	Look st building on the outskirts of the town	9/25/2018 7:15 PM
143	Underground parking. Parking is absolutely essential for any area to work. Town houses take up less space.	9/25/2018 6:56 PM
144	Stop building homes for people that aren't even in the area yet. Focus on people that are and have committed to the town! People deserve to have parks but they are being destroyed. Tower blocks are not the way forward as personally I do not feel they are safe. There is no emergency exits (as they have on apartment blocks in the US for example). Grenfell should show us that its not a suitable living environment. Although these may be cheaper there are no green spaces nearby most of them so children cannot play out and experience the environment as they should. The fact that there are so many free schools in this area should show the council that the strategy they are using is not fit for purpose. It needs a fresh approach to cater for all without overpopulating an already full town.	9/25/2018 1:27 PM
145	Your question says it all !!!! LIMITED AMOUNT OF LAND SPACE !!! IF THERE'S NOT ENOUGH LAND THEN YOU CANT BUILD ON IT.	9/25/2018 10:51 AM
146	If we only build flats, as the flat owners have families & the flats become too small, they will be forced to move out of the area as there will be no affordable houses for them to move into.	9/24/2018 11:09 PM
147	Plenty of land in the more affluent areas. Eg Hempstead road, the land of one those large houses and gardens could be a site for flats. The not so affluent areas are already stuffed, and unlike the richer areas residents don't get much consideration as to what is built and how it will affect their lives.	9/24/2018 6:44 PM
148	Buy more land.	9/24/2018 6:02 PM
149	Not sure	9/24/2018 5:45 PM
150	It will be required to look at a smaller footprint for the house/garden, space saving design and realistically building higher, though I am strongly against very high-rise buildings as it would be out of keeping with the town.	9/24/2018 5:06 PM
151	There are many empty homes and buildings throughout Watford and these should be utilised.	9/24/2018 5:02 PM
152	Use brownfield sites first.	9/24/2018 5:01 PM
153	Perhaps you can turn all the empty office blocks into apartments the buildings up just adapt.	9/24/2018 10:57 AM
154	Use office blocks that have been been left empty for years. The same with factories that are not used.	9/24/2018 10:50 AM
155	Tall apartment buildings in center areas and small houses where possible, outside town limits maybe.	9/24/2018 3:07 AM
156		9/23/2018 5:42 PM
157	Converting abandoned brownfield and industrial sites might be an answer.	9/23/2018 3:10 PM
158	I don't think they should be provided . I don't want to see any more building.	9/23/2018 1:56 PM
159	Sustainable and high density homes in eco friendly environments.	9/23/2018 10:00 AM
160	mainly in towers subject to school and medical facilities	9/22/2018 11:01 PM

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161	To be perfectly frank, the ultimate solution is to rip it all up and start from scratch. However, this would not be financially viable and would upset most of the town's population. So, to eventually reach a stage where most (not all) accommodation for families is provided in high rise buildings, Watford would need a softly, softly approach. Where streets of Victorian terraces are becoming beyond maintenance and have sufficient foot print to build a high rise block or two, would it not be a good idea to take the plunge into regenerating these urban sprawls?	9/22/2018 3:12 PM
162	Redevelopment of existing housing and industrial areas better planning prior to starting works making way for garden village design	9/21/2018 10:40 PM
163	Go below ground level for car parking. Do not provide individual car parking in those areas served by railways and bus and within walking distance of good shops - however providing some casual parking for visitors and tradesmen. Build on large roundabouts putting in traffic lights as needed. Build Mezzanine floors to create extra accommodation where applicable Use loft / attic space in properties where its currently not being utilized (see earlier note on conversion of existing council stock) Use existing large rear gardens of council houses that can be easily accessed and are not being cultivated or unkempt. Infill homes on large gardens and double check complaints as being legitimate.	9/21/2018 12:17 PM
164	Various Old Schools no longer used and no sign of ever being used, these can be used for housing.	9/20/2018 2:03 PM
165	Review housing density across the borough to learn which housing combination, provides the most requirements. In terms of reducing crime, incorporating infrastructure links, population density and facilities beyond housing	9/19/2018 11:12 PM
166	Basically, it can't. Hence the problem you face. On the one hand you can build high rise flats to satisfy quotas. But then Watford becomes a suburb of London. More houses and you don't satisfy quotas.	9/19/2018 2:20 PM
167	innovation and discussion with developers, conversion of existing derelict/ unused buildings	9/19/2018 1:28 PM
168	Will provide housing for single, couples and family people	9/18/2018 8:25 PM
169	High rise flats and cluster homes	9/18/2018 4:52 PM
170	we need better hospital and schools, doctors 1st before u start building	9/18/2018 4:28 PM
171	Use other land	9/18/2018 2:33 PM
172	Land seems to be of little problem when expensive properties are planned. This problem can on,y by resolved by government taking control of the developers and forcing a more balanced approach including strict and legally binding rent control in the private sector.	9/18/2018 12:13 PM
173	revitalising vacant properties (ex business buildings, old schools + land, vacant unused land)	9/18/2018 11:27 AM
174	Watford would like to build the flats but someone thinks about parking space or places in the schools. At the moment we very struggle to get place in primary or secondary school so what it will be happening later if you will build more flats around the Watford?	9/18/2018 6:30 AM
175	Priority should be affordable houses for key workers. We will need to keep building as more and more people will need dwellings as the ones that will be built only a few will be affordable so the cycle goes on! We wouldn't be in this situation if the workers were not priced out!	9/17/2018 7:50 PM
176	If there is limited land, they cant be provided which is why a mix of housing development should be considered.	9/17/2018 1:37 PM
177	Housing blocks, but with layers of green spaces and roof terraces and with social infrastructure included eg. youth clubs, family areas, nurseries.	9/17/2018 1:35 PM
178	with great difficulty!	9/17/2018 12:00 PM
179	Terrace houses possibly up to 3 floors are a good option. So families have some outside space High rise is acceptable where there are VERY good transport links such as around Watford junction. High rises should have open spaces and playgrounds around them.	9/16/2018 3:34 PM
180	Look at the compulsory purchase of green belt.	9/16/2018 2:29 PM
181	A mixture of a few tall apartment blocks along with developments like the reeds can hold much more people than single houses. People need to move further out if they want houses.	9/16/2018 10:38 AM
182	Unable To say as I don't have the knowledge about the available building space	9/15/2018 9:22 PM
183	Properly planned estates that ensure space is used well. Consideration of European habits of placing parking beneath the homes in either single or shared underground car parks to ensure space for parking. Apartments should be planned to include a mixture of sizes, built in modern buildings around smaller urban green spaces to ensure community cohesion and to allow a range of people to live in the same area.	9/15/2018 12:18 PM

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184	More high density though well designed development. Redevelopment of land that is currently underutilized.	9/15/2018 10:57 AM
185	Use land available more efficiently. Incentivise better land use and ensure that land is developed. The tax system is a good lever to do this.	9/14/2018 7:19 PM
186	They probably cannot and local authorities should collectively challenge government rather than accept over development.	9/14/2018 5:14 PM
187	Clear the area around Watford Junction and redevelop as residential and business. Develop brownfield sites. Redefine disused industrial sites to residential. Improve and promote flats above shops. Develop the playing fields between the railway, radlett road, link road and stephenson way - no one uses them.	9/14/2018 1:41 PM
188	Not possible spread around hertfordshire	9/14/2018 1:13 PM
189	Clear and redevelop the Watford Junction area, with tall apartments. Develop the playing fields between the railway, radlett road, link road and stephenson way. No one uses them. Allow residential development of brownfield sites. Allow taller buildings in the town centre.	9/14/2018 12:17 PM
190	Using old brown field sites, along with some green belt. Transform office blocks into flats.	9/14/2018 12:08 PM
191	Probably not, but we should not change the residential environment that already exists just so that the developers can make a greater profit. After all, they do not have to live here after they have finished.	9/14/2018 10:59 AM
192	If you make properties available at an affordable price with a ban on buying to let, it means regardless of the properties available, the new owners of these homes will be people wanting to live in Watford. If you prevent private letters from buying properties, not only will it make homes more affordable, but it will drive these private letters to rip people off elsewhere.	9/14/2018 10:59 AM
193	Until water, sewage and other infrastructure issues addressed, land issues are of no consequence	9/14/2018 1:05 AM
194	WATER, WATER, WATER. The amount of land is not the issue, every home needs access to a clean sustainable safe supply of water and the Borough cannot offer that on an ongoing basis. IT IS MADNESS TO THINK OTHERWISE!!!!!!	9/14/2018 12:03 AM
195	Again stupid question that only gives one side. What idiot thought this up?	9/13/2018 10:13 PM
196	Use Green Belt. Flats don't have gardens. Downsize wants gardens that they're used to having. They're not moving to the high rises, so their properties aren't coming into the market. More small houses with gardens and a parking space is needed. There isn't any space in Watford town centre so look outside the town.	9/13/2018 8:57 PM
197	By using space wisely & not by building shoeboxes or on areas that are already congested.. NOT by building "up" as tower blocks are Not places people wish to live in.. That's plain to see from how difficult it is to fill the tower on the Meridan Estate..	9/13/2018 6:25 PM
198	As previously mentioned, why not build on green belt areas that are of poor quality and not used on a regular basis.	9/13/2018 4:54 PM
199	There is no denying that vertical living is the key. Be that "town house" family sized dwellings with underground or ground floor garaging, first floor kitchens and living rooms, second and third floor bedrooms etc, or by way of high-rising apartment blocks. There should be, however, more freedom for townsfolk to modify and improve their existing properties without planning deadlocks. Indeed encouragement for people to vertically extend the town's existing, predominant, terraced housing stock. This is predominantly the same bedroom-number as the new apartments, leading to a vast overweighting of 2 bedroom properties in Watford. There is a trend for the larger 3 and 4 bedroom semi-detached housing stock from the 30s and 40s to be torn down and replaced (utilising some garden area) with 9 to 12-unit 2 bedroom stock. The size of these matches the existing central area terracing and leads to a net LOSS of 3/4 bedroom stock. By encouraging the terrace-dwellers to convert lofts and basements, extend kitchens (to cope with the demands of larger families), and move bathrooms to more sanitary locations in the property, this loss of mid-sized family housing stock can be redressed.	9/13/2018 4:26 PM
200	making better use of sites. insist that developers build more small family sized homes rather than expensive luxury million pound + houses	9/13/2018 3:43 PM
201	If all we do not develop mixed developments and focus just on apartments then as families grow they will move out of Watford and Watford will lose its family oriented community spirit. If apartments are all we can do we should be focussing on a big campaign for a new town as we are attempting otherwise to destroy the town	9/13/2018 3:21 PM
202	Lobby the government to cut immigration and tell the government to stuff their 770 homes a year quota. Simple.....	9/13/2018 2:37 PM

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203	build 3 storey town houses or houses with basements	9/13/2018 1:34 PM
204	I think this is a challenge and may not be possible	9/13/2018 1:28 PM
205	Use poor standard green belt land	9/13/2018 10:55 AM
206	From what I see being built around the area I live, the council seems to be happy with building blocks of ugly apartments. I don't see how you'll get around that as being the best option.	9/13/2018 10:39 AM
207	Large number of commercial properties unused for years in Watford	9/13/2018 9:48 AM
208	A random mix of properties could be laid out on a plot of land as they would have been years ago bit by bit in a village, it just takes someone with knowledge to be able to do it.	9/12/2018 5:05 PM
209	There will be eventually a limit? Housing cannot be build indefinitely ? If there is no more space to build affordable housing then it should be just that? It is not a solution to squeeze 1000 flats in a high rise and take away the quality of life of all residents?	9/12/2018 4:46 PM
210	There are empty shop units and above some shops empty storage/office space in the town centre especially up near the pond - converted to apartments, many homes could be provided, close to transport links and shops. Use of wasted, or under-used land or buildings should be a priority. Vacant office buildings might also provide opportunity for conversion to homes.	9/12/2018 4:39 PM
211	Many people like to houseshare as it's an affordable way to live without being in a hole. Family sized homes would be suitable for families and young professionals. We all need green areas for our mental health and building one concrete building after another doesn't offer that and ruins the landscape. Plus apartments don't generally allow pets and we all need a pet in our lives!	9/12/2018 8:49 AM
212	Use brownfield sites When estates being redeveloped change the type of housing Use some green belt land, but to be carefully considered redevelop housing above existing buildings Out of town shopping areas redeveloped (With internet shopping increasing these are slowly dying out and with Watford having such a huge shopping centre smaller versions of these stores can be included, again draws in people to the town.	9/12/2018 8:38 AM
213	Higher buildings of apartments and terraced houses	9/12/2018 7:37 AM
214	See previous comment re under-used land at supermarket car parks. Additionally any warehouse type development for industry or retail premises is usually only one storey. Existing developments can be encouraged to re-build and it should be a condition of future warehouse type development that single storey retail builds would be refused unless the application includes housing provision presumably above the retail premises. In some areas it may be possible for Network Rail to build over rail lines. High rise building is essential ideally sited in clusters on brownfield sites with good transport links e.g. TKMaxx site St.Albans Road, Watford Junction car park, Tesco and Waterfields surface car parks, Century Park etc, taking advantage of the contraction of the retail industry and the reduction in the need for large, retail parks. Retail should be encouraged into the town centre to prevent it's demise.	9/11/2018 8:06 PM
215	They can't. You can't fit a quart into a pint pot. There is insufficient land and a Canary Wharf development should not be an option here	9/11/2018 7:20 PM
216	We can only build on land that is available.	9/11/2018 6:10 PM
217	By buiding high rise block of flats	9/11/2018 11:55 AM
218	There are a lot of unused buildings in the UK and in Watford. Incentives for owners to fix these up or sell to the council to convert into housing could be the first option. Using what is already there is better for the environment.	9/11/2018 9:11 AM
219	balancing the needs of housing developments vs the growing number of business and retail parks	9/10/2018 5:48 PM
220	Encourage some of the large properties in Central Watford to be developed as apartments.	9/10/2018 4:17 PM
221	Make full use of available brown field sites and green spaces not being fully utilised.	9/10/2018 2:46 PM
222	THE issue remains in if you are providing flats, the need for parking spaces remains and also the issue of traffic congestion/access entry points continues to increase. Is there brown belt land available-the last option should be green belt as this is already limited in availability in Watford!	9/10/2018 11:52 AM
223	It can't! I can't really answer this. I don't know the existing mix of housing or who the people are we have to build new homes for. Are we expecting senior professionals with 3 kids or single adults fresh out of college commuting to London? Or Romanian cleaners here for 2 years max?	9/10/2018 11:52 AM

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224	A mixture of apartments and houses. Possibly terraces of taller houses which occupy a smaller footprint. Apartments if they can actually provide enough space for families to have personal possessions and spaces for children to play safely. Small apartments without safe, appealing amenity spaces lead to poor conditions for children. If only small apartments fit for single, childless couples are provided, communities don't develop.	9/10/2018 9:46 AM
225	We need to consider major re-development of some of our older 'garden village' style developments from the last Century, such as The Harebreaks, The Meriden and Croxley View. These have a much lower average density than would be considered economically viable for a commercial housing development these days, and could offer 3 or 4 times as much housing as they do now whilst still offering high quality living standards. We know from the figures provided that much higher densities can be delivered by building tall buildings. Outside the centre of Watford there are only two tall towers, why don't we build more?	9/10/2018 9:18 AM
226	If we don't have the land, we should work with nearby areas. I don't think by building more and more it is a better idea. We need to utilise what we have without compromising on comfort	9/10/2018 12:42 AM
227	Watford HAS TOO MANY APPARTMENTS.	9/9/2018 9:17 PM
228	Well I think the town may need to grow outwards. We can't keep piling into the same area tight spaces over and over. We take no consideration for providing the services needed to support population growth (parking, public transport) yet somehow continue to keep our head in the sand over this. If the population will increase then so should our need to lay the groundwork to support it. We are dealing with existing people's quality of life in this town. We are not digits on a financial spreadsheet.	9/9/2018 8:36 PM
229	-Redevelop warehouse areas (Watford Business Park) - Redevelop area near the station (TK Maxx shop) - Redevelop Bushey area (WD23 Lincolns field/ Bushey Golf Course) - Redevelop large supermarket areas (Asda/ Sainbury's) - Build on allotment sites - Build larger apartments rather than large houses to accommodate families - Housing to have shared gardens/ out door space	9/9/2018 12:43 PM
230	Proposing to private developers a united master plan for the next 30 years.	9/9/2018 12:05 PM
231	Use the entire borough, not just West & St Albans Road. Go into the outskirts. The villages. Green belt serves no purpose when people are struggling for housing for their kids. Prioritise.	9/9/2018 11:25 AM
232	Build a reasonably large number of tallish buildings for apartment living and access to green space near by. Build on sites that 10 years ago would have been retail	9/9/2018 9:03 AM
233	yes	9/9/2018 8:59 AM
234	Be creative and build in nascot wood and cassiobury where there are very large houses and gardens not in the green spaces. Failing that outside borough in partnership with TRDC	9/9/2018 1:13 AM
235	need to think more cleverly - maybe get businesses that build new business palces to have underground carparks which frees up more land for houses	9/8/2018 7:22 PM
236	We need small houses for those living alone or as a couple and family houses so children can have a good start in life. If we don't have the land we can't build full stop. we don't want or need to build tower blocks of flats just to house the people being displaced from London.	9/8/2018 5:16 PM
237	Focus on building town houses and apartments.	9/8/2018 4:50 PM
238	Careful planning of layout to maximise the potential of land.	9/8/2018 2:52 PM
239	Townhouses	9/8/2018 2:27 PM
240	Low rents will mean people can't afford existing housing stock.	9/8/2018 1:47 PM
241	It will be a challenge and I do not know the land availability in the borough. It has to be used creatively with a mixture of small developments and large developments. Regeneration in areas like West Watford may provide an increase in units built	9/8/2018 1:05 PM
242	Using currently unused land	9/8/2018 11:42 AM
243	Apartments should be close to the transport hubs. Space could be unlocked by concentrating industrial areas, many of which currently are low rise but of poor quality. The Colonial Way industrial area is a prime candidate being close to Watford Junction and the M1 link road. Local residents could also benefit if this was developed and linked to St. Albans Road as a more direct and pleasant route to the open space at Knutsford/ Timberlake could be unlocked. Similar opportunities could arise at the Watford Industrial Park in West Watford and Greycaine Industrial Park in North Watford if the rail infrastructure was improved.	9/8/2018 10:57 AM

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244	Something you totally ignore is the need for bungalow type accommodation for older people. I and many of my friends would like to downsize in preparation for when we are less able yet most of the bungalows in the Watford area have been allowed to extend outwards and upwards making them no longer suitable/available as senior dwellings. Family sized housing could be freed up if Watford did not ignore the needs of its growing elderly population	9/8/2018 10:47 AM
245	I guess the only option is tall buildings. However, again I think a lot of space on the outer edges of the centre of town seem dedicated to low value retail.	9/8/2018 10:38 AM
246	using brownfield sites. Converting unused office blocks	9/8/2018 8:28 AM
247	The bottom line is they can't, the South East just cannot support the growing requirement. All the land available is further North, so the Government need to start considering how they encourage the increasing population to relocate accepting this may well mean moving industry North as well.	9/8/2018 8:09 AM
248	[REDACTED]	9/8/2018 6:40 AM
249	Redevelop existing estates, consider reducing garden size on redevelopment sites. Move social housing residents in to properties appropriate of the size of occupancy, while taking social care needs into consideration	9/8/2018 12:59 AM
250	Family size houses should be encouraged. If you encourage too many flats or mixed different houses , you need more school , more surgeries , more hospitals . This will be impossible to provide the need to help people living in Watford	9/8/2018 12:17 AM
251	higher	9/7/2018 11:51 PM
252	Look at models in Sweden and other European nations, you cant please everyone.	9/7/2018 10:58 PM
253	Consider allowing more change of use applications ie from commercial to domestic	9/7/2018 10:06 PM
254	Planning laws allowing extension of old Victorian properties so families have option of staying as they grow. New developments with less car parking and better public transport/cycling.	9/7/2018 9:53 PM
255	Estates with all different size homes so people can eventually move from one to another. Climbing the ladder rung by rung.	9/7/2018 8:41 PM
256	Apartments are clearly more effective, but must be part of complexes that offer family friendly facilities	9/7/2018 7:53 PM
257	Watford is a town of terraced housing and it would be in keeping with historical development. But these should be for sale or rent to responsible families. There's too many feckless freeloaders in Watford already	9/7/2018 7:42 PM
258	Please don't build any more or relax planning laws to allow developers to build unsightly properties ion inappropriate land.	9/7/2018 7:38 PM
259	Stop wasting money on unused retail premises that are not required and focus on housing	9/7/2018 7:21 PM
260	Redevelop commercial property or land	9/7/2018 7:14 PM
261	Use brown field sites and building town houses. The community will disappear if only flats are built	9/7/2018 6:47 PM
262	Turn warehousing land into housing land when warehouses become vacant.	9/7/2018 6:37 PM
263	3 storey town houses	9/7/2018 5:58 PM
264	Probably not enough to satisfy the alleged demand	9/7/2018 5:50 PM
265	Using brown belt and some green belt	9/7/2018 5:47 PM
266	-	9/7/2018 5:46 PM
267	Land is limited but we may need to look at consolidating the many business parks we have or find other inventive ways to convert open/unused spaces.	9/7/2018 5:37 PM
268	Develop across county Watford too developed already.	9/7/2018 5:12 PM
269	By building on land outside of central Watford & consulting with neighbouring boroughs. Consideration for a new Garden City.	9/7/2018 5:09 PM
270	Look at whether all the senior living blocks are really being fully used and if not convert their use into clearing the housing list. Watford is too full of senior living which is sold a considerable reduced rate to people who are usually considerably more well off.	9/7/2018 4:56 PM
271	I do not think we want high rise blocks in Watford. It seems we are going to run out of land to build upon.	9/7/2018 4:51 PM

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272	It's unachievable with the space available.	9/7/2018 4:36 PM
273	Brownfield sites like the old Bill Everett Centre Industrial areas when no longer required and vacant Infilling in back gardens	9/7/2018 3:32 PM
274	Using Brownfield sites - empty properties / locations - regeneration of old taty Buildings (Vicarage Rd area for one).	9/7/2018 3:20 PM
275	Terraced housing with a small garden provides the best type of housing for families with young children and older retired people.	9/7/2018 3:04 PM
276	Or not... just say we have enough and that's it. The town is full. Building or regen on old/crumbling properties or where knocking down larger plots can allow multiple family homes (not flats)	9/7/2018 2:28 PM
277	Use land further away from already high density areas ie surrounding land.	9/7/2018 2:25 PM
278	Redeveloping brownfield sites	9/7/2018 2:15 PM
279	Rather than huge blocks of flats on small spaces of land, look for smaller areas that could be used for development and doing them on a site by site case. It might cost more money but at least it wouldn't destroy the look and feel of existing residential areas.	9/7/2018 2:11 PM
280	Until I know what availability there is I am unable to answer this question.	9/7/2018 2:04 PM
281	Firstly finding those in rented council properties who have a three bedroom property and living on their own to move out. I don't want to live in a London Borough which Watford will turn into so be firm with government and so tell them what the residents want and that's now high rise flats everyway. Establish unused business areas and turn them into houses like in Tolpits Lane (old Kenwood Building)	9/7/2018 1:59 PM
282	Brownfield sites like the old Bill Everett Centre Industrial areas if they become vacant and no longer required Back garden developments	9/7/2018 1:44 PM

Q11 What do you think we can do to provide new homes for people as they get older?

Answered: 262 Skipped: 157

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Build communal living complexes where people have their own small flats but share social facilities.	10/21/2018 10:20 AM
2	Smaller bungalows or high quality sheltered accommodation available	10/20/2018 9:55 AM
3	There needs to be a holistic approach to this issue. People staying their home with excellent home help & adaptations will be preferable from an independence & behavioural well-being. Investing assisted living villages could significantly meet needs.	10/19/2018 11:18 PM
4	Lift access to new apartments Frequent, good quality and affordable public transport	10/19/2018 11:09 PM
5	Adapt existing homes so that the elderly can stay living in their own home	10/19/2018 10:03 PM
6	I would say there is already a fair amount of homes for the elderly being provided. There would be more of a demand for semi-autonomous living though.	10/19/2018 9:57 PM
7	Intergenerational home/living, where 2 or more generations live together in the same co-living area, this allow older people to stay independent in their own home, help out with communal duties, share/exchange with other people.	10/19/2018 9:49 PM
8	What about ensuring that old people don't have to move out of their homes because they can't afford to run them..... Question 12 is stupid, we have no idea how many retirement homes there are already!	10/19/2018 8:37 PM
9	People don't want to leave a large family home to be squeezed into a rabbit hutch apartment - provide attractive retirement properties close to services (or transport to services) and then more people are likely to free up under occupied family homes ...	10/19/2018 4:43 PM
10	Homes for older people need to be attractive in order for people to want to move out of their family home (that they may have been living in for decades). There are some innovative companies out there doing some good things regarding housing for the elderly. There also need to be a variety of options - MCarthy and Stone seem to be everywhere now - there should be other options so people have a good choice in terms of service.	10/19/2018 3:38 PM
11	flats in a mixed development for elderly people.	10/19/2018 3:28 PM
12	Offer incentives for older people to move out of their current homes.	10/19/2018 3:01 PM
13	Increase council tax on second homes and empty properties, and use to pay for building retirement homes.	10/19/2018 2:50 PM
14	See answers below. Adaptable housing is more likely to result in a population mix by age, which is probably better than having areas containing the same or similar age groups. However, some purpose built retirement homes are likely to be necessary for the less able.	10/19/2018 2:31 PM
15	Ensure a mix of housing is built in area with good public transport. Find out what elder people require and what acts as a barrier to moving. Offer a service to help people downsizing - financial as well as advice.	10/19/2018 1:08 PM
16	on the news recently there have been housing associations with apartments specifically for an older age group. whilst they were for independent owners it would provide community support. I would not have special ones just for female or male or LBG types but a general mix of people. Watford could manage these type of facilities and make a profit as well as seen to be helping the aging community.	10/19/2018 12:01 PM
17	Brilliant idea, again that can be offered having the community in mind. Rather than a own place for older (or anyone), let's share it. Why putting elder people together? Can't they join any community living of all age? Within a community everyone can count on everyone, and they bring their own experience. Who doesn't like grandma stories? Within a community, there will be always someone to support, to provide advice etc. There are many many benefit. We should really stop this segregation that only bring high price and loneliness!	10/19/2018 11:36 AM

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18	Promote private sector engagement in areas of need. By evolution this will create churn in the older housing stock and release land or buildings for smaller scale development and refurbishment and benefit the social services budget by reducing the level of unforeseen need for support	10/19/2018 9:54 AM
19	Retirement homes, sheltered living, care homes.	10/18/2018 10:35 PM
20	provide grants to help people make adaptations in their own homes.. don't build more houses specifically for older people. Older people should have the choice to remain in their own home if they choose it without being made to move as the existing accommodation doesn't meet their needs and they don't have the money to alter that.	10/18/2018 10:13 PM
21	To have as many affordable homes you can, if they have families does it meet their needs ie schools and doctors	10/18/2018 4:14 PM
22	Warden controlled housing facilities.	10/18/2018 12:46 PM
23	Include age-appropriate homes in the other developments (eg ground floor flats in tower blocks).	10/18/2018 10:24 AM
24	Financial incentives to leave their home when it's no longer a viable option. More emotional support, not just a 10 minute welfare check once a week! Safe & Secure warden assisted areas, not just a bunch of flats, but a little safe zone, mini village, like they do in European countries ... with activities to promote community & lessen loneliness.	10/17/2018 6:01 PM
25	A mix of options are needed. People have different wishes, and often strongly held but differing views about what they would like to have or be prepared to accept. Retirement homes come in different flavours - from those aimed at providing substantial in-house or in-complex social and medical care, to those which are very similar to market housing offering a high degree of independence, but with assistance close by if needed. People who are reluctant to leave their homes, will often be prepared to move to somewhere located close by - within their community, as long as they feel they will still have the appropriate degree of independence. A high proportion of new homes should be designed to take into account the ability to change over time to accommodate the potential later needs of ageing residents.	10/17/2018 5:05 PM
26	Provide small bungalows or sheltered housing with outdoor spaces. Provide more one and two bedroom homes that are easier to maintain. But care services are already struggling to get care packages in place so hospital beds are often blocked.	10/17/2018 4:21 PM
27	There are housing associations being set up to house people of older ages where they are able to look after themselves but have a "family" around them as support when needed. These may be owned or rented. I agree with mixed housing in the main.	10/17/2018 3:47 PM
28	More sheltered housing and wheel chair design-considered housing.	10/17/2018 2:31 PM
29	Many older people own their own homes and could be persuaded to move to sheltered accommodation which is better for the health and easier to support them in their homes but they don't want to pay McCarthy & Stone style prices for the "community charge" which is where companies like that make their profits. Councils should provide affordable sheltered accommodation that people could buy or rent.	10/17/2018 12:13 PM
30	Provide attractive housing that people will want to down-size into. Make sure that you include additional benefits such as on-site help and opportunities for people to socialise together	10/17/2018 11:54 AM
31	Get better quality of staff for elderly homes so that the elderly aren't so reluctant to move on. Give them an incentive? Point out that families are in need	10/16/2018 2:42 PM
32	Smaller 2 bedroom homes should be built on all new developments that will then cater for old and as starter homes. Preferably close to shops and parks.	10/16/2018 10:13 AM
33	Work in some provision for bungalows or ground floor apartments. Another answer would be to require builders to make "ordinary" housing more user friendly for older people eg by providing higher level power points, walk in showers etc. Such measures would enable people to grow old without having to move home.	10/16/2018 9:19 AM
34	A mixture of providing support to adapt homes where possible but also access to retirement homes, however these seem expensive and have a poor reputation for experience of use and also resale difficulties for the families once the owners have passed away. More sheltered accommodation and a much easier way to apply for it. My parents tried last year and the information is so conflicting it's ridiculous - you ask three different people the same question and get three different answers. You also get every aspect of your life heavily investigated, someone asked my mother to account for her 'excessive spending' in the month of December.	10/15/2018 8:27 PM
35	More warden control apartments	10/15/2018 5:01 PM
36	allow these to be built near out of town centres; leavesden, garston etc.	10/15/2018 4:18 PM

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37	build retirement villages, or when building new family sized apartments incorporate new designs and technology.	10/15/2018 1:57 PM
38	I think older people need to be supported more as the focus is always on people with children. More independent sheltered housing should be available, but this needs to be run by a non profit organisation as the costs involved with these properties are horrendous and although you could sell your home and purchase a flat in one of these developments, the running costs would make you bankrupt.	10/15/2018 11:50 AM
39	I assume as senior people age they downsize but surely they still want to be part of the community. In an ideal world there would be a good mix of ages within an area; a mix of flats, retirement flats, houses and retirement homes.	10/15/2018 12:01 AM
40	More care homes being built	10/14/2018 8:12 PM
41	Better social care	10/14/2018 7:20 PM
42	Make the sheltered housing/care homes more appealing & more within every local area - most elderly people don't want to move areas & that's a major reason why they don't wish to move - make the move less stressful & more appealing..	10/14/2018 7:17 PM
43	More care homes to be built. People in social housing should be housed depending on needs so if families become smaller due to children moving on or deaths then they should be moved into smaller accommodation.	10/14/2018 10:58 AM
44	Build appropriate accommodation in convenient places and a reasonable cost.	10/13/2018 6:31 PM
45	Ah, sorry I was getting ahead of myself in section 10 as I answered this there!!	10/13/2018 5:22 PM
46	offer realistic incentives	10/13/2018 11:10 AM
47	have some appartments, that have a lift installed and some with a warden,	10/12/2018 8:29 PM
48	Big apartment blocks They should but in and share care Have young people come and live with them	10/12/2018 6:11 PM
49	We need a selection of housing types. My wife and I will be looking to downsize in the coming years, but will not be willing to lose access to a garden etc by moving into an apartment. Although less popular these days because of space issues, bungalows should be considered as part of housing policy. Reduce demolition or conversion of existing, and support development of new bungalows as part of a balanced approach.	10/12/2018 10:17 AM
50	Adapt current housing for elderly so that they can continue to live in their own home. Better access to physio therapy and health advice so that everyone maintains mobility and the lifestyle that allows them to continue to enjoy their life in a similar way.	10/12/2018 7:59 AM
51	Tricky. I can imagine that a large number of elderly would not want to leave their home Others might so we should build some retirement properties. However, if properties can be built and adapted then maybe that is the way forward. Who pays for it to be adapted? On a wider issue, with more people living in the area can we not , (presumably nationally), recruit people as care workers providing a decent wage to encourage people to work in the sector?.With this option people can stay in their own home.	10/11/2018 8:49 PM
52	Firstly, care at home. Secondly create care homes.	10/11/2018 6:54 PM
53	I have no idea	10/11/2018 5:58 PM
54	[REDACTED] However joking aside, I think almost all housing can be adapted to work for elderly - using stair lifts for example. Furthermore home care is cheaper than residential care. The only time when residential care is essential is for things like alzheimer's. Therefore so long as care can be provided at home, the person is generally better off in familiar surroundings within the community - particularly if they can be involved socially in various community clubs to engage them.	10/11/2018 5:42 PM
55	Force developers to provide accessible housing as well as affordabke housing.	10/10/2018 8:48 PM
56	Offer downsizing schemes with incentives. Free up family size homes.	10/10/2018 7:34 PM

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57	The government needs to cut Stamp Duty for older people downsizing, but unfortunately that isn't something Watford can do by itself. The opportunity to have ground floor apartments available to older people, regardless of whether it is a purpose build retirement home would be a good idea. Those who still are fairly mobile and active would do well in an accessible home that isn't a retirement community. Again, making use of the huge grounds of some of the hotels further out from the city centre would allow for some cottages or purpose built retirement homes with lovely views. Perhaps making these rental rather than purchase would cover the difficulty with selling and buying these homes - they are a bad investment for those downsizing later in life and often they are discouraged from buying them. Making these homes available to those who are not of retirement age would probably benefit all who lived in that area and create more of a community. You could even offer some of these at a discount to younger people who would be happy to check in or support their elderly neighbours.	10/10/2018 6:02 PM
58	Create a retirement village	10/10/2018 12:52 PM
59	New homes should be adaptable for ages, and discounted for older people who won't be living there as long.	10/10/2018 11:38 AM
60	Mix sheltered and assisted housing in with other types so as not to create "oldie reservations". New accessible health care and social facilities can be integrated into blocks of flats.	10/10/2018 2:03 AM
61	Various housing for older residents. Not everyone wants to move out of a much loved family home but have smaller houses, retirement flats/village and reasonably priced care homes available.	10/9/2018 11:15 PM
62	Ensure that more new builds can be adapted to suit the needs of the elderly.	10/9/2018 8:20 PM
63	Retirement villages. These are across the country and are successful for the elderly who are still independent. This allows them to free up their family sized home without going straight into a old fashioned view 'old people's home' without giving up their independence... These can give support right.	10/9/2018 12:39 PM
64	People expect to live a full life when they retire. They may not wish to 'downsize', but they may leave the area once free of work commitments. In my experience people stay living where they are. Once folk become infirm or lose their spouse they may then seek sheltered accomodation. These are the properties that may omit parking (except for visitors) but would need good public transport.	10/9/2018 12:25 PM
65	People do not want to leave their house's because care homes cost so much. Social housing on the other hand needs a complete change - social housing should only be available to people in real need. Not for people earning over a certain amount of money.	10/9/2018 11:43 AM
66	I don't know.	10/9/2018 10:34 AM
67	Have special developments for them	10/9/2018 10:00 AM
68	Difficult when many older people don't want to move or can't afford to. They want to stay in the street or area where they lived to bring up their children. Their friends are nearby as are local services. Older people have reached the age when they don't want a major upheaval; better the devil you know. A new location may require you to drive but if there is no where to park your car or you are too infirmed to drive....	10/9/2018 9:46 AM
69	Bungalows.	10/9/2018 7:57 AM
70	I don't have clear opinions or ideas at the moment	10/9/2018 1:35 AM
71	Include sheltered accommodation above shopping centres	10/8/2018 11:25 PM
72	Give older people incentives to live together, like flat mates.	10/8/2018 10:25 PM
73	They need small bungalow with small garden,old people need to have a little garden	10/8/2018 9:54 PM
74	Create residential homes or retirement villages. Make the idea of downsizing attractive. Don't give single residents in large family sided council homes the option of staying in them indefinitely.	10/8/2018 8:23 PM
75	Help to buy scheme, including rent to own.	10/8/2018 6:56 PM
76	We should be focused on delivering sheltered accommodation.	10/8/2018 5:32 PM
77	This is a really tricky one as most people don't want to move and sheltered housing can 'ghettoize' older residents. Integration and neighbourly care is the ideal but this is difficult to achieve outside a village set up and doesn't always work then. Ensuring new homes are adaptable for all ages to live in seems expensive and unpractical, also there is the problem of size - an elderly, infirm singleton is unlikely to need space and facilities appropriate for a family with 2.4 children.	10/8/2018 4:26 PM

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78	New high rise homes should have at least one high quality lift to take elderly to their homes. ■■■ lives in crossfield court and that lift is frequently breaking down. These homes need to be minimum 2 bed to enable carers to stay if required. Failing this guest rooms apartments for carers	10/7/2018 7:39 PM
79	Have some houses specially built, not all.	10/7/2018 7:13 PM
80	Sheltered accommodation.	10/7/2018 5:42 PM
81	We should consider retirement villages with warden support and social places which still give the elderly their independence and yet provides a safe comfortable and adapted environment for them.	10/7/2018 7:55 AM
82	Right now housing developments for the elderly are very very expensive, often classed as 'luxury. It should be possible to build more affordable homes for the elderly without the luxury element, perhaps more densely populated. This could offer opportunities for more people to meet new people and make friends. Some elderly people are not very physically active and might be satisfied without extensive outside gardens. There could be housing developments that are of smaller size therefore enabling greater density of housing. Easy access to basic shops and medical services would be important.... ?mobile shops and clinics?	10/6/2018 2:34 PM
83	Install lifts or controlled housing.	10/6/2018 2:32 PM
84	Not sure/	10/6/2018 1:07 PM
85	Build specially designed, small, units for the elderly in pleasant locations	10/6/2018 8:35 AM
86	Provide secure flats where there is a warden or similar assistance	10/5/2018 9:50 PM
87	Ensure it is only British citizens/people who have lived here for a certain number of years being provided with council houses/flats	10/5/2018 6:38 PM
88	Consider making new houses easily adaptable for the aging population.	10/5/2018 6:26 PM
89	Retirement flat options would be good but an effort should be made to integrate them into community areas near young homeowners etc so that they hopefully create their own mini community.	10/5/2018 5:10 PM
90	This is one area where apartments can serve a real benefit. If they can be supported living so much the better.	10/5/2018 5:01 PM
91	not sure here - yes we're getting an older population but are new homes require for the elderly, or is best option for them to adapt their own property - not sure here	10/5/2018 1:41 PM
92	What has this got to do with the council or planning policy/decision making? There is a thriving private sector that addresses need quite well.	10/5/2018 1:36 PM
93	There is not much you can do older people like to stay in the area they live in Private developers treat their elderly housing development as a opportunity to overcharge The council could build purpose build small local housing which would enable them to downsize	10/5/2018 10:49 AM
94	Help them live where they want to live if that is in their house (assuming that they own it) that they have lived in for a long time in the community that they know. That is the correct thing to do.	10/5/2018 9:16 AM
95	If someone doesn't want to leave their home, they shouldn't have to. Having paid into a system all their life, it should support them when they get older. Make retirement villages that are maybe more appealing and that offer a real sense of community and are more self contained with shops, hairdressers, entertainment etc so that they can lead a full life within that community.	10/5/2018 4:19 AM
96	There are plenty of housing already available for this. Plenty of apartments already built	10/4/2018 11:48 PM
97	Built housing that can be adapted. Built residential homes that feel more homely or that are in a residential street so older people don't feel too isolated.	10/4/2018 11:31 PM
98	Don't know	10/4/2018 9:07 PM
99	Apartments but not in retirement villages. We need housing that is adaptable to all ages and provides the quality and green space around it similar to apartments on the continent - look at Mirasierra in Madrid. The design caters for all. Lifts, one underground garage space per household, a donut design(but square!) which allows every flat with place to hang clothes outside but internally so not seen from street (it also lets in light to inner rooms), a large area of green space surrounding the apartments which is self contained and security measures are in place be it electric gates, porter service etc	10/4/2018 6:30 PM
100	compulsory purchase orders	10/4/2018 3:49 PM
101	Incentives for older people to vacate their homes	10/4/2018 12:19 PM

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102	Apartment style warden assistant housing	10/4/2018 6:02 AM
103	Developing smaller apartments for elderly people who are incentivised to downsize to free up larger properties for families that otherwise would just have one or a couple people in.	10/3/2018 10:33 PM
104	Let the older population use the apartments rather than staying properties that are too large for them	10/3/2018 6:54 PM
105	You have already decided.	10/3/2018 4:59 PM
106	No need they already have homes	10/3/2018 8:34 AM
107	Provide more retirement homes with good transport links for those still able to live independently.	10/2/2018 11:26 PM
108	A lot of older people want to stay in their own homes instead of moving into somewhere else they have no connection with - I dislike this conveyor belt attitude that once you get to 70 then you want to live in a small apartment - no 70 year old I know wants that - and no one should be penalized for wanting to remain in their own place or made to feel bad by "house blocking" - its insulting. Yes there should be a provision so there is a choice but its not a priority	10/2/2018 5:19 PM
109	Dementia friendly housing villages that include shops etc.	10/2/2018 2:45 PM
110	I am almost ready to commit suicide with all the building and people - all the housing one type another - building on all land - ruining what was a lovely art when I first came here with my parents almost 60 years ago - it has been ruined - Watford Pond used to be a beautiful place to visit - now it is an eye sore!	10/2/2018 9:59 AM
111	- Certain percentage of new build should be allocated for retirement homes - Also provide designated area for retirement homes to create sense of local community of people of senior ages	10/1/2018 8:07 PM
112	Build homes adaptable for all age groups	10/1/2018 4:04 PM
113	The BRE has some examples of homes that adapt to an aging population.	9/30/2018 9:24 PM
114	Have more bungalows	9/30/2018 7:33 PM
115	Priority should be given to allowing old people to remain in their homes with appropriate care	9/30/2018 5:24 PM
116	Residential care homes on the outskirts of the town	9/30/2018 9:12 AM
117	Building smaller houses and gardens with downstairs toilet, near transport and health facilities. Legal fees and the hassle of moving probably prevents older people from downsizing which could free up larger homes for growing families.	9/29/2018 12:59 PM
118	Provide affordable homes that are set up for their needs.	9/29/2018 7:27 AM
119	Smaller apartments with garden space to release houses	9/28/2018 10:32 PM
120	Encourage council house occupants of large properties to downsize as they become older. A family home is not required when children leave. This will free up larger homes for new families and smaller apartments can be used for elderly occupants	9/28/2018 9:02 AM
121	Ensure bungalows are built on new developments	9/27/2018 12:38 PM
122	Build more warden assisted apartments	9/27/2018 5:48 AM
123	I think if homes are provided in the towns where they live and these developments can be shown to be friendly, attractive with additional benefits such as on site gyms etc older people may well be persuaded to leave their larger homes and move into smaller purpose built apartments.	9/26/2018 7:18 PM
124	You need sheltered housing where older people can live with a degree of independence, while still having support available. We should not be warehousing our older generations, and pack them away out of sight in dingy and underfunded retirement homes	9/26/2018 7:17 PM
125	Provide manageable small homes for older people. Some older people will need retirement homes, but most will want to be independent. Whatever is provided will need to be affordable and not be luxury retirement villages.	9/26/2018 5:23 PM
126	One thing is for sure, one and two bedroom flats is hardly going to be an appealing proposition for anyone to give up their long term family home. It would have been useful if you had provided some statistics and background information regarding the projected requirements for servicing the needs of such individuals. So far all I have seen is "we need X number of homes". Perhaps if you provided more detailed information such as we need X number of 4 bedroom homes, X number of 3 bedroom homes, X number of 1 and 2 bedroom homes and X number of assisted accommodation, people would be able to offer an informed opinion.	9/26/2018 4:54 PM
127	Build bungalows and low rise flats linked to shopping developments for convenience. So maybe let a supermarket build if they put suitable housing above a community environment.	9/26/2018 4:10 PM

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128	Build small homes so people don't have yo mov	9/26/2018 7:15 AM
129	Bungalow with group garden	9/26/2018 6:30 AM
130	Build more sheltered housing for people who need it and make it affordable	9/26/2018 6:29 AM
131	Purpose built communities with individual living but providing opportunities for people on their own to get together in a shared area.	9/25/2018 6:59 PM
132	The new retirement village near the hospital is a really good idea. Its safe and with a local doctor will ensure they get the care they need. I think retirement sites are good, as long as those who have lived locally for so long can actually afford them. I think there is nothing worse than having to leave an area you have known for so long at that age purely because of the rising price of the homes available to them.	9/25/2018 1:29 PM
133	Build small communities just for the aged. Like cherwell court in croxley and cedars village in Chorleywood.	9/25/2018 10:52 AM
134	Build houses our side cities	9/25/2018 8:31 AM
135	Build sheltered accommodation with lots of facilities available to encourage the elderly to want to move into them. That will help with their loneliness and release more housing.	9/24/2018 11:11 PM
136	Crack down on people who are social housing that don't need to be and give these home to the elderly.	9/24/2018 6:45 PM
137	What a strange question. You can provide new homes or encourage developers to include them in their estates	9/24/2018 6:04 PM
138	Retirement apartments for those willing to downsize.	9/24/2018 5:46 PM
139	A greater provision for sheltered accommodation and assisted living.	9/24/2018 5:07 PM
140	House sharing. Many students would take the opportunity to share a property with an older person.	9/24/2018 5:02 PM
141	Give more support to keep people in their own homes.	9/24/2018 5:02 PM
142	Provide good home care so people can be looked after longer in their own home.	9/24/2018 11:06 AM
143	Give grants so they can have their homes adapted.	9/24/2018 10:59 AM
144	It will be better to keep the elders in their family environment and provide better social care services. Maybe mix them with people that need a house and can't afford to rent a full house.	9/24/2018 3:09 AM
145	Don't try. Leave it to the market.	9/23/2018 5:44 PM
146	Mix of housing types	9/23/2018 3:22 PM
147	I think you should just ensure there are enough to satisfy the demographics. We are a very mobile society these days and many people actually move away from the area as they age to be near family that has also moved or to be near the sea / rural areas. You cannot assume that people in their twenties - forties will want to remain in Watford in their sixties or seventies.	9/23/2018 3:14 PM
148	If you own your own home you can sell & downsize, plenty of people do.	9/23/2018 1:59 PM
149	Retirement mini villages.	9/23/2018 10:02 AM
150	encourage developers to build purpose built retirement homes with all necessary facilities	9/22/2018 11:03 PM
151	Yes, larger complexes with onsite facilities extra care schemes and general sheltered housing giving people more than choice to move when considering their future housing options	9/21/2018 10:45 PM
152	In a perfect world it would be great to have purpose built new homes that cater for the elderly and infirm, thus freeing up larger properties for families. The financial implications attached to costs of downsizing - especially stamp duty - is an issue that needs to be addressed nationally and not something one area can address.	9/21/2018 6:49 PM
153	Move them near their friends. Find out if their family have adequate room for them to move in with Move friends together into house shares Assess if they would be happy to move out of area (nearer family) to other counties. Have guest homes in units so that they can try out living in a sheltered housing block. Council caravan parks for the elderly	9/21/2018 12:24 PM
154	redvelop exsiting care homes, look to adapt Council houses that are under populated.	9/20/2018 2:05 PM
155	Do older people want new homes? That is a question that should be asked to those in that position.	9/19/2018 11:13 PM
156	retirement homes, grants for families to add an extension/annex for an elderly relative	9/19/2018 1:29 PM
157	No	9/18/2018 8:36 PM

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158	Build an estate that is purely for the over 60's that has a community centre, doctors surgery, local shop on site that serves this age group, would promote a good sense of community as like minded people would live in close proximity to each other and not have to travel too far for essentials	9/18/2018 2:35 PM
159	First both OMG & local government must stop trying to force people to move, any persuasion to do so must be coupled with total 100 per cent financial support. Providing homes for elderly must be coupled with total support from all the other agencies, social services, home help, BHS, HMG and all relevant charities. It is not a subject the LA's can do on their own	9/18/2018 12:18 PM
160	Make homes adaptable for elderly (& Disabled) most people want to remain in their own home rather than go into a retirement home, (maybe a warden control location ?) design houses/flats (apartments) suitable for clientele	9/18/2018 11:40 AM
161	They don't want to live in a box with no outlook that's for sure	9/17/2018 7:56 PM
162	Why - if they are happy where there are	9/17/2018 3:35 PM
163	Simple, manageable homes with support on site.	9/17/2018 1:39 PM
164	This will need to change over time - those who wish to remain in their own homes should be helped to do so. The future will see more apartment blocks with proper and appropriate facilities for all ages.	9/17/2018 1:37 PM
165	Prioritise new builds for older people which will release existing houses onto the market. Houses for older people should be near bus routes and local facilities such as doctors, dentists, "everyday" e.g. food shops etc.	9/17/2018 12:02 PM
166	Encourage building of retirement flats. Review council tax rates for people of all ages to see how under occupancy can be discouraged. Support schemes for older people to let a room at a reduced rate in return for some help with cleaning shopping etc.	9/16/2018 3:38 PM
167	Build suitable retirement complexes. Or build retirement homes near facilities so the elderly are at the heart of the community	9/16/2018 2:31 PM
168	People need smaller, purpose built retirement homes. They don't need to go on living in big houses. But there needs to be help for people to move, if they've been in their home for many years.	9/16/2018 10:39 AM
169	Build new care homes	9/15/2018 9:23 PM
170	I think there should be a good stock of quality retirement homes that are promoted to elderly people. I am aware that people can find it a wrench to move from their home but ultimately can find retirement homes give them a better quality of life eg. No stairs, gardens maintained for them etc. And frees up the larger houses they were living in but not fully utilizing.	9/15/2018 11:06 AM
171	Are Home Improvement Agencies being used?.	9/14/2018 7:27 PM
172	Allow retirement properties in the out of town centres such as Garston, Leavesden and Croxley.	9/14/2018 1:43 PM
173	Home care occupational health service at Home	9/14/2018 1:14 PM
174	Allow retirement developments near out of town centres such as Garston, Leavesden, Croxley	9/14/2018 12:23 PM
175	Look at building villages/areas that are purely met for the elderly with affordable apartments then more elderly people would be up for selling their larger homes so freeing up homes for families.	9/14/2018 12:17 PM
176	Multi generational complexes.	9/14/2018 12:09 PM
177	Not much, if elderly people do not wish to move from a home they have lived in for a long time or do not wish to move to a new area then all we can do is offer them support.	9/14/2018 11:01 AM
178	Build new, smaller houses (1 bed) that are built with the elderly in mind, then offer an incentive to the elderly to move to these new properties. This will also free up existing homes to the younger generation.	9/14/2018 11:01 AM
179	Home can be adapted, it just depends how much it costs	9/14/2018 1:06 AM
180	Homes CAN BE ADAPTED, it all depends on the cost.	9/14/2018 12:05 AM
181	[REDACTED]	9/13/2018 10:16 PM
182	Small homes with small gardens so make it easier to downsize. Older people want privacy, you don't have that in a block of flats. They are also used to having a garden. These could be private or part of an assisted retirement village.	9/13/2018 8:59 PM

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183	Offer GOOD well organised accommodation in ALL areas so the elderly don't have to move from 1 side of town to the other - older people like their routines & staying in current areas will make them more interested in downsizing but moving away won't.	9/13/2018 6:27 PM
184	Difficult one. Ideally elderly people would want to stay put but would then need carers in each day to help them. This is more cost effective than living in a care home - which costs around £4k each month.	9/13/2018 5:00 PM
185	Cluster housing is one approach for the 50-70 group. The provision of public transport to these areas is essential to retain mobility and get medically unfit drivers off the road.	9/13/2018 4:26 PM
186	Build properties that are fit for purpose for all ages that can easily be adapted cheaply ensuring someone who has lived and enjoyed their home for many years can continue to stay there if they wish or make it easier for them to downsize somehow.	9/13/2018 3:49 PM
187	Encourage schemes for selling properties and down sizing etc	9/13/2018 3:22 PM
188	Build retirement blocks.	9/13/2018 2:38 PM
189	provide better quality residential homes. payment to assist with moving fees etc. reasonable cost so that residents can still benefit from profit from sale of home.	9/13/2018 1:35 PM
190	There are many good examples from outside Watford of how to make elderly communities effective, enabling older people to live independently in their own homes with much less support than would be required by full time care. These examples are worth investigating to see if they are appropriate to apply in Watford (one good example was on Angela Rippon's BBC programme on Dementia, which I think is still available on iPlayer)	9/13/2018 1:31 PM
191	This depends on what you mean by "new". Do you mean new build or simply an existing house where the tenant is new? I just want to clarify my "no" response to building purpose built retirement homes. With an aging population, they might be necessary to build but they are exclusionary to younger people who also need somewhere to live.	9/13/2018 11:10 AM
192	Sheltered Housing is a good option	9/13/2018 10:56 AM
193	Affordable care homes. Don't take people's life savings because they are unfortunate enough to be ill. Increase rates and taxation. Provide more council run sheltered accommodation.	9/13/2018 9:51 AM
194	Provide modern comfortable homes capable of taking wheelchairs and disabled facilities that people can take pets with them if need be.	9/12/2018 5:19 PM
195	Instead of providing new homes for older people who prefer to stay in the home they have already adapt that house?	9/12/2018 4:47 PM
196	In my own experience, the older people in my family have been very resistant to the idea of leaving their (too big/not suitable) home despite the problems they were experiencing. my parents in law looked at many options but rejected apartments - no garden; new house - too pokey; purpose built retirement property - not ready for that; bungalow near town - too far to walk to shops. Not sure what the answer would be.	9/12/2018 4:45 PM
197	Design accessible homes from the start that are suitable for elderly or those in wheelchairs. Living within the community rather than isolated beings people together and younger people living nearby would help the older person.	9/12/2018 8:50 AM
198	This I feel is where boroughs need to get together and build homes on boundary areas that are suitable. Those in social housing should be given an incentive to give up their homes, any compensation payment will out weigh the benefit of increasing housing stock.	9/12/2018 8:41 AM
199	Building of flats with carers in site and communal garden and areas (areas to exercise, to spend time together under the supervision of specialised personnel)	9/12/2018 7:41 AM
200	More sheltered accomodation So why are Watford pulling these down ???	9/11/2018 7:21 PM
201	There are a lot of older people who would probably like a retirement home which is local to shops and have a full programme of events which would possibly help with prolonging dementia.	9/11/2018 6:12 PM
202	Block of flats	9/11/2018 11:56 AM
203	Give them an incentive to move into specialised accommodation. Many people stay in 4 bedroom houses when they can't climb the stairs because they like the area. Building retirement properties in all areas and encouraging people to move (stamp duty, moving fees) could help	9/11/2018 9:14 AM
204	make them safe and in good surroundings with warden on site	9/10/2018 7:55 PM
205	perhaps budgeting for a small refurb pot that the council can provide to elderly home owners to adapt thier homes for them. Also providing more at home care for them.	9/10/2018 5:50 PM
206	More apartments for middle and upper class.	9/10/2018 4:18 PM

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207	Work with specialist providers so a range of attractive options can be provided so the ageing population has a better choice to enable them to leave their homes. If they are supported in whatever choice they make and have options not only where they live but encouraged to stay active and a choice of lifestyle, surely they would be happier.	9/10/2018 2:52 PM
208	Why do they need new homes? Isn't it more economical and cost-effective to adapt than build? Clumping old people together in blocks of new homes specifically for them deprives the community of their experience and deprives them of younger company.	9/10/2018 12:12 PM
209	Shared ownership /group accommodation-unsure really!	9/10/2018 11:52 AM
210	Provide smaller homes with amenity spaces like (possibly shared) terraces so that if someone is giving up their garden, they don't lose their connection with the outdoors entirely. Provide low rise apartments designed for community engagement - apartments are the logical way to provide homes all on one level when stairs are not an option and you need higher housing densities. However, a large, impersonal block of flats where the main contact with your neighbour is the unwanted noise coming through the ceiling is not something many retirees would consider giving up a house for. Provide homes where older people retain their independence but help is available in case of emergency.	9/10/2018 9:58 AM
211	Many older people who have brought up their families in their own home, are now under occupying. I am sure that elderly residents who are getting to the stage where maintaining their own property is becoming a worry, would welcome the opportunity to move to attractive, warm, well laid out modern homes in a protected environment if they were offered an easy way of making the move. I think we should look into a scheme whereby the Council offers to buy older resident's homes and manages their transfer to a new property, taking away all the worry of the move. I know developers of 'retirement homes' offer just such a service (albeit on rip-off terms) so there is an opportunity for WBC and their partner housing associations to jointly offer an honest, good value product which would give the elderly residents a more appropriate home whilst also making a larger family home available to the market.	9/10/2018 9:24 AM
212	This should not be a Borough Council consideration, the Council should leave this sort of concern to the private market / sector - and instead focus on other priorities. We have more than enough residential care home facilities and sheltered housing in Watford (and the surrounding areas).	9/9/2018 9:22 PM
213	Pass.	9/9/2018 8:37 PM
214	Older people should consider leaving larger homes as it doesn't make sense for families to be squeezed into smaller housing when larger, more appropriate, properties are available and only occupied by one person. - Residential care homes should not be located centrally or in areas that are prime commuter areas. - People may be persuaded to leave their homes if they didn't have to use nearly all of the money from their property to pay for their care!!!	9/9/2018 12:52 PM
215	Its a big societal issue with families being far apart and not supporting in old age.	9/9/2018 12:42 PM
216	Increase natality.	9/9/2018 12:13 PM
217	Respect their wishes and provide support in their own homes where even possible. Where this is not possible then specialist care only option. These should not be tall say 5 stores and have significant architectural merit and some external space for those able to get outside.	9/9/2018 9:09 AM
218	build low rent properties not owned by over priced developers like mccarthy and stone	9/9/2018 9:00 AM
219	Adapt their existing homes. Build family homes with annexes for their elderly relatives.	9/9/2018 1:14 AM
220	you need to provide integrated housing so that older people are also surrounded by multigenerational groups to reduce isolation etc. There are some countries that do that with success Reducing isolation means more likely to be active and more healthy.	9/8/2018 7:25 PM
221	Homes should be adaptable so that there is space for our elders to remain with the family but as independent as possible.	9/8/2018 5:17 PM
222	Provide more care for those that live at home. The focus should be on making people stay in their existing housing. A combination of carers and family members helping will be cheaper than care homes.	9/8/2018 4:53 PM
223	Lots of different options, from full care to independent living	9/8/2018 2:29 PM
224	Help people adapt their homes.	9/8/2018 1:49 PM
225	Consider how adaptations can be done more quickly in residents homes. Encouraging providers to develop more sheltered housing and extra care accommodation may also help	9/8/2018 1:07 PM
226	Encourage smaller developments on the outskirts of town, potentially small bungalows, to allow older people to maintain their independence but free up larger semi-detached and detached family housing.	9/8/2018 11:00 AM

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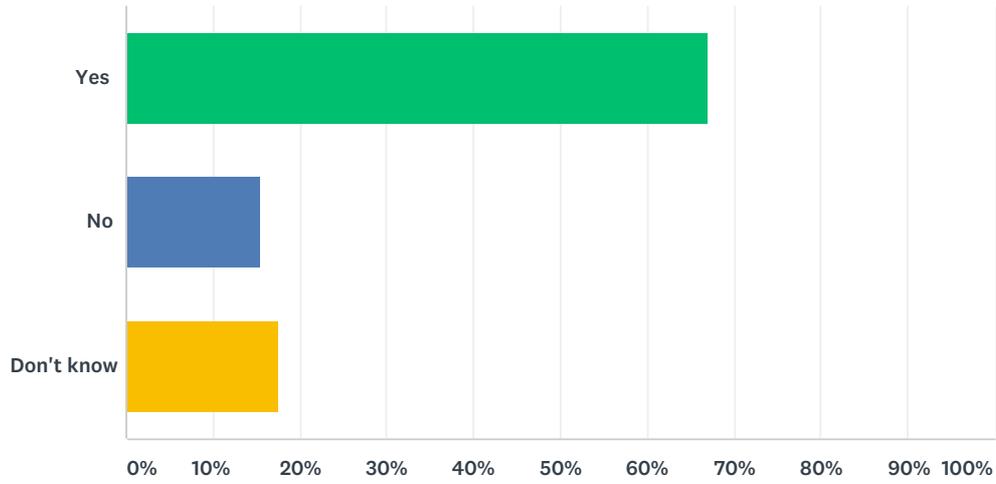
227	Something you totally ignore is the need for bungalow type accommodation for older people. I and many of my friends would like to downsize in preparation for when we are less able yet most of the bungalows in the Watford area have been allowed to extend outwards and upwards making them no longer suitable/available as senior dwellings. Family sized housing could be freed up if Watford did not ignore the needs of its growing elderly population	9/8/2018 10:47 AM
228	I have no idea!	9/8/2018 10:39 AM
229	lobby government to reduce stamp duty. Build some bungalows in among other houses.	9/8/2018 8:29 AM
230	We having simply forgot about our ageing population with all the concentration on building for the younger element of the population. In all future plans a proportionate approach must be adopted.	9/8/2018 8:11 AM
231	Why do they need new homes? Do you let people build where they shouldn't? Do you turn a blind eye whilst neighbours move in and vandalise, and reduce the value of property around them???	9/8/2018 6:43 AM
232	Redevelop small estates with the elderly in mind. I know of a housing scheme up north that caters for the retired where they live independently if they chose but they have a general communal hall offering a hot lunch daily, there are on site medical staff to help and a nursing wing if needed. The residents see themselves as valued members of the community	9/8/2018 1:02 AM
233	If the homes are appropriate which provide needs for elderly and comfortable with caring attitudes . This would be brilliant.	9/8/2018 12:20 AM
234	mixed developments so they're not abandoned	9/7/2018 11:52 PM
235	There is a definite lack of communication for the elderly, not traditionally internet users, they need a familiar form of communication. Surgeries once a month to provide information for elderly and their carers would be great	9/7/2018 11:01 PM
236	Obligate over 55+ accommodation builders to provide small numbers (per development) for council rental	9/7/2018 10:08 PM
237	Financial incentives for older people to downsize, releasing family size homes back into market. More assisted living/older community options for elderly.	9/7/2018 9:54 PM
238	More homes built to care for older residents and more warden controlled apartment blocks.	9/7/2018 8:42 PM
239	Provide support and help at their homes	9/7/2018 8:21 PM
240	Retirement villages, with well run community style facilities, such as travel clubs.	9/7/2018 7:54 PM
241	No rabbit hutches like Elton Towers for sure. More living in small communities- and support from social services.	9/7/2018 7:44 PM
242	Work with property developers who build villages/ blocks for sale to get them to provide units for rent.	9/7/2018 7:16 PM
243	Flats and apartments which are fully serviced and have communal gardens and social areas	9/7/2018 6:49 PM
244	Offer small grants to build "granny annex" to relatives who can accommodate elderly relatives and have space for a loft or extension, to create an extra room.	9/7/2018 6:41 PM
245	Grants/financial assistance to adapt houses already lived in	9/7/2018 5:59 PM
246	Retirement homes/flats in areas with the right facilities - they don't need to be near schools but do need local shops and transport links	9/7/2018 5:51 PM
247	Set up schemes where students are offered free accommodation to live in shared facilities, thereby building in an element of care/friendship into the model. Such schemes have been set up in Holland successfully. Encourage older residents to move from their larger properties by offering a wrap around service that helps them move and provides emotional support.	9/7/2018 5:49 PM
248	I think it's more important to focus on adequate support being available to support independent living but such services are being cut.	9/7/2018 5:48 PM
249	Mixed development	9/7/2018 5:12 PM
250	Be included in the mix of new homes. People living longer was surely the aim over the years to extend life expectancy.	9/7/2018 5:12 PM
251	Old people usually do not want to leave the house they have brought up their families in, but the houses may be poorly equipped for old people. Can we encourage them to move into smaller better equipped houses or shared accommodation, shared with younger single people?? but these singles would want to move on when they hook up. Moving home is traumatic, but..	9/7/2018 5:06 PM

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252	Watford has more of this type of property than any other type. Also Watford spread outness doesn't really lend itself to being older folk friendly unless you are particularly active. There should be more community hubs rather than property.	9/7/2018 4:58 PM
253	That's a problem for the individual not the state.	9/7/2018 4:37 PM
254	More one and two bedroom houses and bungalow so people can downsize	9/7/2018 3:33 PM
255	How about bungalows / 3 storey flats that are under warden Control / independent Living environment	9/7/2018 3:23 PM
256	People often require less space, bedrooms, as they get older but do not want to live in a box. So smaller houses or larger apartments with access to outside space.	9/7/2018 3:06 PM
257	Work to keep people in their homes is the priority	9/7/2018 2:28 PM
258	Build more extra care facilities	9/7/2018 2:16 PM
259	Nothing. If people want to stay in their homes then they have every right to. Most house actually can be adapted with support from social services and charities.	9/7/2018 2:13 PM
260	Sheltered housing. With resident Wardens.	9/7/2018 2:05 PM
261	There is nothing we can do regarding people who own their own property as it's their investment for their siblings unless you can provide subsidised accommodation. But move those in rented accommodation into smaller accommodation or council run properties if they have a property with more bedrooms than they need	9/7/2018 2:02 PM
262	Build smaller houses with one or two bedrooms so people can downsize. I would not want to downsize into a flat	9/7/2018 1:47 PM

Q12 Should we deliver purpose built retirement homes?

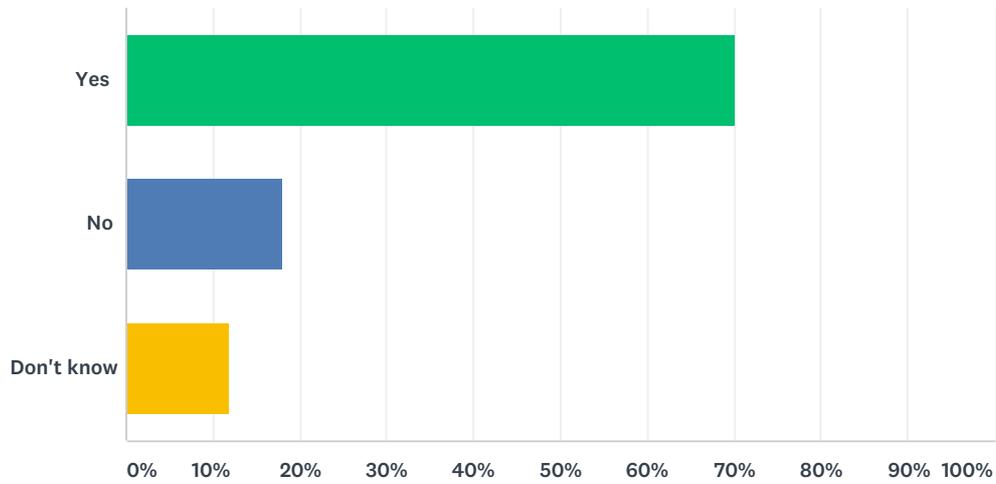
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	66.88%	212
No	15.46%	49
Don't know	17.67%	56
TOTAL		317

Q13 Should we ensure new homes are adaptable for all ages to live in?

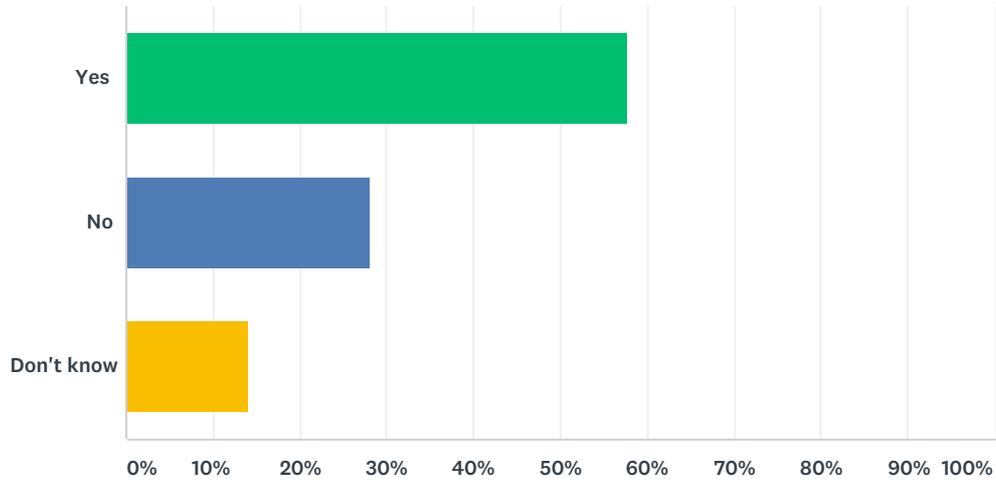
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	70.09%	225
No	18.07%	58
Don't know	11.84%	38
TOTAL		321

Q14 Should we continue to protect existing employment areas from redevelopment to other uses such as housing?

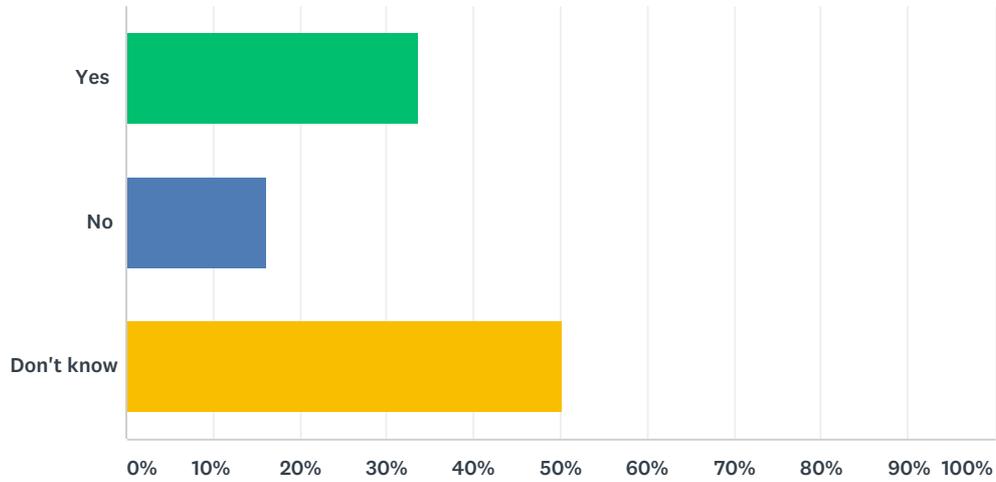
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	57.80%	189
No	28.13%	92
Don't know	14.07%	46
TOTAL		327

Q15 Do you think there are any existing employment areas that are suitable for redevelopment?

Answered: 321 Skipped: 98



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	33.64%	108
No	16.20%	52
Don't know	50.16%	161
TOTAL		321

Q16 If you own a business in Watford, what are the issues that are of most importance to you? (Note: Issues such as rent and business rates are not part of the planning process and cannot be addressed as part of the new Local Plan)

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Cheap public transportation	10/19/2018 10:04 PM
2	Create start up spaces and smaller units rather than just massive units which are not being filled by shrinking national firms ... redevelop industrial areas for new business - hi tech industries (not housing) ...	10/19/2018 4:47 PM
3	I don't own a business.	10/19/2018 3:38 PM
4	not applicable	10/19/2018 3:05 PM
5	N/a	10/19/2018 2:33 PM
6	Having an online admin process and a way to contact and address the borough on important issue. The borough should also encourage businesses to bound and create a community to raise their issue, so they can solve it themselves, or raise it further	10/19/2018 11:38 AM
7	Legal & General have substantial investments in Watford and is committed to its future economic growth. It is a very well located centre with excellent public transport connections, including main line rail connections to the centre of London and to the rest of the UK. It has for many years been attractive to long term investment leading to an increase in employment opportunities. Much of the existing commercial stock is ageing and sustainable development should be encouraged. This means that the Council should support and encourage proposals for the existing commercial stock to be refurbished, extended and redeveloped at higher densities in taller buildings - particularly in the employment areas that have the greatest accessibility, for example areas such as the Clarendon Road area, and around Watford Station. In appropriate highly accessible locations mixed-use high density developments, with both commercial and residential uses should be encouraged. Many infrastructure improvements depend on demand for their facilities to succeed, and the Council's support for higher density commercial and residential development will increase the viability of infrastructure provision and improvement.	10/17/2018 5:33 PM
8	Traffic congestion. People should have a tax incentive for living and working locally to stop jobs in Watford being filled by people who need to commute to Watford and and also to encourage people who live in Watford to work in Watford. This would be helpful to traffic, transport and quality of life/community.	10/17/2018 12:15 PM
9	Existing employment areas should be protected as many local businesses benefit from workers who live locally or in neighbouring areas. However some areas could also be redeveloped such as Clarendon Road which in the 80's could not be built higher due to restrictions, perhaps there is some scope here for higher buildings here.	10/16/2018 12:24 PM
10	That is won't be developed into a block of flats and parking taken away.	10/14/2018 8:13 PM
11	Public transport links, parking	10/14/2018 7:21 PM
12	N/A	10/14/2018 7:19 PM
13	Parking - although Watford has great train links, not everyone wants/can travel by train	10/14/2018 11:01 AM
14	You cannot just keep adding population to a town without the people having some gainful, local employment.	10/13/2018 8:46 PM
15	N/A	10/13/2018 5:23 PM
16	n/a	10/13/2018 11:11 AM
17	NA	10/12/2018 8:00 AM
18	Availability of a good work force within reasonable travelling distance. Good public transport system. This has to be integrated and coordinated. Current system is somewhat fragmented.	10/11/2018 6:57 PM

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19	More car park and cheaper car parks needed in town and shops in St albans road are dead because there is no free parking	10/11/2018 11:20 AM
20	A number of the high rise offices on Clarendon Road were pulled down, only to have more offices built in their place. There are loads along that road that always have to let signs up and do not seem to be at capacity or fully used. Many of the smaller business spaces seem to be empty, which is a shame because it means small businesses are suffering, but along places like St Albans Road, where damaged shop fronts have been empty for over a year, perhaps offering these at a discounted rate to local start ups and companies, before turning them into housing would be an option. More people are working from home and working remotely. Allowing workers to do that, by ensuring space, housing and decent internet connection, is a step towards supporting employment. Not underestimating some of the wide range of industrial estate spaces that could be used as office space and as housing, especially around North Watford and Balmoral Road, large industrial spaces could be accommodated further out of town, where access to the motorway was not down narrow residential streets.	10/10/2018 6:12 PM
21	There are a ridiculous amount of empty buildings (mainly commercial) in Watford that could be converted!! These buildings should be converted first as they are not being used.	10/10/2018 12:55 PM
22	Lol at rent at business rents not being addressed - they're the biggest issue.	10/10/2018 11:40 AM
23	Not applicable.	10/10/2018 2:05 AM
24	It really depends where these employment areas are, on an individual basis, as to whether they are suitable for conversion.	10/9/2018 12:28 PM
25	People need to be able to visit local businesses easily - access is key	10/9/2018 11:45 AM
26	No doubt there are business areas in Watford that would benefit from redevelopment but where do you put the occupants while you do it? Care must be taken that this does not have a detrimental effect on employment but it could free up land for housing.	10/9/2018 9:46 AM
27	I don't have, but I am working in Watford for a small company. We have recently moved our office to another area in Watford and has been really difficult to find a space enough big, with parking area and at decent rent price.	10/9/2018 1:44 AM
28	Guess what.....2nd back entrance to Watford Junction. As I said EVERYTHING stems from that. There is no point in all these questions about housing either, unless you do it. The town CANNOT grow in ANY way with it.Am I overdoing it now? I'll probably make it again in a minute.	10/8/2018 10:31 PM
29	Not a business owner but it would seem a sensible use of land to integrate light industry with residential developments.	10/8/2018 4:26 PM
30	Would there be scope for mixing business space with housing? For example a tall building with some businesses at ground level and offices and accommodation on the higher levels? With a secure lift built in. Could parking spaces be provided underground where there is insufficient public transport? This is very common in Switzerland.	10/6/2018 2:41 PM
31	Training young people and encourage businesses to offer apprenticeship or employment opportunities.	10/6/2018 2:33 PM
32	Not applicable.	10/6/2018 1:09 PM
33	I used to run a business in Watford and appropriate support services were important to me such as telephone, internet and efficient postal services	10/6/2018 8:38 AM
34	if you don't have employment areas then how will people be able to afford and pay for the new houses	10/5/2018 10:52 AM
35	Not applicable	10/4/2018 9:09 PM
36	Tolpits lane building flats. Provide better paths and access to the area if your going to authorise housing in the area	10/4/2018 6:03 AM
37	There are a number of vacant offices In Watford so I don't believe there is a shortage especially when the new TX Maxx office opens freeing up their current buildings. Have mixed developments of of office and housing	10/3/2018 10:35 PM
38	FREE parking	10/3/2018 8:34 AM
39	Some small businesses who do not hold the freehold to the land have been asked to vacate their premises as the landlord has decided to sell to developers so not all employment areas are protected. However if there is good transport infrastructure to support the compulsory move to a business park hopefully that business can continue, but does Watford have that? Having to fight for a bus service to remain doesn't really lend itself to having high hopes about keeping businesses up & running.	10/2/2018 11:32 PM

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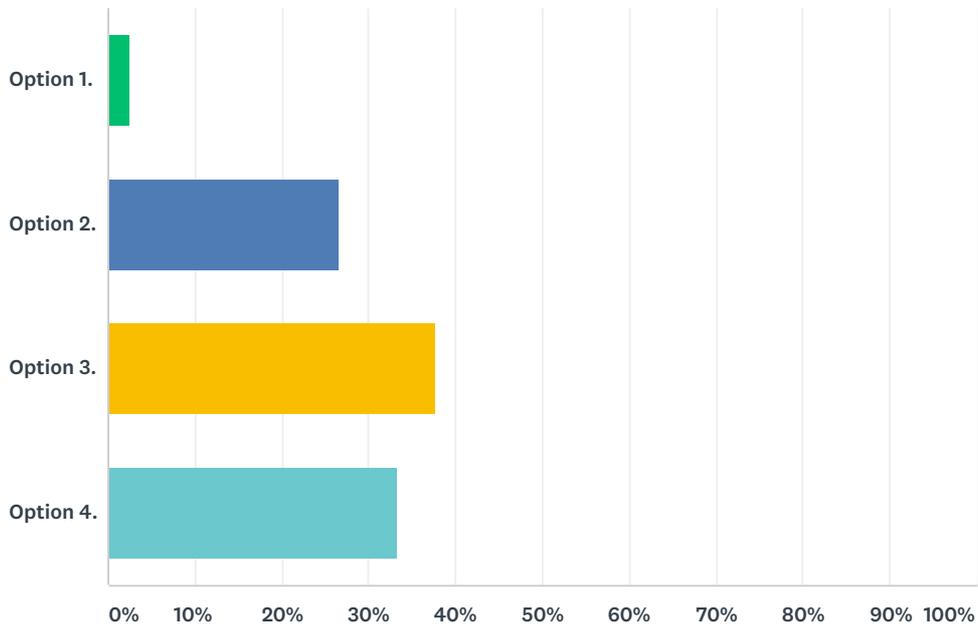
40	N/A	10/2/2018 5:20 PM
41	Road congestion and parking	10/2/2018 2:45 PM
42	Affordable home ownership for employees Traffic Congestion Parking Facilities Commuter Service Improvements	10/1/2018 4:06 PM
43	NA	9/30/2018 9:12 AM
44	N/A	9/29/2018 1:10 PM
45	Don't own a business but there are so many office buildings empty in central watford and have been for years. Why can't they be used for businesses or housing.?	9/29/2018 7:32 AM
46	Keep rates and rent lower to attract more small buisnesses	9/27/2018 5:49 AM
47	I would like to see more useful shops. Despite Watford being a major shopping centre, the choice and type of shops is reducing, with too many restaurants	9/26/2018 5:26 PM
48	I've worked for two companies that were looking to relocate out of London. On both occasions Watford was discounted straight away. Watford was not considered prestigious enough and was seen as less desirable than even Harrow. Both companies, despite acknowledging that Watford was well served from a logistical point of view, felt that clients would not want to come to the area as it was not very attractive and therefore would not help the image of the company. I see that Tolpits Lane is already being redeveloped with yet more flats being thrown up so I suspect you have little interest in what people really think with regard to redeveloping existing employment areas.	9/26/2018 5:10 PM
49	Are the conversions to property at affordable rent?	9/26/2018 6:32 AM
50	Traffic	9/26/2018 6:29 AM
51	Rent keeps going up making small business fold or move. There needs to be a rule in place where rent can not keep increasing for small businesses every year.	9/25/2018 10:54 AM
52	Less population More schools Better roads More hospitals Bigger parks	9/25/2018 8:31 AM
53	No business	9/24/2018 3:11 AM
54	Losing staff to higher paid London jobs	9/23/2018 3:23 PM
55	I don't own a business but if industrial units or retail units are not being used then they should be converted to residential (or indeed any use that they would be suitable for) instead of just being abandoned.	9/23/2018 3:16 PM
56	Not a business owner but feel being so close to the capital prestige office space and jobs are not a priority in this area. More manufacturing industry and small u it's are needed. This would reflect the need of a growing population in both young and persons of mature years wishing to continue working.	9/18/2018 12:23 PM
57	Not a business owner but, access to property is vital ie deliveries + staff/ customer parking so NOT parking in roads & holding up traffic (keep traffic flowing) being on or close to public transport routes, Location (expansion possibilities), staff employment	9/18/2018 11:49 AM
58	Travel and traffic	9/18/2018 6:32 AM
59	Business rates are set by the Council - why can you not plan for it ?	9/17/2018 3:37 PM
60	Access is a key issue with overcrowded roads and huge congestion at either end of each week day.	9/17/2018 1:39 PM
61	I don't own a business but as residential is going high rise so should employment space. Most of Watford buisness Park is low rise so there seems opportunity to develop upwards there.	9/16/2018 3:41 PM
62	Good transport to work areas	9/15/2018 9:25 PM
63	I think efforts should be made to protect the more high quality employment areas whilst opening up lower quality areas (maybe areas like the Sandown estate that are now suboptimal located) to redevelopment.	9/15/2018 11:09 AM
64	Not enough parking for shoppers.	9/13/2018 2:39 PM
65	Tube and rail links into London and to the North Road congestion and gridlock at rush hours (which appears to be increasing in duration as congestion increases). I'm seeing some very dangerous driving as a result of people delayed by traffic jams.	9/13/2018 1:33 PM
66	If you remove buildings from businesses and replace them with housing, you create the reverse situation. You'll end up with an unemployeed population who can't afford to rent or buy the homes that replaced them.	9/13/2018 11:13 AM

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67	Infrastructure, transport links, public transport	9/13/2018 10:58 AM
68	Crime	9/13/2018 9:52 AM
69	I can't see why business and residential can be integrated! Redevelopment of industrial estates and new buildings can include residential apartments built on top of the business's. Again careful consideration need to be taken here as some business's work 24 hours so areas would need to have business's that only operate in the day, parking can be utilised for both.	9/12/2018 8:45 AM
70	Good quality staff Staff retention ie family homes Good town atmosphere - a place where people want to live (and work) NOT 1/2 bed investment properties that are let to a transit labourforce	9/11/2018 7:23 PM
71	N/A	9/10/2018 5:51 PM
72	Do not own a business in Watford.	9/10/2018 2:53 PM
73	N/A	9/9/2018 9:23 PM
74	I do not own a business I work for a company in Hemel Hempstead however to keep business in Watford they must be able to make money here. Thus rents and rates to be very carefully monitored. May be a sliding scale being low for small business and small retail to encourage startup, local diversity and make Watford interesting to visit as the smaller shops of St Albans and the lanes of Brighton are.	9/9/2018 9:14 AM
75	I dont own a business	9/9/2018 1:15 AM
76	[REDACTED]	9/8/2018 6:44 AM
77	N/A	9/8/2018 12:24 AM
78	Travel and integration into London. We have to step change the relationship with HCC to City Hall.	9/7/2018 7:56 PM
79	Community office space is needed for each area that could be employment hubs.	9/7/2018 6:42 PM
80	Double standard planning rules with unhelpful advice. Traffic. Parking.	9/7/2018 6:01 PM
81	Broadband but we are small.	9/7/2018 5:49 PM
82	Being put off having a business because there are no reliefs in place any more. The council do not treat fairly my customers who receive housing benefit as they do not fulfil all their requirements and regularly make sure that their needs are being fulfilled. Always the money is reduced when circumstances do not change but prices go up - if this were the case and the council could not afford them then maybe they should say they can't afford to pay for them rather than get them into debt by only paying a portion.	9/7/2018 5:02 PM
83	NA	9/7/2018 4:39 PM
84	N/a	9/7/2018 2:29 PM

Q17 What do you think is the most appropriate option for tall buildings in Watford from those outlined above?

Answered: 321 Skipped: 98



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Option 1.	2.49%	8
Option 2.	26.48%	85
Option 3.	37.69%	121
Option 4.	33.33%	107
TOTAL		321

Q18 What infrastructure is important in your area and needs improving?

Answered: 295 Skipped: 124

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Maintaining - not eroding of - public open space / green field areas in areas which have existing high population density.	10/21/2018 10:24 PM
2	Schools, GP surgeries	10/21/2018 10:24 AM
3	Better public transport to encourage people out of cars and more doctors	10/20/2018 9:57 AM
4	Schools, health facilities, public transport, protect our amazing open green spaces. Bus system - the schedules are not good, particularly evenings and weekends - non-existent on Sundays. They should link up the towns facilities, including leisure centres, parks, children's facilities and schools. The prices desperately need reducing, particularly in comparison with the cost of car parking. It HAS to be cost effective to get a family into town (for example) by bus. Reliable, cheap and using green energy should be the way forward.	10/19/2018 11:33 PM
5	Primary schools, road and paving quality, water provisions during and after redevelopment	10/19/2018 11:15 PM
6	Schools, health facilities, sewage, communities facilities, electricity & broadband	10/19/2018 10:08 PM
7	I think the roads along Stephenson way need replacing as the job done on them last year was terrible. More should be done to make St Albans road more aesthetically pleasing. The train service from Watford junction to St Albans abbey is particularly unreliable. I would say the infrastructure for what we have now is adequate. It will take very little to make the A412 in Watford impossible to negotiate with more housing though	10/19/2018 10:02 PM
8	public open space and schools	10/19/2018 9:53 PM
9	OMG - all infrastructure is important, you are asking again a guided question, everyone is going to say all need improving because development has been allowed to the point that the current infrastructure is under strain, well guess what that's another ticket to going ahead and building what you want. This questionnaire is a farce.	10/19/2018 8:45 PM
10	Health facilities are sorely lacking in the town centre and yet this is where all the new expanding population is ... there are also no secondary schools in the central area. Don't build flood defences which can make flooding worse elsewhere - don't build on flood plains and where built at any infrequent risk insist on flood resistant designs.	10/19/2018 4:51 PM
11	Public transport. It's terrible that the Metropolitan line extension has been pulled. I would have been able to get the train to work (I work at one of the Bucks ends of the Metropolitan line). It isn't faesible for me to walk to Watford station, so I drive - contributing to the congestion and pollution. A solution desperately needs to be put in place (and hopefully not just a bus route). Additionally, buses out into Hertfordshire and Bucks are way too expensive. Anything that can be done that will provide greater choice (and maybe drive down prices!) will be a good thing.	10/19/2018 3:41 PM
12	Broadband is slow due to the amount of people, needs to be improved.	10/19/2018 3:32 PM
13	Traffic along St Albans Road and car parking in residential streets off St Albans Road.	10/19/2018 3:12 PM
14	Parks are very important, and some have good features like Cassiobury - however they can still benefit from further improvement. Allotments are important, and these are very poorly managed at the moment. Public transport infrastructure is weak.	10/19/2018 2:55 PM
15	The highway system. However, the borough has very little room for development, having already driven roads through green spaces (Cassiobury Park next?). Therefore, a better option might be to evaluate the possibility of restricting private transport but only if a suitable alternative public system can be provided.	10/19/2018 2:37 PM
16	Community facilities	10/19/2018 1:33 PM
17	Doctors surgeries. Public transport particularly buses. Hospital.	10/19/2018 1:13 PM
18	Outdoor all weather sport space Running track - doesn't have to be soft, could be concrete and compacted aggregate.	10/19/2018 11:46 AM
19	-Local NHS with GPs etc -School within walking distance -Community amenities	10/19/2018 11:39 AM
20	The roads are awful (potholes etc). Schools appear to be overcrowded / lack of any choice.	10/19/2018 1:49 AM

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21	Transport - the trains from Bushey are not sufficiently frequent and are very overcrowded and unreliable. Given the number of new homes being built by Bushey and Watford Junction stations, this problem is only going to get work. More frequent trains with increased capacity which are more reliable are essential. Parking is also a nightmare - we recently bought our first car and often have to park several streets away from our house on Villiers Road. The lack of parking control around Bushey Station is ridiculous; people come from as far away as Hemel Hempstead to take advantage of the free parking on the streets by the station and the cheaper fares. We need measures in place to deter this from happening - this also make our roads less congested, the air cleaner and improve local parking. We also need more school places available, particularly given the number of new homes being built. The new housing projects that have already been approved do not include enough schools or medical facilities. Local schools and health care services are already over stretched - any new housing developments must include new health facilities and schools, as well as adequate parking.	10/18/2018 10:42 PM
22	bus services around the town and further afield to local surrounding areas GP surgery New hospital - the existing one is a mismatch of decrepit buildings	10/18/2018 10:16 PM
23	All of the above - Nascot has had massive expansion of properties with no new school places, GP's, Dentists etc. Constant problems with telephone and Broadband (slow speeds) as the box where our line goes is over half a mile from us - there are many more in between now but BT state they cannot move us to a nearer box.	10/18/2018 6:46 PM
24	To have buildings that fit in with the other buildings in that area, so it matches and it doesn't stick out like a sore thumb	10/18/2018 4:15 PM
25	Schools, utilities, medical care.	10/18/2018 12:49 PM
26	Not aware of any problems in my area (WD17).	10/18/2018 10:26 AM
27	The quality of water in canals and rivers can affect how attractive they are as spaces for people to be on, in or alongside and impact on the plants and wildlife that rely on it. It is therefore important that new developments are appropriately located, designed to minimise risk and do not adversely affect our assets. New development often brings new people onto the waterways, particularly the towpaths. Improvements to signage and wayfinding is therefore also seen as a positive enhancement to help with connectivity of networks.	10/18/2018 10:05 AM
28	All infrastructure needs to be improved when new housing is being built it is all essential and is already not coping with the number of residents.	10/18/2018 7:55 AM
29	Public open space	10/17/2018 6:56 PM
30	Local GP Surgery under pressure. Our Hospital is at breaking point already because of underfunding, Bad management, more housing, and covering other areas outside of Watford.	10/17/2018 6:05 PM
31	Infrastructure across Watford is under pressure. As we build more and higher density offices, homes and shops, we shall also need to provide more utilities and build more schools and health facilities. Much of Watford's open spaces can be improved in quality, which would increase their attractive and therefore use by residents and workers. All new and intensified developments should make an appropriate contribution to the upgrading and provision of infrastructure.	10/17/2018 5:33 PM
32	All of it ! This must be improved. As I have already said it's no use WBC throwing up new estates and flats when there are no extra beds at Watford General for example. I work there so I see the pressures every day. ..The roads are gridlocked, schools are full...and on and on..Public transport is dire in Watford so if I could drive I would never give up my car if I had one.	10/17/2018 4:26 PM
33	The public transport systems in the Watford area need upgrading.	10/17/2018 2:32 PM
34	Schools - there is housing where there was Cassio College and now those residents need schools - that site would have been perfect however now the old Watford College on the busy Hempstead Rd takes primary children where it is unsafe to drop off and collect - planning stupidity. Hospital - Watford hospital is really hard to get to for most people who are supposed to use it. The car parking is on a steep hill - really tricky for a great many patients and ridiculously expensiv. Paying on exit as in the past would de-stress countless numbers of patients who spend their time worrying about whether they have paid enough for the car park and pushing up their blood pressure!	10/17/2018 12:21 PM

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35	Lack of parking spaces is the main problem in West Watford and people are already coming to blows over it as terraced houses become flats with additional cars per building. Your policy of allowing flats with no parking is not working, people living there still have cars and just park in surrounding areas causing problems. No homes should be built without suitable parking spaces if you want to maintain good community relations. We will need additional doctors' surgeries, it is impossible to get an appointment. There are not enough school places available. All of this leads to a breakdown in community relations with people blaming the incomers. I am afraid of what will happen to community relations in Watford in the future. A solution would be to offer more settings and centres where the community can come together as per my earlier answer but we can't hold back the growing tide of bad feeling for ever even though we try to lead by example, getting people to meet each other and breaking down barriers.	10/17/2018 12:02 PM
36	All utilities (water gas electricity sewage) need a comprehensive survey to assess the capability of supporting the massive development that is happening in Central. Priority given to Victorian area. Additional Doctor Surgeries Retain all public space, including small pockets, verges. Stop selling off tiny scraps of green space.	10/17/2018 1:50 AM
37	Schools and health facilities are insufficient and unable to cope with the increasing population.	10/16/2018 12:27 PM
38	Water pressure is already flowing slower than it did a decade ago, and the sewers are in need of total redevelopment, especially in the older areas of Central, Nascot and Park. Health Services are critical yet GP and Dental services are already full - so new clinics are required.	10/16/2018 10:18 AM
39	Provision of health and education facilities. Upgrade roads and sewers. Plant trees to clean air and create better ambience for local people.	10/16/2018 9:27 AM
40	Flood defences especially around the lower high street area of watford. Community facilities. With regard to older people, they need more support ensuring that they can easily get out to stay healthy. The current plan to close a bowls club is ridiculous. The area of woodside is already focussed on the young.	10/15/2018 8:30 PM
41	Cleanliness; congestion;	10/15/2018 5:03 PM
42	School places are needed. Better cycle routes are needed. Road repairs are needed. Traffic congestion is an issue.	10/15/2018 4:20 PM
43	transport and road to ease traffic	10/15/2018 2:20 PM
44	Schools Health	10/15/2018 12:33 PM
45	Roads are always blocked in Leavesden Road once it rains due to poor drainage systems so this definitely needs sorting out. Pavements are a nightmare to walk down as cars park on the pavement and cyclists are cycling up and down with pedestrians and people with buggies. Not a pleasant experience! Road is like a rubbish tip so need more bins placed at intervals.	10/15/2018 11:56 AM
46	Growing and increasing population is stretching our infrastructure and all need upgrading and expansion. With an added burden of the extra housing, gp surgeries, health clinics, schools. In the Nascot area a water pipe lead replacement scheme began but was never completed. I am guessing that our sewer system is victorian and in similar need. Despite constant upgrading broadband speeds are diminishing.	10/15/2018 12:26 AM
47	Schools Roads Parking Doctors	10/14/2018 8:42 PM
48	Water and sewerage need improvement to avoid flooding, more schools and doctors needed. A better more reliable bus service that actually covers all of Watford	10/14/2018 8:15 PM
49	More schools, doctors surgeries, road repairs, more pedestrianised areas	10/14/2018 7:24 PM
50	Doctors surgeries, Secondary Schools, Bus/Transport links	10/14/2018 7:21 PM
51	Does anyone know the impact on water and sewerage if we keep on building blocks of flats ? It's all underground so nobody except the Utilities companies know. However, we can all see the impact on schools and getting Doctor appointments. Watford's roads cannot be widened but there is ever increasing traffic volumes.	10/14/2018 6:09 PM
52	I don't have children and don't intend on having them, but schools are vital. Doctors surgeries are over run so lots more need to be built - but only if you have the staff to run them	10/14/2018 1:04 PM
53	Doctors surgeries are stretched and it's often difficult/impossible to get through on the phone. It's usual to wait 2 weeks for an appointment.	10/14/2018 12:38 PM
54	cycling infrastructure	10/14/2018 11:28 AM
55	Public transport, cheap, reliable, ubiquitous. Respect for cyclists, not necessarily in the form of cycle lanes. Adequate parking for disabled people. Traffic Wardens or their equivalent doing their job properly around the borough.	10/13/2018 8:49 PM

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56	Your child being able to go to a nearby school. Community facilities Doctors' surgeries/health centres Retain public open spaces	10/13/2018 6:36 PM
57	Train capacity. Parking spaces. School places. Traffic congestion.	10/13/2018 5:25 PM
58	Community facilities - particularly open spaces Road space - including Parking for visitors to the town / area Drainage to prevent flooding	10/13/2018 11:15 AM
59	Health services - hospital/urgent care; doctors; nhs dentists; primary and secondary schools	10/13/2018 8:02 AM
60	Community Schools GP Needs money!	10/12/2018 6:13 PM
61	Cycle paths. The use of cycling akin to the Netherlands will reduce the problems with traffic and parking.	10/12/2018 1:14 PM
62	Gp surgeries and nhs dentists can be hard to find, or extremely oversubscribed. I live on Horseshoe Lane, and schools are excellent in this part of Watford - in fact the key reason we moved to Watford 18 years ago. We are really pleased with council support and development of sports and outdoor facilities in the borough. This should definitely continue.	10/12/2018 10:23 AM
63	Community facilities particularly funding for schools. There are 3 primary schools at a 10 minute walk away from our home but we are not guaranteed a place for our children as there is not enough space.	10/12/2018 8:06 AM
64	Electricity, Water, sewerage, community facilities..... things for older residents and children and youngsters to do. So many ares are becoming full of residential properties alone.	10/11/2018 8:53 PM
65	Schools Public open spaces	10/11/2018 7:00 PM
66	Parking is an issue - I believe disabled parking in the city centre is a particular problem. Most of it is too far from the shops, so I'm told. A park and ride scheme might be a good idea (I've already mentioned my thoughts on that).	10/11/2018 5:53 PM
67	-Support to to do flat insulation and replacing old electric boilers and heaters. Heating is the biggest issue and we got no money to support the family. -Gas supply to more areas. -better mobile reception and broadband.	10/11/2018 11:23 AM
68	Roads. The roads are so busy. A roundabout is needed at Courtlands drive and Hempstead road junction.	10/10/2018 8:49 PM
69	Roads. The Meriden is a cut through as the only alternative is the a41 and dome roundabout. More bridges, crossing the railway e.g. at cow lane would ease traffic. Badly phased lights mean tat garston parade and wrestles avenue are often at a standstill with huge queues. More	10/10/2018 7:38 PM
70	Availability at Dr Surgeries is difficult - they are not really taking on new patients - I am concerned for future Watford residents. Similarly, not offering certain services in the Dr Surgeries (sexual health clinic, certain small procedures) and these not really being readily available elsewhere in town (very limited hours, difficult in accessibility) is a problem. Especially with an increasing population. There are some broadband issues. Public open spaces in Watford are generally well protected and looked after, as are schools. Though whether there will still be enough school places in the next 5 years, I could not speak to.	10/10/2018 6:17 PM
71	Doctors surgeries are full!!! Wait times are crazy even with an appointment. We can not have more people. The system is not working as it is!!! Schools are massively over subscribed and under continuous pressure.	10/10/2018 12:58 PM
72	All of them are important! Schools - not just primary but secondary too. Most schools are already oversubscribed. NHS - Doctors, Dentists, Walk in clinic's etc Our doctors Callowland are not taking on anymore patients, how will building new houses along the St Albans road help with finding an NHS doctor. Green spaces, community centres.	10/10/2018 11:49 AM
73	Health facilities	10/10/2018 11:42 AM
74	Roads & Cyclepaths	10/10/2018 10:56 AM
75	Infrastructure currently seems OK in my part of Watford, although the cancellation of the Croxley Rail Link is a disappointment, personally.	10/10/2018 2:10 AM
76	Hospital, schools, health centres, etc and improved water pressure. Sometimes the pressure is so poor we have problems taking showers.	10/9/2018 11:19 PM
77	Roads and water pressure	10/9/2018 9:09 PM
78	Essential to ensure enough school places AND safe and appropriate transport to schools	10/9/2018 8:23 PM
79	Their are less public spaces available as you keep building many apartments on them. You also do not increase the number of doctors and health facilities and.school places in line with the amount of properties you build. Will WBC dead set on building tall apartments on any bit of land this will be a disaster.	10/9/2018 12:42 PM

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80	It's all important. I believe more GP surgeries are necessary already. I believe more school places will become necessary.	10/9/2018 12:33 PM
81	Clearly all of the above. Health Facilities and public open spaces. Transport is key. More trains are needed at Bushey station to support the number of flats being built. The met line extension needs to come back on the table and a solution needs to be found for this.	10/9/2018 11:56 AM
82	School places. GP surgeries.	10/9/2018 10:37 AM
83	Schools and GP surgeries. It is impossible to get a doctors appointment and the schools are all oversubscribed.	10/9/2018 10:02 AM
84	At present my local infrastructure is good but it needs to be kept that way. The roads are in a bad way but that is the case in many parts of Watford.	10/9/2018 9:47 AM
85	Hospital, schools, roads.	10/9/2018 7:58 AM
86	Schools primary and secondary, nursery; medical centre; broadband speed very poor; decent size of supermarket not only locals.	10/9/2018 1:50 AM
87	Health facilities and open spaces. Can never get an appointment at gp surgery as it is oversubscribed.	10/9/2018 12:29 AM
88	Public open space should be protected. Public transport routes and fares should be improved to encourage people to not rely 8n a vehicle.	10/8/2018 11:55 PM
89	Trains!!! Service is terrible, over crowded and increasingly expensive	10/8/2018 11:27 PM
90	Take a wild guess.	10/8/2018 10:33 PM
91	Restaurants pubs and shops	10/8/2018 9:57 PM
92	Transport & safe public open spaces	10/8/2018 8:50 PM
93	Healthcare, transport and schooling	10/8/2018 8:25 PM
94	No further housing in North Watford near st Alban's road as it's saturated.	10/8/2018 7:02 PM
95	Additional schools are clearly needed, both Primary and secondary, Additional Doctors surgeries to cater for the additional residents, wait times are already an issue. Extension of Watford General or a second hospital. More Open and green spaces. More community centres- more a community feel needed. More leisure facilities.	10/8/2018 5:41 PM
96	Public open space (I live in the terraced area of Nascot). I am able bodied and live within 10mins walk of the town centre and a doctor's surgery but those further up towards Langley Road, Bellamy Close, Grandfield Avenue and the small roads off Nascot Wood Road do not have surgeries close by or the public transport connections to make access easy without a car.	10/8/2018 4:26 PM
97	Schools- We have enough but not good enough quality. My child went to Westfield and it was like a Zoo, the teachers seemed to be all new and did not have the experience to deal with troubled pupils. I don't know how but support the teachers so they don't get stressed out and leave. Watford has good broadband (central Watford)	10/7/2018 7:47 PM
98	Roads, Internet	10/7/2018 7:16 PM
99	Nearer green space, more options for residents parking.	10/7/2018 5:47 PM
100	Buses Schools Hospitals/GP Traffic Parking	10/7/2018 8:00 AM
101	It seems there is a shortage of infant / junior school places on our local area. There is a need for more extensive and cheaper public transport., Watford general hospital provides an extensive, and according to my own and other people's experiences in my circle, an excellent service to the local population. The hospital's infrastructure leaves a lot to be desired and the (promised" new hospital is badly needed.	10/6/2018 2:51 PM
102	Too many unnecessary traffic lights, lower speed limits, Courtlands Drive and Hempstead road traffic congestion. Roads not maintained and vegetation overhang into roads making some roads narrower and more dangerous unless speed limits are reduced.	10/6/2018 2:37 PM
103	Put Article 4 in place in Central Ward to prevent ghettoisation of the area.	10/6/2018 2:04 PM
104	The infrastructure in my area (West Watford) seems quite good. More generally I am concerned that more housing should not lead to undue pressure on schools, health facilities and public open spaces.	10/6/2018 1:17 PM
105	Roads, public transport, GP surgeries, broadband and schools	10/6/2018 8:40 AM
106	Broadband Community facilities (all)	10/5/2018 9:54 PM
107	Roads are narrow and too small for additional housing and parking	10/5/2018 8:37 PM

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108	Doctors surgeries, hospital, sewers, parking, schools, roads	10/5/2018 6:40 PM
109	The hospital.....if all of these new homes are built and the population increases the A and E at Watford General is going to need to be bigger with more staff and more wards are going to need to be built so that patients can be moved from A and E to appropriate wards as needed and not left on trolleys in corridors. As far as I am aware the Watford Health Campus initiative that was supposed to improve our hospital has just become land for more flats to be built.. Schools is another issue in Watford with many being over subscribed. With potentially 700 more families living in Watford with nowhere to park their cars and therefore needing to use local schools, potentially very quickly the council is going to very quickly build a lot of new schools. Where will there be room for these new schools? As far as I am aware the 3 new free schools built in Watford over the last 3 years are already full. The roads also need improving with maybe a link road out of town to solve current traffic issues. Local roads are not designed for the high volume of lorries that drive over them. There have been numerous sink holes in roads around our areas of Watford in recent years and I am sure the high volume of heavy vehicles driving over these roads has something to do with this.	10/5/2018 6:38 PM
110	Health facilities and more secondary schools. Both need increasing/improving.	10/5/2018 5:13 PM
111	The road system is regularly clogged and local schools are at capacity with little opportunity for further expansion or indeed new schools	10/5/2018 5:03 PM
112	Roads Public Transport	10/5/2018 1:42 PM
113	Health facilities, in particular Watford General Hospital. It needs to be relocated outside of the residential area it is in. The site is an embarrassment to the town.	10/5/2018 1:40 PM
114	we urgently need doctors surgeries dentists, schools the roads are inadequate and are in disrepair We require a full underground co-ordinated survey of Watford Central with all infrastructure services included the effects of deeper pilings and foundations taken into account ,water tables and possible contamination, additional weight distribution etc as you know we do suffer from a sink holes in Watford	10/5/2018 11:05 AM
115	Already mentioned: schools, health services - not that what we've got is bad, there's just not enough of it!	10/5/2018 10:37 AM
116	Provision of GP's	10/5/2018 9:21 AM
117	Doctors, schools, open spaces.	10/5/2018 4:22 AM
118	Community facilities	10/4/2018 11:50 PM
119	Increased school places as catchments have been squeezed due to development. Traffic density - Langley Road, St Albans Road and Hempstead Toad all come to a standstill at certain times of day.	10/4/2018 11:36 PM
120	Infrastructure needs to grow with the people	10/4/2018 9:12 PM
121	Public open space needs protection otherwise we will recreate ghettos and an undesirable place to live	10/4/2018 6:32 PM
122	Water and power are very important. Roads and access to these roads is probably the most important non-essential need. Parking restrictions really need to be enforced, particularly around the town centre.	10/4/2018 4:24 PM
123	Number of doctors surgeries	10/4/2018 12:22 PM
124	Water	10/4/2018 7:44 AM
125	Doctors some are closing there books you cannot get appointments	10/4/2018 6:04 AM
126	Community facilities are the key for a good community	10/3/2018 10:37 PM
127	Doctors schools community centers	10/3/2018 6:56 PM
128	Where I live had issues with lack of school places but with a college conversion into a primary school that has dissipated at the moment but if more homes are built where will those residents send their children, how will the present town of Watford provide all that is necessary to live a happy and healthy life if every space is covered with housing and without the space for the infrastructure to support the residents new and old?	10/2/2018 11:37 PM
129	Road access - all major roads into watford are single lane roads - one accident break down and it all grinds to a halt - and the volume is just increasing - have you seen Watford at Christmas - the ring road is well known to become totally blocked - this has to be addressed before building more homes and by not providing car parking thinking they don't drive - its ignorant and ill informed.	10/2/2018 5:24 PM
130	Road Schools Doctors	10/2/2018 2:46 PM

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131	- Getting Watford stations included in London zone 6. - Link up Watford met station with Watford Junction - Allow wider access to Watford Junction station - Frequent services to London and Back. - 24 hour train service to/from London to reduce dependency on vehicles etc - Allow more dedicated cycling areas without endangering pedestrians.	10/1/2018 8:12 PM
132	Traffic Management Commuter Services Parking Health, School & Open Spaces Facilities	10/1/2018 4:09 PM
133	N/A	9/30/2018 9:38 PM
134	Schools	9/30/2018 7:35 PM
135	Bus services	9/30/2018 5:26 PM
136	Parking and traffic	9/30/2018 9:14 AM
137	As anywhere doctors, dentists, schools for all ages.	9/29/2018 7:36 AM
138	Think it's pretty good where we live	9/28/2018 6:37 PM
139	Pavements for pedestrians. Please ensure cyclists are not using pavements.	9/28/2018 3:05 PM
140	Schools and public transport	9/28/2018 9:05 AM
141	The tube extension Hempstead road from m25	9/27/2018 11:43 PM
142	School places	9/27/2018 12:42 PM
143	More easily accessible health facilities	9/27/2018 5:51 AM
144	Rail links, cycle routes, more school places, more doctors places, better hospital facilities, more outdoor leisure facilities, cleaning of all areas, recycling. Green energy, decreasing use of cars, improved air quality, planting of trees and wildlife areas, nature reserves.	9/26/2018 7:21 PM
145	Road quality - appalling level of potholes, and poor pavement quality presenting a trip hazard, especially for older people	9/26/2018 7:20 PM
146	Transport (public) is important, especially if there is going to be a lot of new development. Public spaces are also important	9/26/2018 5:30 PM
147	Traffic congestion at the top of Rickmansworth Road/Baldwins Lane. Building a School and high rise flats in this area is going to present a huge problem. I suspect you already know this but simply don't care.	9/26/2018 5:12 PM
148	Transport is abysmal Broadband increasingly unreliable	9/26/2018 4:13 PM
149	Transport Stop switching off lights in west Watford. It is unsafe.	9/26/2018 7:31 AM
150	Everything No schools. Hospital appalling traffic appalling	9/26/2018 7:18 AM
151	Schools Gp hospital capability road access & services like water & waste	9/26/2018 6:34 AM
152	Sewerage and traffic	9/26/2018 6:30 AM
153	Traffic, school places, doctors, dentists and the pressure on WGH	9/25/2018 7:17 PM
154	School is a key concern of mine. I already have to travel to my sons school. He is 6 and I am already very concerned about whether he will get into a local secondary school as it is. The town shouldn't be in a position where people are having to open several free schools themselves, this is poor on the councils part, this shouldn't have to happen at all! Health facilities, although personally I have no issues at my own doctors now, that hasn't always been the case. Dentists are difficult to get appts with too. As a parent, open spaces are feel are vital for my child to develop, explore and have fun. I also feel it encourages people to get out and about, which is better from a health perspective, rather than staying in. Cassiobury has done amazing with their development and a great place to visit. Other areas could use with the same sort of investment - or even promotion to local businesses to use the land - clubs for kids, fitness, sports, social events etc.	9/25/2018 1:33 PM
155	Schools & doctors surgeries	9/25/2018 12:33 PM
156	Schools Doctors	9/25/2018 10:56 AM
157	Less population More schools Better roads More hospitals Bigger parks	9/25/2018 8:32 AM
158	Utilities (water pressure is very low now we have a lot of extra housing in the area) School places shortage (all the extra building in the area has brought more families in the area which has led to School place shortages) Roads needs repairing	9/24/2018 11:15 PM

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159	Parking is a joke. Schools are over subscribed. The roads are so busy. Visible crime is worse than ever. Police presence appears lower than ever. The hospital is clearly understaffed and under equipped to cope with the population. From recent experience flood plans/electricity plans/sewage plans do not seem to even be looked at or requested by the council on building applications (example, recent 1 Neston Road proposals).	9/24/2018 6:50 PM
160	Roads and transport	9/24/2018 6:05 PM
161	Transport links. Sewerage and drainage. Schools.	9/24/2018 5:48 PM
162	Schools in Watford are oversubscribed from surrounding areas outside of Watford. We should focus on schools for local children. GP surgeries and investment in the hospital and NHS provision. Preserve and improve our open spaces.	9/24/2018 5:09 PM
163	Roads and Transport - Aldenham Road and Bushey Arches suffer terrible traffic jams. Also, Croxley Rail Link should be revived	9/24/2018 5:05 PM
164	Schools and doctors	9/24/2018 5:04 PM
165	Moor schools and doctors surgeries if your going to build all these new houses.	9/24/2018 11:03 AM
166	Health facilities, educational spaces	9/24/2018 3:13 AM
167	The existing infrastructure would suffice if the immigrants were chucked out.	9/23/2018 5:47 PM
168	Senior schooling Public transport Cycle routes	9/23/2018 3:25 PM
169	No problem areas in my particular area at the moment	9/23/2018 3:18 PM
170	Hospital	9/23/2018 2:02 PM
171	Schools especially secondary.	9/23/2018 11:12 AM
172	community facilities	9/22/2018 11:05 PM
173	Transportation links	9/21/2018 10:47 PM
174	Health facilities are the most important and the most in need of improvement. Watford General is a very good hospital but many of its ancillary services are now being located at some distances. E.G. physiotherapy at Borehamwood. How is it possible for the elderly or those with mobility problems to access these services? More services need to be located in GP surgeries and/or in purpose built health centres which could accommodate a number of GP practices under one roof with the added bonus of being able to share reception and other health services.	9/21/2018 6:58 PM
175	water	9/21/2018 12:27 PM
176	Open Spaces	9/20/2018 2:06 PM
177	Roads, by far the worst and is a growing issue without adding more properties into the mix. The effect on health is yet to be realised. I don't actually live in Watford, but the biggest impact to my daily life is the traffic go to the town centre during rush hour. Whether it is a school run or just walking to the station. The neglect of the council to realise the detriment that this has on it's residents, in my point of view borders on negligence.	9/19/2018 11:19 PM
178	Swimming pools in Watford are woeful. There's 2 pools, if I include bushey grove it's 3, and I only use the bushey one. I go swimming in central London as the Watford ones are unusable due to too many people. That's pretty poor.	9/19/2018 2:24 PM
179	roads and gas supply	9/19/2018 1:32 PM
180	Maintaining green areas such as allotments and park	9/18/2018 8:37 PM
181	Health facilities	9/18/2018 8:28 PM
182	All infrastructure is important, especially the roads	9/18/2018 4:55 PM
183	schools, hospitals new ones	9/18/2018 4:30 PM
184	Schools are absolute priority, not just at primary level, apart from the 2 Grammar Schools no secondary education is offered inside the borough. Public transport is also sadly deteriorating mainly because of the impossible squeeze placed on the LA's by HMG making bus subsidies all but impossible. The ridiculous mixture of operators, each doing their own thing in vehicles not fit for the route also adds to the problem. Many areas only such limited service that the elderly and single mothers become al but housebound, made worse by the continual loss of local shopping parades for yet more housing without infrastructure.	9/18/2018 12:32 PM
185	More parking spaces outside local shops - pavement improvements. Bus stop improvements in St Albans road (between Garston parade & Dome Roundabout).	9/18/2018 11:58 AM

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186	not enough of car parking spaces are provided for newly built/redeveloped flats (like Rembrant House) so cars are parked dangerously and illegally on roads, junctions, cycle lanes and pavements, not enough school places, doctors surgeries have too many patients and are overwhelmed, roads are congested (especially at rush hour) so air pollution is a real concern.	9/17/2018 11:03 PM
187	More doctor surgeries and schools and supporting clubs for eg disabilities which are being shut at the moment because the money has run out and guess what they can build unaffordable housing in their place! More places for younger people to go too and get them off the street but that is luxury as housing is the top priority but the more housing you have the more young people will roam around. You pay a load of money to people to work out those future structures that are needed for a growing population and they don't know the realty because they can afford to live in luxury like Politicians.	9/17/2018 8:08 PM
188	Small hybrid electric buses running more frequently	9/17/2018 3:39 PM
189	Start with the basics: roads, sewage works, utilities provision - all need to be upgraded if more people are expected to use them. Increased provision of larger / more schools, health clinics and social care services. Increased provision of leisure facilities - more people but fewer free leisure options leads to an increase in crime and unsocial behaviour. No loss of green spaces. Better and more frequent provision of waste collection services. Automatic use of renewable energy and provision of sustainable living with all new builds and surrounding areas: solar panels, wind energy, electric car points, recycling units, trams, community gardens for those in flats, cycle scheme.	9/17/2018 1:47 PM
190	Adequate schools to deal with increased population. GP surgeries and dentists. Local community shops. Local community facilities where communities can meet and enjoy activities.	9/17/2018 1:42 PM
191	Can existing water, gas and electricity supplies cope with lots of extra demand from lots of extra dwellings?	9/17/2018 12:05 PM
192	There should be a children's centre in central Watford. Particularly now that so many new flats have been approved. Cycling routes need to be improved. Something needs to be done about the met line extension	9/16/2018 3:45 PM
193	Transport Parks with facilities for adults as well as children i.e places to walk and meet	9/16/2018 2:34 PM
194	I use the library and the leisure centre. Library is OK, but gets crowded with students during term time. Maybe they need their own space? The leisure centre is very overcrowded, many classes have long waiting lists (although maybe some improvements are already planned?)	9/16/2018 10:43 AM
195	All	9/15/2018 9:26 PM
196	Schools. I know primary school aged children that are having to travel outside of the town to get a school place.	9/15/2018 11:12 AM
197	Sewers.	9/14/2018 7:30 PM
198	Improvement of road infrastructure to prioritise walking and cycling. For walking would like to see continuous footways as standard with pedestrians prioritised at junctions, for cycling high quality separated cycleways - taking space away from that currently used to provide for motor vehicles.	9/14/2018 7:14 PM
199	Broadband speed needs to improve. Toilets and cafe facilities at Knutsford playing fields / park	9/14/2018 1:45 PM
200	Roads traffic jams in West Watford are awful	9/14/2018 1:16 PM
201	Toilets and cafe at Knutsford playing fields / park. Congestion around watford junction. Congestion on St Albans road through north watford. Traffic chaos on the dome roundabout caused by traffic lights. Slow broadband speed in north watford.	9/14/2018 1:00 PM
202	All.	9/14/2018 12:11 PM
203	Schools, health facilities and open spaces are vital for a growing population. For the never ending new homes being built, there needs to be services available to support those living here. Until these services are gurenteed, the building of new homes should be stopped.	9/14/2018 11:05 AM
204	Roads and footpaths. Water, we've already had the water pressure reduced to stop leaks when the utility company should be upgrading the system.	9/14/2018 11:04 AM
205	Erosion of green space needs stopping, we are in between major roads here and need as much green buffer space as we can get to look after people's health and to prevent further incidences of asthma and respiratory diseases	9/14/2018 1:08 AM

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206	My area is noted as one of relative deprivation within the Borough, and yet our density is being increased and our green spaces diminished. Increasing population density can only serve to increase neighbourhood tensions, especially with the pressures put on parking etc. We have a large number of small business people on the estate, who have made their own work largely through necessity, and yet their spaces of work are being swallowed up by development. Your aims and our needs are incompatible, further underlining that the present populations needs are being sacrificed to the projected populace of the future	9/14/2018 12:19 AM
207		9/13/2018 10:18 PM
208	GP services. Surgeries are more congested than the roads. 3-4 week wait for a GP appointment. Infrastructure should go hand in hand with development. Primary schools aside, that simply hasn't been the case in Watford. Also, Watford Junction needs expanding. One tourist looking at the train boards during the peak results in a 10 person queue of frustration because of the poorly positioned columns. All the walkways and exits are far too small. It needs a St Albans Road station exit, and a London Overground station exit. The main entrance is currently a bottleneck.	9/13/2018 9:05 PM
209	Schools, Doctors, Sewerage, community facilities..	9/13/2018 6:29 PM
210	Schools, Medical facilities, transport. The utilities need to be able to cope with the increased demand too.	9/13/2018 5:11 PM
211	Electrical distribution network needs updating with the installation of easier to maintain and adapt wiring. Demands are set to increase due to electric vehicle adoption, and the current grid has only lasted as long as it has because of the lowering of demand in regular household appliances. The eCar is set to reverse that trend. The building of structures on flood plains, such as Oxhey Park North, is a disaster waiting to happen, but that will have an effect far downstream from Watford. in order to be a considerate neighbour, the skate park should be rethought and "overflow" ponds created at every opportunity. The free WiFi in the town centre is more of a hinderance than a benefit. With the wider roll-out of 3G and 4G, WAP becomes pointless - far better to have used that partnership to seed a 5G trial in Watford and deployed more micro-towers for 3G and 4G. BT's fibre to the cabinet roll out has been hampered by poor road and pavement conditions - flooding has wiped out several cabinets I've seen myself! Building standards do not seem to impose a requirement for developers to incorporate integrated comms. When I get to the bit about car sharing and online shopping, you'll know why this is important.	9/13/2018 4:26 PM
212	Dr's so you can obtain an appointment quicker schools particularly	9/13/2018 3:52 PM
213	All ok	9/13/2018 3:24 PM
214	schools hospital and health facilities open spaces	9/13/2018 3:23 PM
215	Trains, doctors, schools.	9/13/2018 2:40 PM
216	Community facilities	9/13/2018 1:36 PM
217	Keeping the pavement network clear of overgrowing plants - in some places these are reducing main thoroughfares to single file Road and rail infrastructure as previously noted. I'm happy with all other infrastructure which I use.	9/13/2018 1:35 PM
218	I don't think this comment will fit here but I want to make sure I mention it. Around my area, there are three large new builds. Sydney Street, Ascot Road, and Croxley Way (over towards Tolpits Lane). What provision has been made regarding GPs and dental services? The GP surgery where I'm registered is so busy it's almost impossible to get a regular appointment and even the emergency, on the day, appointments are gone by 09.00. It's all well and good to build these new homes but the council also needs to ensure that these provisions are being provided.	9/13/2018 11:17 AM
219	Put proper bus stops back to keep traffic flowing. Improve rail links .	9/13/2018 11:03 AM
220	Keep all open spaces. Reduce traffic by installing proper interconnecting cycle paths .	9/13/2018 9:55 AM
221	Schools.	9/12/2018 9:37 PM
222	Public Transport, Roads, Hospitals, Car Parking	9/12/2018 5:23 PM
223	Overcrowding! That is not going to improve by building tall buildings?	9/12/2018 4:50 PM
224	Road congestion, health care provision, schools	9/12/2018 4:49 PM
225	Solar and free energy is best to consider, where possible. Perhaps a grid where we can all access sustainable power. Utilities companies tend to overcharge and have had many cases where they make mistakes and don't consider many are struggling to afford essentials with rising unnecessary prices. Campaign to reduce, reuse and recycle would be helpful to make people more aware of how we can be more resourceful - so much litter was left behind in the park this summer and people arrived with it in a bag so why can't they take it home in the bag?!	9/12/2018 8:57 AM

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226	Roads Cycling lanes Increase or resize existing community buildings Extra parking for open spaces Old schools redesigned and rebuilt with better facilities and designed to use the area/space more ergonomically.	9/12/2018 8:51 AM
227	Children centres, parks	9/12/2018 7:47 AM
228	Schools - secondary as well as primary Health facilities esp GP surgeries Parking and better road network Buses - new Bus station New station - improved links to London AND St Albans - Met line ? Jobs/Businesses Shops/Restaurants/Leisure More green/public open space	9/11/2018 7:28 PM
229	Public open spaces	9/11/2018 12:02 PM
230	Health facilities, 2weeks for an appointment for my daughter when all we need is some cream for a rash that needs a prescription. That isn't right. Schools are next, the stress placed on families and children to get into secondary school in Watford is terrible. They shouldn't start secondary schooling like that. Why accept students from outside Watford when you can't give every child in Watford a place. It doesn't make sense and contributes to the traffic volumes.	9/11/2018 9:19 AM
231	Public spaces are very important for creating a thriving community. If tall, dense living spaces are built in Watford it is important to have these shared spaces to maintain peoples' standards of living	9/10/2018 10:10 PM
232	another doctors surgery	9/10/2018 7:59 PM
233	Buses running later in the day and connecting with trains	9/10/2018 4:20 PM
234	Community facilities.	9/10/2018 2:57 PM
235	Schools - infant/junior and secondary. New schools aren't being built at the same rate as new housing. Catchment areas are decreasing in size as large developments such as Three Valleys Way and other developments that are on the border with Hertsmere. Traffic congestion and parking - Bushey Arches, the proposed development on the old Massey's site will cause increasing pressure on an already congested	9/10/2018 2:52 PM
236	Education and public transport. Community facilities should include small retail developments which in turn should allow for venues such as pubs and coffee shops - somewhere residents can 'commune'.	9/10/2018 12:16 PM
237	Traffic congestion around Bushey Arches and the road infrastructure around here & Oxhey village is horrendous-pollution levels around this area are highest in Watford I understand and the new Dalton Way works makes it even harder and dangerous for pedestrians to cross. Traffic is at its worst in and around Watford and there seems to be little encouragement to walk, cycle or use public transport to get to work/school. I usually walk or cycle to work and in fact I have been put off cycling now due to the traffic and having been knocked off a few times-this is due to a increase in traffic I think in Oxhey village can only be alleviated by by introducing controlled parking areas (although I know in the past some residents have voted against this!) There is also a lack of health & education facilities in this immediate area-the population is increasing in the area due to housing development but all the local services/schools etc appear to be bursting at the seams or oversubscribed.	9/10/2018 11:58 AM
238	Public transport is expensive and limited in the evenings, making cars the preferred option for most Woodside residents. The north orbital road is a fast, dangerous road with confusing changes in speed limit, which has had numerous accidents at the Woodside 'longabout' and which can only be crossed safely by pedestrians and cyclists using tunnels. Although the tunnels are often dirty and have broken glass on the ground, I would prefer to use them than for them to be replaced by level crossings because the level crossing further along the north orbital road has also been associated with accidents. Only the bravest or fastest cyclists will consider using the road itself. Most cyclists are forced onto a shared path which has an uneven surface and which is much narrower than current good practice guidance recommends for a shared path. I would like to see the north orbital road made a lot safer for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.	9/10/2018 10:17 AM
239	We need more schools and more local doctor's surgeries	9/10/2018 9:27 AM
240	Parking	9/10/2018 12:45 AM
241	Traffic flow problems and lack of parking - attributed to over development especially in West Watford. Lack of investment in green trees and public open spaces, which are declining - especially those with no green flag which are overlooked.	9/9/2018 9:27 PM
242	Parking or public transport! Please get heads out the sand. These "car free" developments are anything but that. I don't doubt the intelligence of people. What I doubt is their intention to be honest with themselves when they approve such stupid schemes.	9/9/2018 8:40 PM
243	I am registered with Callowland Surgery which appears to be oversubscribed, so an additional new doctor's surgery or two would be a huge improvement.	9/9/2018 1:26 PM

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244	We need a secondary school in the WD17/24 area of Watford. The pressures on Secondary school places/ going to a good secondary school is not helped by the fact that there are so many Grammar schools! The parks, gardens and play areas that we have in Watford are fantastic and essential for the community especial for those who do not have private gardens.	9/9/2018 12:59 PM
245	Schools (over subscribed), better maintained open spaces (harwoods adventure playground is appalling)	9/9/2018 12:50 PM
246	Health facilities, sewerage, sidewalks, parking places.	9/9/2018 12:18 PM
247	Leavesden. None as long as the current services are maintained.	9/9/2018 9:16 AM
248	doesnt matter what the residents would like the council will do what it wants anyway	9/9/2018 9:02 AM
249	Health provision. Too much demand on Watford general now it's shared with Dacorum and St Albans. Difficult to get a GP appointment The floodplain at Water Lane is an ongoing problem which remains unresolved.	9/9/2018 1:19 AM
250	Public transport, schools health care open spaces all make life bearable and need protecting. We need roads that are not full of holes because they cant take the weight of traffic. Somewhere pleasant to live - not just somewhere to exist.	9/8/2018 5:22 PM
251	Poor frequency and expensive bus services. Longspring/St Albans junction needs to run smoother - redesign possibly.	9/8/2018 4:58 PM
252	Roads, more doctors surgeries	9/8/2018 2:33 PM
253	Pavements Road surfaces	9/8/2018 1:50 PM
254	The hospital, roads, public transport	9/8/2018 1:11 PM
255	Community facilities	9/8/2018 11:44 AM
256	Better public transport connectivity between the centre of town and both North Watford and West Watford. As there is little opportunity to increase capacity of the A412 development of the Abbey Rail Line and reinstatement of the Croxley Green rail line are needed to shift demand. As an alternative to the the Metropolitan Line Extension, tram-train or a cheaper heavy rail link for Chiltern trains to connect to Watford from Aylesbury should be considered but tickets would need to remain integrated with the rail zones rather than priced separately. I would not support guided buses or any alternative which would sever the London Overground connection between Watford High Street and Watford Junction. Bollards such as those on the lower high street are needed on all on-road cycle lanes, as these are frequently blocked by antisocial and illegal parking. The worst example is St Albans Road outside KFC, which encourages cyclists to ride dangerously on the pavement instead.	9/8/2018 11:24 AM
257	Health facilities and green spaces	9/8/2018 10:50 AM
258	Broadband is very poor. Although we technically live in an area with ftc, the line to the cabinet is very low quality. I think health provision here is generally OK, although Watford general is in desperate need of refurbishment. Utilities are fine and cassiobury park is a real asset.	9/8/2018 10:42 AM
259	stopping water leaks. primary school places.	9/8/2018 8:31 AM
260	All aspects of infastructure are important, roads, schools, health etc etc	9/8/2018 8:13 AM
261	Free broadband. Free solar panels.	9/8/2018 6:46 AM
262	Watford junction, roads and road surfaces	9/8/2018 1:04 AM
263	No tall buildings to star with . Only detached or semi detached family houses	9/8/2018 12:29 AM
264	schools, cycling, more frequent and smaller buses	9/7/2018 11:53 PM
265	Broadband and all adverse weather defences not just flooding.	9/7/2018 11:34 PM
266	We are blessed in that department in my opinion.	9/7/2018 11:02 PM
267	Medical facilities are stretched beyond a level which I have experienced over the past 40 years. More and more doctors are closing their lists. Re schools it is ridiculous that if you live just 400 metres from a school that you are out of a catchment area.	9/7/2018 10:14 PM
268	Schools - number of new primary schools over last few years but need new secondary school options for when these kids leave primary. Retain excellent green spaces and continue improving others. More (separated) cycle lanes and mixed cycle/pedestrian ways.	9/7/2018 9:58 PM
269	Doctors Schools Development of new stations, as was anticipated before Mayor of London stepped in	9/7/2018 9:31 PM
270	Too many to mention. Talk is cheap and that has happened for ages in Watford. School, hospitals, housing, the list is endless.	9/7/2018 8:46 PM

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271	Schools and health facilities	9/7/2018 8:24 PM
272	Transportation	9/7/2018 8:17 PM
273	PARKING!	9/7/2018 7:57 PM
274	Health services and schools. Catchment areas should be better defined and adhered to. If you don't live in Watford why should you have access to its services.	9/7/2018 7:47 PM
275	Watford General Hospital!	9/7/2018 7:41 PM
276	Trains Buses Cycle highways	9/7/2018 6:52 PM
277	Community infrastructure to support charities and community groups to become stronger and in turn deliver some of the existing council services	9/7/2018 6:44 PM
278	Schools.	9/7/2018 6:04 PM
279	Not enough doctor surgeries - the one we use is almost impossible for my son who works on 0 hours/temp contracts and at the mercy of his employers to get an appt when he can attend. Consequently he has a long term problem that is not being dealt with. Ultimately, he will end up at casualty, where he knows he should not go! We have even tried to take out private medical insurance, but he cannot get cover for the problems for which he needs medical intervention! Insufficient school places	9/7/2018 5:54 PM
280	Public transport to get away from Watford and not into London to encourage people to move further out of the town	9/7/2018 5:54 PM
281	Health facilities	9/7/2018 5:51 PM
282	Health facilities, roads & schools.	9/7/2018 5:16 PM
283	I am lucky? the infrastructure in my neighbourhood is very good. I can get to all the facilities I need easily.	9/7/2018 5:11 PM
284	Watford General and Watford fc require their own multi story car parks that are ideally covered in gardens with toilets. Junk food should not be sold in health facilities. Litter should be prioritised.	9/7/2018 5:04 PM
285	Adequate at the minute but would suffer with any further strain on current resources.	9/7/2018 4:40 PM
286	Happy with infrastructure in my area except speed humps installed by HCC	9/7/2018 3:34 PM
287	Crossing on the A405, Zebra Crossing in Sheepcot lane (kingswood side)	9/7/2018 3:33 PM
288	At the moment the infrastructure appears to be working well, however there is a growing pressure on good local schools.	9/7/2018 3:10 PM
289	Travel around the area - roads are often at capacity. It can take an hour! Yep, one hour to travel 5 miles through watford. Bonkers	9/7/2018 2:30 PM
290	Parking and more considered public transport.	9/7/2018 2:26 PM
291	Public transport, school places particularly Catholic school places,	9/7/2018 2:17 PM
292	School places within walking distance of the home - this is vital.	9/7/2018 2:16 PM
293	Schools Health facilities (I think that we have sufficient open spaces in Watford at the present time).Traffic management and improved traffic flow is very important and seems to be always missing from your options list.	9/7/2018 2:07 PM
294	The protection of Parks is most importance whilst developing run down areas would be ideal. Also keeping the investment in Doctors and Schools with our growth of housing is most important	9/7/2018 2:05 PM
295	Ok in my area	9/7/2018 1:50 PM

Q19 Do you have any suggestions about where any of the above measures could be introduced?

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1	All over Watford. Traffic reduction measures don't work on a piecemeal basis.	10/21/2018 10:25 AM
2	Cycling is frightening around Watford right now. This needs looking at urgently. Cycling proficiency should be taught in all schools. Encourage taking the bus part of the way then walking the rest. Do not bring in a congestion charge, it will just divide up transport by those who can afford it. Watford seems to gridlock very quickly, particularly down St Albans Road	10/19/2018 11:38 PM
3	1) absolutely not 2) this would be disgraceful and would make the town far less appealing to live in, work in and visit 3) cycling routes could certainly be improved 4) the council should fund some of the lesser used buses which people rely on. There is no need for additional bus lanes though 5) only thing would be for the Croxley rail link but this has already been earmarked as too expensive	10/19/2018 10:06 PM
4	More buses at peak hours in the more remote parts of Watford, more cycling areas/paths	10/19/2018 9:57 PM
5	What about looking at traffic flow and understanding what causes the issues, you have a ring road central to most of the issues, once a road towards the town centre gets blocked its carnage, there is no quick route from South Watford to North Watford which avoids the congested areas around the ring road or bushey arches	10/19/2018 8:49 PM
6	Vicarage Road has now transferred its traffic to Wiggshall road due to the new access to the hospital.. it is ridiculous that anyone approaching from the north or west can't get to the car parks via Willow lane and they are sent a mile to queue down Wiggshall to get to an appointment at the hospital ... allowing this would reduce congestion and pollution at the Hornets. Also reduce 2 parking spaces outside the main turn to the hospital on Vicarage Road and allow a central island to stop a back up of traffic as people turn across traffic into the hospital. Talk to HCC about ending selective schooling which results in 1000s of additional journeys are secondary school children are sent in many different directions and not to their nearest school.	10/19/2018 5:03 PM
7	Option 5 - the Croxley rail link / Met line extension Option 1 - Vicarage Ward, around the back of the stadium - people drive way too fast. A congestion charge is unfair. Penalising people for driving is not the way forward. Instead, you need to provide positive options to persuade people NOT to drive. You can try to introduce Option 3, but there would have to be huge changes to the roads to make me feel like it's safe to cycle in Watford	10/19/2018 3:44 PM
8	Buses are confusing as some are TFL and some are not, which puts me off using them. Speed limits on residential roads wont be enforceable. Park and ride to the football stadium could work.	10/19/2018 3:35 PM
9	How do you stop cars park on a cycle route? Example: there could be more than three cars parked on the cycle route outside KFC along St Albans Road.	10/19/2018 3:21 PM
10	Congestion charging might not work, since there are no realistic alternatives to driving, unlike in London. Notice that £10 a day parking charges does not stop people parking near Watford Junction. Walking and cycling routes need traffic free routes. Pedestrian subways in Watford have often failed because they are unsafe and take longer. However the underpasses near Queens Road and the Library work because they are in a straight line. Footbridges might work better, perhaps over the major junctions. Cycle paths need to be designed properly, without having to share road space with cars. Do not ask cyclist to "dismount" anywhere, that just means that the path is inadequate. All road junctions need to be cycle friendly like Holland. Buses need to be much cheaper and more frequent, perhaps funded from businesses and car park charges. As I mentioned earlier, build the Metropolitan line extension. Improve the Abbey line frequency. Set up park ride to North Watford station from Asda car park with footbridge to Greycaine Road. Also park and ride at Garston station. Perhaps more parking at Kings Langley station as well.	10/19/2018 3:13 PM
11	Number three would be excellent if it could be provided. A number of roads are already dangerous for cycling due to their lack of width and the number of parked cars. There is no point introducing cycle lanes if they are used as parking spaces. Number four is good from a community viewpoint but there is extremely limited room for further bus lanes. Unless bus services are reliable this will only worsen congestion due to lack of faith in buses actually running when scheduled.	10/19/2018 2:48 PM

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12	Improve the roads we have plus the building companies that block busy routes in rush hours.	10/19/2018 1:35 PM
13	Proper bus interchange in central Watford. Levy developers for bus subsidy in lieu of parking. Restrict overnight commercial parking in residential areas.	10/19/2018 1:18 PM
14	I am a big fan of the above as long as it increase the transport efficiency through shared services such as Uber, lyft, bikes and so on.	10/19/2018 11:40 AM
15	Hempstead Road and the Abbey line corridor toward Bricket Wood	10/19/2018 9:58 AM
16	The whole traffic flow of the town needs to be reconsidered somehow. One incident can cause total gridlock.	10/19/2018 1:51 AM
17	Build proper segregated cycleways everywhere. Reduce the speed limit in the High Street between Clarendon Road and Market Street (where it is officially a pedestrian/cycle area but with buses & some cars allowed) to 5 mph.	10/18/2018 11:51 PM
18	Improved bus service along Aldenham road so that people can take the bus to the station instead of driving and then parking on nearby streets. Perhaps a shuttle bus service to and from Watford and Bushey stations, linked to key hubs from where people travel, so that people don't need to drive to stations and then park.	10/18/2018 10:46 PM
19	20mph.. in all residential roads easy and cheap to action we already have bus lanes .. Rickmansworth road is a bottle neck and hempstead road isn't much better at peak times Central Watford is shortly going to be so congested because of all the development that has been approved. Sort out the access around the Watford Junction as that is a real issue	10/18/2018 10:19 PM
20	You could speed up busses at Watford Junction by reversing the flow of traffic on Woodford Road and St Johns Road, Busses could then enter the Bus Station on Woodford Road, and Exit straight out onto Clarendon Road and Station Road without having to compete with the cars doing the same at present, this would also be better for people dropping passengers off, with them less likely to stop in inappropriate places. A passing loop on the Abbey line would increase the frequency, and with better frequency, more footfall, I would NOT Support congestion Charging in any shape or form at all,	10/18/2018 9:22 PM
21	All areas - ensure pavements are kept clear from overgrown hedges and trees and stop pavement parking to make it easier to walk around the area without having to go into the road.	10/18/2018 6:50 PM
22	To have more bus services, not cutting them out so no one can use them. Getting the zone changed for the trains, they like to class as London all the time so why should we pay more to get into work.	10/18/2018 4:17 PM
23	20 mph speed limit on the Meriden and the Avenues, Kingswood and Knutsford estates particularly.	10/18/2018 12:50 PM
24	Towpaths are an excellent off road walking and cycling route. Improving the quality and continuity of the towpath as a walking and cycling route is key to encouraging people to use the towpath. Improvements to the surface, the towpath width and way finding along the route are the main ways of supporting more people to walk and cycle.	10/18/2018 10:09 AM
25	Public transport must be improved as part of the plan and operators should not be allowed to pull services where this means residents will be left without transport. Access to key transport hubs should be improved and frequency and reliability of transport must be improved.	10/18/2018 7:58 AM
26	With the increase of people & homes the amount of cars on the roads has increased ... yet the making of new roads in some areas is non existent! They amount of damaged roads & road works is also a huge issue. Stop getting rid of bus routes.	10/17/2018 6:26 PM
27	20m limits (Twenty is Plenty schemes) should be put into place in quieter residential roads. In the town centre and around the station, where taller buildings at higher densities should be encouraged, it is important to support the greater future use of public transport. This is best done through a carrot approach, by providing higher quality fast public transport links - including particularly easy access to the main line station. Such a public transport encouragement strategy - means much of the new and higher density taller buildings will be more accessible and in easier walking distance to the station.	10/17/2018 5:39 PM
28	The Dome roundabout is horrendous from Bushey Mill Lane onwards..Being a pedestrian is even worse.	10/17/2018 4:29 PM
29	A high frequency bus service linking Watford Junction Station to Watford Metropolitan line Station. An indoor link between Watford High Street Station and the Intu Shopping Centre.	10/17/2018 4:15 PM
30	Impose a blanket 20 mph throughout the town - we know people will drive faster than 20 but they won't go faster than 30 like they do now - there is no need to go faster than 20 in any residential areas or anywhere in the town. Park and ride with free parking. Zipcar type of cars available. Accept the fact that the behaviour change to get most people out of the convenience of private vehicle use is unlikely to happen and plan around it.	10/17/2018 12:26 PM

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31	While we continue to be a town with a young population we will continue to be mainly populated by people with very busy lives who choose to get into their cars to do the smallest thing such as popping to the local shops, taking the children to school. This is a bigger problem than a small council like Watford can solve. It needs a change in society as a whole and what we value and how we live our lives.	10/17/2018 12:06 PM
32	3. Improve pavements along Queens Rd from Station to Town Centre. 5. Install lift at High St Station.	10/17/2018 1:54 AM
33	Improving routes for cyclists and pedestrians would be good, as would improvements to public transport.	10/16/2018 5:11 PM
34	A 20mph speed limit does not make sense when there is little or no traffic about, for example at night. Improving the quality and continuity of walking and cycling routes; is there any scope for a Santander type scheme? Apart from that the standard of cyclists manners is often deeply provocative. The financial income of local authorities is probably insufficient to support local bus routes which are not profitable. Taxis are a useful alternative and luckily there are several competing taxi firms. Bus lanes should only be considered on busy bus routes as the one in Station Road seems to work very well.	10/16/2018 12:36 PM
35	As previously noted Trains for Manchester and Birmingham need to stop at Watford - businesses cannot cope with either going via London Euston or to Milton Keynes - many cars are now just driving to Birmingham as its quicker and more comfortable in the Winter. Improve the road surfaces - emergency services also use these roads so no more speed humps, although some junction tables could be introduced. Allow schools to have a drop off access road The problem with congestion is the amount of lorries that use the narrow roads - so either encourage smaller lorries/vans or get them to use trains. No to congestion charge Please do not penalise the car drivers who are doing their best by using car shares or changing to electric cars. Not everyone can use bicycles or have a bus route that is close by.	10/16/2018 10:28 AM
36	Higher provision of buses could encourage people to use them, especially if the town centre was to be fully pedestrianised except for limited use by buses. Existing rail links should be protected and expanded (especially the Watford-St Albans line and the Croxley Link) to enable more people to walk or cycle to stations with links to central London and the North. In the longer term, the council should explore the radical suggestions now being put forward for reducing private car ownership and use, especially driverless electric cars which are rented (trials now being started in the USA)	10/16/2018 9:37 AM
37	St Albans road is a ridiculous area. This is mainly due to the poor bus services. I work in Clarendon road and if I want to use the bus, I need to leave at 7.45 as my local bus service is irregular. If I drive I can leave at 8.15-8.30, but then I have to sit in a congested area looking at an empty bus lane next to me...	10/15/2018 8:34 PM
38	New train station in West Watford by hospital	10/15/2018 5:05 PM
39	Cycle routes need to be improved to access Watford Junction and the town centre. Better cycle parking once there. Road access to Watford Junction needs improved. Why not make it from the motorway link road via Colonial Way??	10/15/2018 4:23 PM
40	Improved access to Watford Junction from St Albans Road Improved transport links to Watford Underground	10/15/2018 12:34 PM
41	20mph speed limit doesn't work as people ignore it. Congestion charging would be good but public transport has to improve. Buses are very expensive in Watford and need to be subsidised as London do - it is cheaper to ride around on London buses than Watford buses! Definitely should improve walking and cycling routes to encourage people to walk/cycle, but there should be separate cycle lanes as they tend to ignore pedestrians and I'm surprised there aren't more accidents involving cyclists and pedestrians. Some sort of ruling needs to be brought in and applied to cyclists. Better access to the railway network would also be good - Watford Met is too far away unless you live in Cassiobury - what happened to the link? How about a cheap bus to link the Met to the Junction?	10/15/2018 12:03 PM
42	20 mph speed limits are such a good idea (sadly largely ignored in Alexandra Road) and could be introduced in all residential areas	10/15/2018 12:35 AM
43	Look at removing the lights at the done roundabout	10/14/2018 8:44 PM
44	None of these will work	10/14/2018 8:16 PM
45	Better connection from Watford Junction to metropolitan station. Reduce speed limits on all roads including the ring road. Pedestrianised high street	10/14/2018 7:26 PM
46	Suggestions 4 & 3 appeal in my opinion.. Congestion charging is a joke, we as residents pay enough to live here without paying to drive around our own town..	10/14/2018 7:23 PM

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47	Congestion charge at the Hunton Bridge roundabout for traffic entering Watford (except for Residents on the Electoral Roll). Also at the Dome Roundabout and the Link Road from the M1.	10/14/2018 6:14 PM
48	You can improve pathways all you like, it will not make people any less get out of a car and walk. You can provide as many bus lanes as you like, it will not make people any less leave their car at home and take the bus. You need to improve the roads around the busiest areas. Watford Junction - The path ways for pedestrians on Station road are so wide, and yet not necessary. They could easily be reduced in width to create more road space/lanes to keep traffic flowing into & out of Watford Junction. Bus lanes are pointless. They do not do what was intended - make people think "I'll leave my car at home tomorrow and take the bus, look how much quicker it is" as this is simple not the case. Bus lanes create congestion by taking up so much room for so few vehicles. The drop off zone at Watford Junction is in a ridiculous place, which is creating congestion and danger at the entrance where people stop to drop off. If you are not from the local area it's impossible to find as signage is either non-existent or totally inadequate	10/14/2018 1:15 PM
49	The road layouts in many places are ridiculous and seem to be designed to cause chaos e.g. the Dome roundabout. I have to use my car as there is no public transport to where I work. I think a dedicated cycle lane on the A41 along the whole of that section would enable more people to cycle. I don't feel safe cycling on our busy roads, but I would definitely like to cycle if there were more cycle lanes. I think that big cars should be penalised for using the town centre, not small cars.	10/14/2018 12:49 PM
50	Watford's geography really does not lend itself to the use of a 'congestion charge', even though it might be a good idea. Meanwhile, if such a notion if followed up, it is important that disabled drivers be exempt.	10/13/2018 8:50 PM
51	No	10/13/2018 5:27 PM
52	The major roads leading into the town centre Namely: Hempstead Road, St Albans Road Rickmansworth Road Orphanage/Woodford Road	10/13/2018 11:21 AM
53	Whilst the quality of cycle lanes needs improvement it probably won't reduce congestion. Without knowing the travel characteristics of car use in the area it is difficult to say - is this something that has or could be looked at (although it sure it would be hard to capture) because if the congestion is caused by school commuters it could suggest that the council lobby HCC and schools over admissions criteria to encourage more local school place take up; if the traffic is non residents commuting through not into the area then a congestion charging could work but if it is residents it will surely only displace the traffic unless a number of the measures are in place at the same time eg bus/rail improvements plus congestion.	10/13/2018 8:16 AM
54	Watford junction needs more trains and redevelopment More cycle lanes and bike hire like Santander Tram??	10/12/2018 6:15 PM
55	1. Callowland 2. Watford centre near Intu 3 All of Watford 4. All of Watford 5. Extend the Met line	10/12/2018 1:16 PM
56	I was disappointed when the plans to extend the Met line into WJ we're stopped. The current Met station is too remote and would appear to be convenient only for people living in the Cassiobury Park area Buses are too expensive compared to London so are not currently an obvious way to attract people out of their cars. It is almost cheaper for us to get an Uber than pay for a bus trip	10/12/2018 10:29 AM
57	Speed bumps instead of 20mph restriction. There is a 20mph restriction on our road which people do not adhere to.	10/12/2018 8:07 AM
58	Improve and introduce more cycle routes . Improving a bus service will not work unless road size is increased. Can there be improved access to Watford Junction? Another entrance? The congestion in that area is awful with hardly any parking space or area to drop off. Priority bus lanes will only increase pollution as more cars will sit in a longer line of traffic for longer. Park and ride scheme?	10/11/2018 8:58 PM
59	1. Bus time tables have to be carefully coordinated 2. Some bus routes do not go via Watford Junction 3. Metropolitan line tube station is somewhat isolated Examples: Bus routes 8, 10 and 318 travel within just 2 minutes apart, can be staggered. Anyone coming to Watford Junction by train has to go to town to take bus route 500, 318 or 103 Due to lack of interconnectivity, people are encouraged to drive (to save time)	10/11/2018 7:11 PM
60	How is this a serious question? People have cars, the public transport here is pretty bad. I need a car. Stop building tonnes of flats until you improve the road infrastructure!	10/11/2018 6:04 PM
61	You haven't mention park and ride schemes - which I mentioned in a previous question.	10/11/2018 5:57 PM
62	Bus Lane and better access to Watford Junction needed in St albans road	10/11/2018 11:25 AM
63	Access to railway. More frequent abbey line trains.	10/10/2018 7:39 PM

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64	The cycle lane down St Albans Road is awful - it's dangerous for cyclists, not only with pot holes in the road and the parking on the road itself, but it abruptly stops. The pavements in most cases down that road are very wide - I would like to see a protected/barriered cycle path down that road that is separate from the main road (cars often park illegally to pick up takeaway and create dangerous situations for cyclists). It would be great if there was a clearer backway cycle path alongside the Abbey Line train path, instead of needing to cross busy roads. Similarly, having a cycle path that followed this from North Watford to the Junction would open accessibility for those travelling from further out to commute.	10/10/2018 6:21 PM
65	Point 1. What is the point in having a 20mph limit when on Cassiobury the 30mph isn't enforced by people cutting through!? It won't be long before someone is seriously injured on the estate. Any implementation of the 20mph limit needs to take into consideration the cut throughs as if one was implemented on the Hempstead road it would have a very bad effect on the Cassiobury roads Point 5. Any development around the St Albans road area will have a devastating impact on traffic. You MUST improve all the transport links before this could be done as it's already a nightmare around there, and the dome round about.	10/10/2018 1:06 PM
66	Buses - they are too expensive and poor at arriving when they should. If you really want to get people out of their cars the price of public transport in the area needs to dramatically reduce. Bringing Oyster style payment to the local buses would mean more people would use them. Charging children over the age of 5 to get on a bus is crazy in my opinion! I would use the bus to get my kids to school but paying for all 3 of us to get there and back just doesn't make any financial sense. Congestion charge - absolute no.	10/10/2018 11:54 AM
67	Create continuous safe cycling network. Use parks & parallel routes. Open up another arch at Bushey Arches. Adapt the Hospital Link Road.	10/10/2018 11:00 AM
68	Not everyone respects a 20mph speed limit. Congestion charging just means roads around the area would be clogged with more cars so that locals wouldn't be able to park as happen in some areas already. The bus service is good as it is. Improving cycling would be beneficial as that is a dangerous mode of transport at present. More car parking at stations is required again to take the pressure off roads surrounding stations.	10/9/2018 11:27 PM
69	20mph should be in quiet residential areas and near schools. I do not believe in congestion charging at all. Safe Paths with safe crossing and cycle lanes are rare. Increasing the frequency of buses and making sure all buses are accessible. I don't think there is a need for bus lanes and don't think there is room. As none of our rail stations are fully accessible this really needs to change. The met and high street have stairs and no lifts.	10/9/2018 12:46 PM
70	The Metropolitan extension would have been good, but appears to have stalled. Hopefully the Watford Junction improvements will address the appalling drop-off and pick-up facilities.	10/9/2018 12:38 PM
71	Met line extension needs to be a priority. More fast trains stopping at Bushey station to support number of residents.	10/9/2018 11:59 AM
72	The bus network seems poor and expensive. More routes all over. Railway - the Metropolitan line extension could go ahead, but it seems to be cancelled. If this is so, then Watford Met station badly needs upgrading - it needs step-free access, better barriers, new toilets. An improved train line Watford to St Albans.	10/9/2018 10:45 AM
73	There is no bus from Watford high street station to west watford. The pavements all over Watford are abysmal and need to be improved.	10/9/2018 10:04 AM
74	First you should know that the road you are monitoring is Horseshoe LANE. All the main Watford residential areas (Knutsford, Tudor, Kingswood, Cassiobury, Woodside, Leavesden, Garston, West Watford plus any I may have missed out) should have 20 mph limits. And of course such limits need to be enforced! Perhaps more pavements could be carefully turned into cycle paths, particularly beside main roads where they are rarely used.	10/9/2018 9:47 AM
75	3- Watford needs to create more cycle paths, people taking the bike is increasing 4- prices are very high for single ticket, adult or child. We are a family of 5 and is always cheaper taking a taxi than taking the bus, unless you want to travel outside Watford. Some routes not very frequent and cannot get in some area of Watford.	10/9/2018 2:00 AM
76	St.Albans road, North Watford	10/8/2018 11:56 PM
77	Need I make the same point again.	10/8/2018 10:36 PM
78	Bring the tube out further to garston	10/8/2018 10:00 PM
79	Shuttle bus service to Watford Junction	10/8/2018 8:51 PM
80	Better cycle routes need to be available within all areas of Watford. Just painting a bike on a busy road does not make a cycle route. These need to be safe dedicated areas.	10/8/2018 8:27 PM

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81	Don't build further in North Watford around st Alban's road, there is not enough flow outbound with the round about.	10/8/2018 7:05 PM
82	Extending the tubes to the different stations in Watford is the key, if this is convenient for residents many will take the tube rather than driving or taking the bus to Watford Junction. This should be the focus.	10/8/2018 5:48 PM
83	20mph has recently been introduced in my area. It hasn't and won't stop the 'boy racer' element but has improved the overall driving behaviour so it should be introduced all over - but not the current financially wasteful piecemeal manner we've seen - have the courage to do it all without further delay, then we all know what the rules are. The cycle lanes from the library along St Albans Road are a mess, have never been fully finished and some of the signage is verging on bizarre! Get rid of pavement sharing, as a pedestrian I know it doesn't work and is dangerous for the unsteady (both old and young).	10/8/2018 4:27 PM
84	I don't believe a priority bus lane is viable especially if it is like the Watford Junction/St Albans road one is anything to go by. Upgrade the traffic lights at key junctions (like St Albans road /WFJ) so that they have intelligence to change when traffic flow dictates. Allow filter lanes so traffic turning left can flow when everything else is static. Walking routes would be welcome especially town to Watford Business Park. Use the MLX route for a rail solution of some sort.	10/7/2018 7:54 PM
85	Focus on bike use.	10/7/2018 7:17 PM
86	We need cheaper buses. Why is a journey so expensive when in London it's only £1.20??? I cannot afford to use Arriva buses so I drive, thereby clogging up roads. The traffic lights at the St Albans rd, near Watford Junction are soooooo slow.	10/7/2018 5:51 PM
87	Free Park and ride schemes	10/7/2018 8:01 AM
88	There seems to be a lack of cycling routes especially, and they often stop suddenly. Walking in the town centre is difficult as there are often no safe road crossing places. Bus stops are sometimes far apart and there is a need for better information about bus routes and exactly where stops are. Some buses now announce bus stops on board which is very helpful. This facility does not always work sadly and it would be helpful for more buses to display their exact route outside and inside. Having a list of times when which buses stop at a specific stop is helpful, especially when there is no electronic facility at the bus stop indicating the arrival times of buses.	10/6/2018 3:01 PM
89	20 mph needed on The Ridgeway urgently. Some cars travel over 50 mph as straight road. Congestion charge during busy hours may work and encourage more walking/cycling to and from schools or stations etc.	10/6/2018 2:40 PM
90	Central Ward.	10/6/2018 2:07 PM
91	No but I would add that I think all the measures listed above are important.	10/6/2018 1:20 PM
92	Bus lanes along the Hempstead Road. Congestion charges with the ring road formed by Exchange Road and Beechen Grove	10/6/2018 8:44 AM
93	When tall apartment blocks are built they should be near existing transport so that they do not have to provide parking and the associated congestion that would bring to roads.	10/5/2018 10:00 PM
94	West Watford option 5. The proposed extension of the Met line to Watford Junction would have had a major impact	10/5/2018 8:40 PM
95	Too little too late. While I support the idea of 20mph zones this is unlikely to ease congestion. A congestion charge is ridiculous and just another money making scheme for the council. People travel in cars in Watford mainly because they are commuting into and out of the area. I personally don't use my car if I am doing a short journey in Watford and I'm sure many other sensible people are the same. The buses are a major culprit of diesel fumes in the town. What happened to the LPG buses that we had years ago? A good start would be to bring them back! Better access to the railway network would help - bring back the Croxley link! Many big towns have a park and ride option - could Watford do this? With a tram system or LPG buses? Maybe from Watford Junction to the town centre and local business parks and from Croxley? This would decrease traffic in the town centre especially if it could be used for shoppers too?	10/5/2018 6:47 PM
96	North Watford. Stop building and bringing in more people with cars and taking away street parking.	10/5/2018 6:41 PM
97	1,3&4 along Clarendon Road (helping school children and parents on school walk/cycle)	10/5/2018 5:15 PM
98	20mph on all residential roads throughout Watford - in my area it would be throughout the Stanborough triangle, and all purely residential areas of Woodside	10/5/2018 1:44 PM

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99	Stop building more residential units and office blocks, it really is that simple. Watford is more than full as it is. It is pie in the sky thinking that people living in flats will not have cars, so every block of flats approved is adding to the problem of congestion and pollution in Watford. The most congested areas in Watford are residential areas, so you can hardly start charging residents to use those areas.	10/5/2018 1:43 PM
100	items 5 must improve however the new junction development could solve it journey times across Watford must improve. people living and working on the opposite sides of Watford cannot get fast public transport across the town	10/5/2018 11:13 AM
101	Would it somehow be possible to make the whole area around the Junction and up to the town centre only accessible to buses, bikes and taxis? Buses need to be much more frequent on many routes, and run much later, or people will never see them as a viable option and get out of their cars.	10/5/2018 10:47 AM
102	Better joined up transport. e.g. How easy is it to get to the Met station from town at all times of the day apart from a long walk down a dark road? Perhaps a shuttle bus that is not run for profit but as a service. Sort out the MLEX, how can it cost what it was going to to reuse the existing trackbed and build 2 bridges.	10/5/2018 9:24 AM
103	Bus lanes are pointless. Even the buses rarely use them. Set bus routes and ensure that they are practical and efficient and not given to a company that eliminates them when they feel it's not viable for them. Make the pavement into pedestrian and cyclists sections (they do it in Germany and it works), take out the pedestrian crossings and put in zebra crossings for a better flow of traffic and take traffic lights off of roundabouts. If a motorist can't navigate a roundabout then they shouldn't be driving.	10/5/2018 4:26 AM
104	3. should be in town centre and leading out to main routes (not dual carriageways), 4 as well ties in with this	10/4/2018 6:34 PM
105	Get rid of the bus lanes around the Junction	10/4/2018 4:26 PM
106	The train station is a nightmare at peak times. Sometimes it takes 45 minutes just to get out of the car park. Is there no access to the car park from down beside the range?	10/4/2018 12:23 PM
107	The bus lanes around Watford Junction Station are an absolute joke. They are the reason for the congestion around the station. I drive to work everyday because getting a bus for £5 is ridiculous. Every morning I queue in traffic to get to the lights and there is always a completely empty bus lane next to me. Getting rid of that will ease the traffic through way more efficiently	10/4/2018 7:47 AM
108	No congesing charging Watford is not London. Ring road needs work the council agreed new development which will bring In more cars the ring road will not cope causing problems to rest of Watford. Open up the new link road to westwatford to all traffic so cars don't have to go round link road. Its empty!! There are less buses increase bus services and routes. Proper well signposted part Nd ride scheme with facility for people to wait for the bus. Look at Oxford council for advice. No bus lanes they cause more problems and accidents Better cycling facilities and storage areas for people to safely park there bikes in Watford and stations.	10/4/2018 6:11 AM
109	Buses that actually turn up would be a good start. The only way to get People to use public transport is to make it financially beneficial. So a town centre / school congestion charge with the money going to provide free school busses and reduced bus fares. Park and ride from the main routes in should also be looked at. Green field sites should be considered for this	10/3/2018 10:43 PM
110	No I'm afraid I don't Watford is such a tightly packed town already it's difficult to see where the space could be made to support extra lanes and cycle paths but bus services could be increased and kept running for longer so that people on shift work could get home more easily and cost effectively.	10/2/2018 11:40 PM
111	The obvious one is Watford Junction - it is so badly planned and ill conceived it is a place I avoid at almost any cost. The Dome roundabout and the huge amount of traffic lights that seem just slow traffic down for no reason and block access around it - it appears someone did not consider it is an important junction connecting major routes in the larger area. Cycling is great but should not overtake the importance of pedestrians which seems to be happening all over town and in the parks. Parking in general is just so out of step with the volume of people who live here and needs to be addressed before more building takes places	10/2/2018 5:31 PM
112	- Please do not penalise local residents/motorists by introducing congestion charging - Improve public transport - most buses stop early evening.	10/1/2018 8:16 PM
113	North Watford St Albans Road Watford Junction Aldenham Road	10/1/2018 4:12 PM
114	Resident only access through Watford Fields (so no short cut between Wigenhall Road and Lower High Street! Continuity of pavement where Thomas Sawyer Way and Wigenhall Road Painting yellow box on junction turning Waterfields Way into Lower High street Congestion charging on ring road from 07:30am- 08:30am.	9/30/2018 9:47 PM

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115	The present bus service in the whole town is inadequate and inefficient.	9/30/2018 5:29 PM
116	No	9/30/2018 9:15 AM
117	Congestion charge in centre if watford and get the owners of Intu to provide a park and ride scheme. Croxley rail link!	9/29/2018 7:42 AM
118	Cheaper and RELIABLE public transport	9/28/2018 10:37 PM
119	improving the quality and continuity of walking and cycling routes Pedestrians should be able to use the pavements safely without clash with cyclists. Can you ensure cyclists are not using pavements?	9/28/2018 3:07 PM
120	The whole of the town centre region, Whippendell Road, Rickmansworth Road.	9/28/2018 9:07 AM
121	Buses from kings Langley station , tube line extension	9/27/2018 11:44 PM
122	increase buses from villages	9/27/2018 12:44 PM
123	No	9/27/2018 5:52 AM
124	20 m an hour in centre of watford on all residential roads. Reopen the west watford rail link and join up the railway lines. More cycle lanes to all people to cycle throughout the whole of watford instead of needing to drive.	9/26/2018 7:23 PM
125	More frequent buses into London (e.g. 142, 258) cheaper rail transport, that would encourage use of public (rather than private) transport	9/26/2018 7:21 PM
126	A 20mph speed limit on Cassiobury Park Avenue and Swiss Avenue could be an idea. Cassiobury Park Avenue serves as a main access to Cassiobury Park (Gade Car Park) but is also used as a cut through route to avoid Rickmansworth Road. As a result of the cut through use, there are frequently cars driving far in excess of 30mph down the road. There are few roads around Watford that are wide enough for dedicated Bus lanes. I think it would be unfair to charge congestion charges as the congestion is being cause by the high density housing in the area with little regard to parking provision (Upton Road being one example). Residents appear to have no control over this overdevelopment so should not be penalised for it.	9/26/2018 5:54 PM
127	I am not in favour of a 20mph speed limit on residential roads. It will be impractical, people wont stick to it and with vehicles going slower, could lead to more air pollution. It has not worked well in other towns and cities in increasing road safety. Increased bus lanes will increase road congestion over all. I am not sure how well buses are used. There should be an alternative scheme to the Croxley rial link	9/26/2018 5:34 PM
128	Make the abbey line a constant electric train link like a bus shuttle. Actually get buses to run through Meriden- a shuttle link to Watford junction would be a brilliant way for people to get to and from work	9/26/2018 4:16 PM
129	Cycle separate lanes around the town centre and Hempstead road. The paths stop and start in random places are badly sign posted and un repaired. Cycling is unsafe in watford	9/26/2018 7:34 AM
130	More integrated bus service and increased fequency	9/26/2018 6:34 AM
131	By better designed of existing roadways and junctions it would be possible to keep traffic flowing more freely. Not a fan of increased bus lanes - they take up half the road to accommodate buses which are not a continuous flow and often have, say, just two or three passengers on board and this increases traffic congestion. St Albans Road has been mentioned - why not an elevated tramway to allow the traffic to flow more freely, whilst in the wider sections the tramway could descend to ground level to facilitate passengers getting of and on.	9/25/2018 4:24 PM
132	There is no further improvements to make with the mainline trains, this is out of the councils control. I do think the met line could provide an extremely useful service and link to London, plus ease the traffic a little around Wat Jun/ring road. Buses I am unsure on - I don't use them but think the bus lanes seem to be helpful. If a service can get to their places on time this will encourage people to use it more. Maybe the council could look at an incentive (poss lower price maybe) to get more people using them. I am unaware of walking /cycling routes. Maybe a guide for people in the area could be helpful? As a resident of the area I would not be happy about a congestion charge. it is unfair for residents to be penalised more for living in this area by introducing that.	9/25/2018 1:38 PM
133	Segregated cycle lanes on Hempstead Road & St Albans Road	9/25/2018 12:35 PM
134	This is rubbish 1 and 2 is a no no. This will just annoy the residents and quite frankly you need to stop annoying them. More public transport and easy access Like a trainline from croxley to watford high street would reduce cars dramatically in town. Need more bus routes all Watford as this will encourage more people to use it.	9/25/2018 10:58 AM
135	Less population More schools Better roads More hospitals Bigger parks	9/25/2018 8:32 AM

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136	Improved walk ways from Bushey into watford (via the arches). I would like to walk into watford more often but the pavements are narrow & dangerous with the heavy traffic. There is no appeal walking past fumes from cars & under the filthy arches. The whole area needs a refurb.	9/24/2018 11:18 PM
137	I have no faith in the council to address road safety unless it's in the town centre. I have been told they can do nothing about cars illegally Parked in north Watford which block crossings on school routes and emergency vehicles from accessing residential streets due to 'funding'	9/24/2018 6:53 PM
138	Suggest they are introduced on roads.	9/24/2018 6:06 PM
139	Improve buses and reduce cost and time spent. Especially journeys out of Watford. Croxley Rail Link would be good.	9/24/2018 5:50 PM
140	A regular bus service to link Watford junction to Watford Met Line. More frequent bus services from Garston and leavesden to Watford junction/town centre. Better bus service in the evening and weekends	9/24/2018 5:12 PM
141	Schemes to reduce traffic on Aldenham Rd. I would support congestion charging for the whole of Watford, including Aldenham Road but only if the surrounding residential roads were caught too and measures were taken to prevent rat runs.	9/24/2018 5:09 PM
142	Cycling is frowned upon a lot in Watford. Buses are expensive and the one way system clogs the traffic	9/24/2018 5:05 PM
143	Reliable pulic transport at a resonable cost.. Wider Cycle roads that are safe to use for both bikes and walkers.	9/24/2018 11:17 AM
144	Congestion charging in the town centre have the town centre traffic free.	9/24/2018 11:06 AM
145	Borough-wide	9/23/2018 5:49 PM
146	Upgrading the Abbey Line and putting a Light Rail Link where the tubeline extension was going to go. (Watford Junction through High Street and Vicarage Road to Croxley Green). Increasing the number of halts and stations if possible to make it as flexible as possible for residents to be able to hop on and off. All the other solutions really just pinch existing space from one transport type to give to another in the hope it will force people to use it. Doesn't work. To use public transport to get to work on time I have to leave at 7:30am and it takes over an hour including a 20 minute walk to the nearest station. At that time it takes me 20 minutes to drive there and I can start work early and leave early as I have flexible hours. Going home can up to two hours if I miss connections; likewise I can drive it in 20 minutes if I leave between 4:30pm and 5pm. Until public transport can match that experience it's not likely that I am going to want to use it. Plus I have to run a car anyway so why have the extra expense?	9/23/2018 3:33 PM
147	No. Stop bashing the motorist.	9/23/2018 2:03 PM
148	20mph in residential areas agreed to. Congestion charge is unworkable as people will divert to areas where their isn't. Hence congestion in residential areas.	9/23/2018 11:14 AM
149	Making walking and cycling more accessible is crucial if we are to reduce traffic and also improve health. Schools and workplaces should have to have schemes in place to encourage walking/cycling to schoo/workl. Walking buses were encouraged in the past but seem to have fallen out of favour. The cycling lanes in Watford do not provide a safe environment for cyclists, pedestrians or drivers. A thorough review of cycling lanes needs to be undertaken - involving those who cycle not just those who talk about it. It needs a real commitment from the Council to make this work.	9/21/2018 7:04 PM
150	Watford Junction area needs redeveloping to make more fluid transport. Better rail links.	9/20/2018 2:08 PM
151	None of this will have a positive impact unless a holistic approach is taken across the surrounding boroughs. Each option will have a negative cause a detriment in other areas. Unless a major initiative is undertaken to review roads and what causing the most delays, nothing will have a long lasting impact.	9/19/2018 11:26 PM
152	To be honest, your options just, to me, show a total lack of appreciation of the transport problem. How are bus lanes going to solve the problem of bushey arches? How are cycle lanes going to help me with getting to Tesco for my weekly shop? Watford isn't a City centre. You've heard it before no doubt but you missed a golden opportunity with the Met line extension playing politics with the mayor of London.	9/19/2018 2:30 PM
153	5	9/18/2018 8:38 PM
154	Drop prices for bus travel as is more costly than parking in town at the moment on wide payments allow cycles lanes as cycling on busy roads terrifies me I would definitely cycle to work if it was safer	9/18/2018 2:38 PM

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155	All are useful in a package but without central government control and strict regulation the system can never serve small communities or those on the edges of units like Watford. The Local Authority should be allowed to totally control the public transport system and be able to state what routes will operate, at what fare (If any, another national argument). What times the services will run and even what vehicles will be allowed. That last point may seem trivial but to put a small bus on a route involving housing estates with many young mothers with push chairs and the bus only able to handle one at a time us insanity. Anything must be co-ordinated and the elected LA is clearly the most logical body to begiventhatrole	9/18/2018 12:40 PM
156	Don't think Congestion Charge would work in Watford - more likely to drive business' and consumers away rather than attracting them to Watford.	9/18/2018 12:04 PM
157	Whippendell Road (from Premier Inn area) towards Hagden Lane by Rembrant House and towards and along Tolpits Lane towards Rickmansworth and Northwood is solid traffic at rush hour, cars barely move and hundreds of children walking to schools and nurseries (Holywell, Ascot Road, St.Antonys, etc) have to breathe all that exhaust in. Not enough safe places to cross roads (especially Hagden Lane and Tolpits lane junction near Tolpits Motors), not very safe for pedestrians or cyclists and buses often get stuck in solid traffic. There needs to be a way to direct traffic from Croxley to Northwood/M25 area avoiding Whippendell road, Hagden Lane and Tolpits Lane.	9/17/2018 11:11 PM
158	Whatever we say it wont be implemented. Stick a load of houses up and there will be congestion and it wont be relieved unless you ban cars! But you cant rely on buses either.	9/17/2018 8:13 PM
159	Congestion chargingto be introduced on the A142	9/17/2018 3:42 PM
160	The investment needs to be in public transport. Slowing down cars and charging people more is not the answer. Increasing cycle routes doesn't work when the roads are too narrow to accommodate them. Increasing the frequency of buses would be good - but recently we have seen bus routes being axed, so it doesn't seem that the council would prioritise this. Better, and more bus routes, a tram system for the centre of town and roads leading to it and park and ride schemes would reduce congestion. Railway networks need to better service the local area with more frequent trains with a greater number of carriages so that everyone can get a seat, and with lower fares so it is accessible to a greater number of people.	9/17/2018 1:51 PM
161	Cars are often driven at speed on residential roads and there is always issues of cars parking inappropriately around schools at drop off and pick up time. Reduced speed limits and higher on the spot fines for both speeding and dangerous parking. More pedestrian crossings near schools.	9/17/2018 1:45 PM
162	The Lower High Street crossing Dalton Way - far too long a wait for southbound buses at these lights - these should be set to go green as soon as a bus approaches. As stated in a previous answer, congestion charging in town centre area and more frequent, better bus services to all parts of the Borough nd surrounding areas to encourage mode switch from car to bus	9/17/2018 12:08 PM
163	A cycling route from king street through intu along queens road and to the junction. A flashing speed sensitive sign could be used to encourage people to slow down when going through into and the subway to avoid collisions.	9/16/2018 3:49 PM
164	Public transport is very poor in the region. You can get from Euston to Watford Junction in 15 minutes, but after that there's nothing. There needs to be much better links around town (like the met line extension)	9/16/2018 10:45 AM
165	Well designed cycle routes (kept clean with sweepers, cycle routes with grit and litter and plants growing are dangerous Lower speeds on roads is an excellent idea making them safer quieter and less polluted.	9/15/2018 9:30 PM
166	Cycle lanes around the cross roads near Watford junction aren't especially helpful to cyclists at that point.	9/15/2018 12:43 PM
167	Watford	9/15/2018 11:13 AM
168	See response to infrastructure. Continuous footways, pedestrians prioritised at junctions. Removing space from motor vehicles to provide high-quality cycleways, again prioritised at junctions.	9/14/2018 7:18 PM
169	Option 3 is problematic as pedestrians and cyclists, sadly, have opposed interests. Pavements should be for pedestrians and not cyclists - in practice cyclists all too often seek to take over pedestrian space.	9/14/2018 5:20 PM
170	Redevelop watford junction area and provide better access by road and cycle path. Improve and extend cycle routes. Get the croxley rail link done.	9/14/2018 1:50 PM
171	West watford	9/14/2018 1:17 PM

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172	Definitely increase bus usage, encouraging use of bus over car. Better bus service early morning and evening.	9/14/2018 12:13 PM
173	The bus service in Watford is shocking. Because of this, more people drive causing congestion on the roads. If a good bus service was to be provided (by good this means regular buses (every 15 minutes) actually running on time). Before I drove, I'd regularly be late for work due to buses being full resulting in me not being able to get on the bus and having to wait nearly an hour for the next one.	9/14/2018 11:09 AM
174	Some bus lanes could be removed as the drivers do not use them, ie: St Albans Road, outside McDonalds (nr. Bushey Mill Lane). Garston Park Parade. The only one I see used properly is the one in Station Road.	9/14/2018 11:07 AM
175	you have forgotten the main form of transport viz the car. Just shows how dim witted this survey is	9/13/2018 10:20 PM
176	Watford Junction needs a St Albans Road station entrance/exit. There should also be a London Overground Station entrance/exit too. Abbey Line needs a passing point and modern rolling stock. It's too unreliable and infrequent for people in St Albans coming to Watford to consider ditching their cars. And ensure the Croxley Rail Link happens! It'll hugely reduce traffic on the Rickmansworth Road and it'll grow the business parks and create jobs while increasing air quality.	9/13/2018 9:09 PM
177	Better bus services ALL over the borough would be a HUGE improvement & returning the depot to Watford so when/if a breakdown occurs it can be dealt with quicker than having to wait for someone to arrive from Hemel.	9/13/2018 6:32 PM
178	Options 5 and 4 are important. Combined Walking and cycle zones don't really work and are dangerous at times.	9/13/2018 5:15 PM
179	DO NOT DEPLOY ANY MORE BLANKET 20mph ZONES. They are pointless when applied anywhere except outside schools. The impact of them fades into insignificance if they are the default norm. They are often ignored and only appropriate during some hours of the day. The policy should state that 20mph zones should be supported for targeted areas only, and then not to extend more than 200 metres beyond a the boundary of a school, playgroup, creche or similar. They will create more congestion than they will solve - they are not an appropriate solution to congestion issues, only towards safety. Congestion charging would be costly to implement. This should be excluded from the plan. Walking and cycle routes need improvement, and need joining up. New developments should include provision for continuation of pedestrian routes and should be encouraged NOT to block existing "short cuts" but to create new ones. Buses are really the remit of private operators. The council should only consider directing and subsidising these where absolutely essential. Railway access should be improved. The current station forecourt is a mess. Note that the area of the current bus station plus the short term parking area is almost exactly the same as the active area of Edgware bus station (i.e. excluding the depot and standing area). By having the buses run counter clockwise, the bus stops could all be concentrated into a covered building in the centre of the area, which could be linked by an aerial walkway to platforms 1-4 of the station, providing additional lifts for the station, and allowing the partitioning off of the gateline for the Overground which would allow some rezoning to occur (zone W to zone 8). If the buses run the other way around, then as at Edgware the entry and exit point can be the same piece of road controlled by signals, which then allows safer pedestrian crossing and allows the reversal of traffic flow on Woodford and St Johns (as double deckers would not need to turn the sharp right at the Escort Arms / Wellington to reach Clarendon Road). This would also allow the station side pedestrian path to be eliminated, widening the area and allowing an additional bus stand for 4 vehicles, and allow a vehicle drop off bay to be cut into the pavement on Woodford Road. The provision of a "passenger terminal building" would allow additional concession stands and an office / restroom for the bus operators on the first floor area of that structure. This also concentrates the flow of pedestrians into a lesser number of streams and eliminates a number of vehicle pedestrian conflict points. The short stay car park would move to the rear of the station, and the plan to bridge the Abbey Line between Penn Road and Colonial Way should be supported.	9/13/2018 4:26 PM
180	hardly every see a bus in the bus lanes particularly on St Albans Road when traffic is heavily congested. more buses, frequency and reliability cheaper public transport	9/13/2018 3:54 PM
181	Make trains cheaper and put on more trains.	9/13/2018 2:41 PM

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182	I'm not convinced that the 20mph limit nor congestion charging would have any impact on the congestion I see, which is Bushey Mill Lane / Radlett Road / Orphanage Road to Watford Junction every weekday. There is no room for additional bus lanes in this area and the existing bus lane outside Watford Junction and the associated traffic light sequence onto St Alban's Road (shown on the survey to illustrate this question) is probably a contributor to this congestion rather than a relief. The pavements on and around Orphanage Road and to some extent Link Road or overgrown, discouraging or challenging pedestrians, given the amount of traffic here and so could be improved, and people walking on these routes may well be going to the Junction bus or rail station. Loss of the Metropolitan Line Extension was painful, as when the West Coast line gets closed, e.g. by 'passenger action' whether trespassers or self harmers, the existing Metropolitan line does not service the needed capacity well and causes road congestion as people come in cars to collect loved ones	9/13/2018 1:44 PM
183	Fund the various bus services and have them run more frequently. Negotiate with TFL to expand the Oyster card network so that bus travel in Watford is affordable. The bus schedule is ridiculous. Every half hour on a Sunday (if the service turns up) is not useful. It now costs £2.70 to go from my nearest stop to Watford Junction. The same distance, in London, is £1.50. I know there might not be the same volume of people wanting to use the service but if it was reliable and affordable, it would ease the congestion and help those of us who don't have cars. The 20kmph road limit is a joke. The boy racers around my area will not take a blind bit of notice. If you were going to do this you would need to find a way to enforce it.	9/13/2018 11:22 AM
184	Park & ride Separate cycle & pedestrian pavement areas Improve the canal towpath from Watford & surrounding area & include a cycle path. Utilise the canal	9/13/2018 11:12 AM
185	Proper interconnecting cycle paths.	9/13/2018 9:57 AM
186	St Albans Abbey line should be able to use oyster/contactless payment, same on/with buses Congestion charge is a No No 20 mph on residential roads fine	9/12/2018 5:27 PM
187	Park and ride for commuters into Watford Encourage review of bus routes...very difficult to complete some journeys with routes as they are now, without taking ridiculous amounts of time eg Hempstead Road to the hospital.	9/12/2018 4:54 PM
188	Option 4. If you want people to change their travel habits then public transport must become cheaper. It is very expensive just to take children to school...	9/12/2018 4:53 PM
189	I would agree with implementing a mixture of all those examples above. St Albans road definitely needs looking at as always congested and even with cycle lanes no one seems to respect this, cycle lanes need to be more visible and like in London may be have a defining line by using raised lines/kerbing.	9/12/2018 8:54 AM
190	Bringing the overground in North Watford, more frequent buses from other Watford are to the centre. 2 lanes on A41 for each direction of travel	9/12/2018 7:59 AM
191	Congestion and consequent pollution is largely the product of poor road design and deliberate policies designed to slow traffic. Remove as many bus lanes, speed humps, traffic lights as possible. Build roads that take unsuitable traffic away from residential areas, e.g. link Thomas Sawyer Way to Tolpits Lane and Watford and Croxley Business Parks, creating a West Watford bypass and taking commercial and commuting traffic out of the Victorian streets. Similarly link Leavesden Road, Penn Way and Colonial Road together etc	9/11/2018 8:17 PM
192	Forget 1) 2) might be an unfortunate result of the overdevelopment 3) if poss 4) Def and new Bus depot 5) See above re new station, improved lines to StA and London (via Met) Applies to whole Town Centre within ring road and immediate surrounding area	9/11/2018 7:32 PM
193	congestion charging in the most congested areas - around the high street	9/11/2018 12:04 PM
194	Priority bus lanes will update be great, you could provide an Express service into Watford from other places and the buses could run more often. Also if tickets were cheaper than parking people would be encouraged to use them.	9/11/2018 9:23 AM
195	The access to Watford Junction station could be greatly improved from the North Watford side. An entrance/exit near where The Range currently is / where the station car park is would be incredibly helpful and improve the footfall to the commerce estate (The Range, TK Max). The use of Cycling routes should be encouraged along St Albans Road. There are cycling spaces but it is incredibly common to see cyclists on the pavements or evening cycling up the wrong side of the road(!!!). Possibly a two way cycle path on the station side of the road would help this? A 20mph speed limit on all on residential roads seems sensible.	9/10/2018 10:15 PM
196	Tram to St Albans with clock face service. Buses from Met line station	9/10/2018 4:22 PM
197	Just wondering where Horseshoe Road is in Watford, there is a Horseshoe Lane however and if High Elms Lane was improved for cars, cyclists and pedestrians this would improve Horseshoe Lane.	9/10/2018 3:03 PM

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198	Anywhere and everywhere. It depends on the situation. For example, buses should be able to change traffic lights (as I believe ambulances can or should). I'm against a blanket 20mph speed limit. It's unenforceable and, for 80% of the time, unnecessary. More smaller buses, more frequently or some form of 'hail' service. Traffic light sensors. Congestion charging ends up penalising residents when the majority of traffic comes from outside the borough.	9/10/2018 12:22 PM
199	I think congestion charging would be OK but it would need to be seriously considered as to the remit of the congestion charge zone given there are already huge parking problems in places such as Oxhey Hall/Village and Bushey as people compete to park in this ear before commuting on the train to Bushey station-this needs to be reduced not increased	9/10/2018 12:00 PM
200	Improve walking/cycling along St Albans Road. Congestion charging will just push the problem out to the zone surrounding it.	9/10/2018 10:27 AM
201	Ban buses from the roads within the ring road, pedestrians only in within the central area. Change the ring-road to two way traffic operation so buses can set-down on the left all around the circuit Get rid of all our underpasses and have at-grade crossings to break down the 'concrete collar' of the ring road.	9/10/2018 9:32 AM
202	Introduce met line to Watford junction	9/10/2018 12:47 AM
203	None of the silly suggestions proposed address any of the real problems currently faced! For example, during rush hour it is unlikely that cars can travel more than 5mph - let alone 20mph!? The council should instead revisit current parking restrictions e.g. why cars cannot park on one side of Whippendell Road and allow parking on wide pavements. Also before any new development is approved the traffic flow / parking impact should be assessed. If it was, the Riverwell development would never have been approved as it will cause West Watford to ground to a halt!	9/9/2018 9:36 PM
204	Get big on public transport. Considering the town is hell bent on car free developments we need to offer people a alternative. Somethhing which we don't do. Make the town better connected so the need for a car decreases.	9/9/2018 8:42 PM
205	The 20 mph speed limit seems to work well in the Nascot Wood area where I live. I would cycle if I felt it was safe to do so, but it certainly isn't at present. Not sure about priority bus lanes, as often they just cause resentment for the motorists.	9/9/2018 1:29 PM
206	Im not a driver, but live near vicarage road and its overcrowded with cars and the one way system around the town locks people in to traffic	9/9/2018 12:52 PM
207	Ways to encourage more cycling. Good bus service. Do something about Watford Junction station as a transport hub it is a badly thought out difficult place to use.	9/9/2018 9:19 AM
208	Can you Tax homes for having more than one car ?	9/9/2018 1:20 AM
209	Connecting Watford Met Station to Watford junction could cut some congestion in town.	9/8/2018 5:02 PM
210	Watford Junction area	9/8/2018 2:39 PM
211	20 mph limit on Leavesden Rd and side toads in North Watford	9/8/2018 1:52 PM
212	Congestion charge in the town centre Improve the St. Albans rail link in Garston	9/8/2018 1:14 PM
213	West Watford	9/8/2018 11:45 AM
214	Better access to Watford Junction by providing a new entrance to the north of the station directly onto platforms 9 and 10. Reconfiguring and reducing the pavement and road width of St Albans road through North Watford to provided dedicated cycling lanes, separated from the road itself by bollards. The existing lanes are not fully utilised due to gaps in the lanes (where these merge into the road itself) and due to inconsiderate parking over the cycle lanes. This should reduce the levels of illegal pavement riding and provide the opportunity to integrate trees and greenery into the layout to improve the urban realm.	9/8/2018 11:34 AM
215	Continue the good work on bicycle lanes and stop the builders blocking them with their trucks	9/8/2018 10:52 AM
216	I understand from neighbours and friends that the bus service in Watford is unusable as it is unreliable and expensive. I like to walk to places, I often find Watford is not an easy place to walk - more walking routes, especially to places we expect people to drive - Tesco, b&q for example, would be good. I think it is unfair that Watford junction is not in zone 6, as it should be geographically.	9/8/2018 10:45 AM
217	Park Lane could have a tram system. The round around Highwood Primary could be pedestrianised (access only), and serviced by a tram system.	9/8/2018 6:48 AM
218	20mph zones don't work if they are to work they need policing	9/8/2018 1:06 AM

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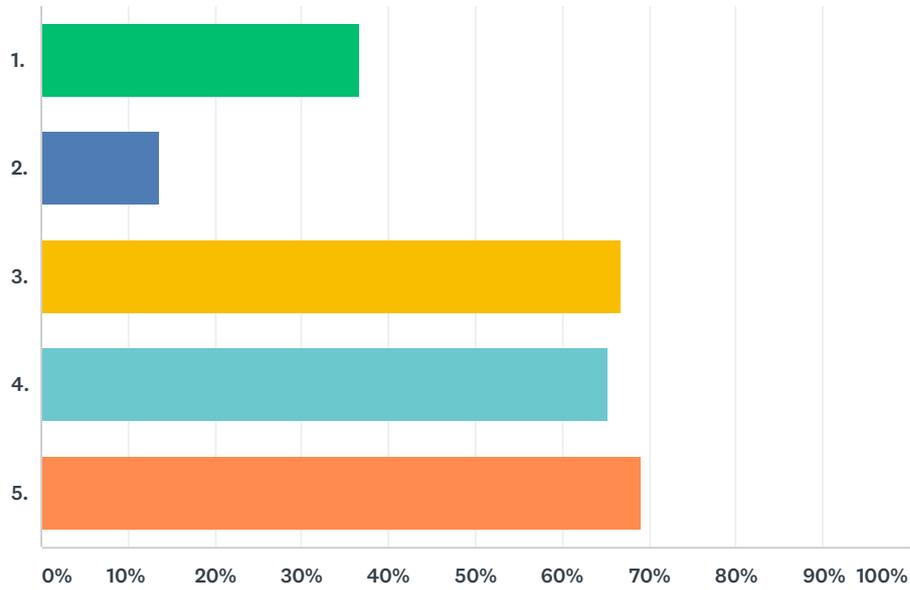
219	There no cycle lanes in watford. Many people ride on the foot paths , especially ladies, which is dangerous. I was nearly knocked off by a lady riding on foot path on Rickmansworth Road. Increasing bus service and creating better railway network would be ideal .	9/8/2018 12:37 AM
220	dedicated cycle routes to every school to reduce cars, more and smaller buses so they can be nimble on short routes. protected cycle routes that don't stop and start.	9/7/2018 11:55 PM
221	Cycle lanes on Langley Road and the ring road.	9/7/2018 11:37 PM
222	Priority bus lanes are a must.	9/7/2018 11:03 PM
223	Their is absolutely no evidence that a 20mph speed limit reduces congestion. You need to look closely at what impedes traffic a) too many traffic lightsb) timing of lights eg right filter lower high Street before reaching Mercedes garage) number of lights at Dome. Not putting time bound penalties on utilities that take forever to repair thus reducing road widths. Number of temporary traffic lights are now out of control. Don't waste time trying to convert people to cycles they won't yse them because YOU want them to. Treat converting them to cycles as a bonus. You won't encourage cyclists whilst the road surfaces are pit holed and poor. Consider park and ride	9/7/2018 10:27 PM
224	Create new cycling paths to/from all schools. Sort out the drop off and pick up from Watford Junction.	9/7/2018 10:01 PM
225	Find the money to bring the new stations into force	9/7/2018 9:32 PM
226	Little Oxhey Lane in Carpenders Park needs slower speeds as there have been many accidents on that stretch of road. Run the Bakerloo line to Watford Junction giving Watford more trains in and out of the town.	9/7/2018 8:50 PM
227	Speed limits. Provide cheaper public tranport	9/7/2018 8:25 PM
228	Met line extension	9/7/2018 8:18 PM
229	Become part of TFL meaning decent value buses and a rezoned rail system as well as cycle super highways.	9/7/2018 7:59 PM
230	A fortune was spent on a platform at Bushey station that is NEVER used. Platform 3 - why. Bushey services always first to go even though they can stop other fast trains there	9/7/2018 7:50 PM
231	More trains into and out of London Better links between Watford and St Albans, more frequent service More buses to link th train and bus network	9/7/2018 6:55 PM
232	Footpath needed under Bushey Arches. Underground parking needed in new developments to avoid street parking.	9/7/2018 6:46 PM
233	Where's Horseshoe Road? With all the works going on in Watford I have no idea where the buses go from, people are being encouraged to drive due to the current issues. Trains to St Albans are unreliable and people have to drive to ensure they get to and from work. Train journeys are incredibly expensive, the continuing works on the Euston line and then works on the Met Line make leaving Watford very difficult without a car	9/7/2018 5:58 PM
234	If a safe cycle route was in operation throughout Watford then many more would use bikes. As it is, Hempstead Road is simply not safe enough to even try cycling on and the cycle route in place is in bits and pieces. Trying to cycle through the pedestrian area of Watford at the weekend is a nightmare and very slow as you try to dodge oblivious pedestrians!	9/7/2018 5:57 PM
235	No	9/7/2018 5:52 PM
236	Keep bus services, improve and extend cycle lanes and extend Watford Junction.	9/7/2018 5:45 PM
237	Making bus routes equal some operate until a reasonable hour whilst in some areas they stop early evening.	9/7/2018 5:20 PM
238	Improving cycle lanes, it is very anoying when one just disappears, not indicating where the cyclist should go to continue the journey.	9/7/2018 5:16 PM
239	Congestion charging is mean. Buses have been cut and cut. Pavements are not very good for walking. Nothing ever happens with the rail especially with how expensive it is. There would be less congestion if everybody wasn't out at the same time so staggered start and end times for work and schools. Encouraging older folk care to not want care at the rush hours times adding to the traffic.	9/7/2018 5:08 PM
240	Reduction of speed limits in Residential Roads - A405 speed Restriction and Monitored Improvement on pathways and Cycleways Improvement on Buses improvement to Road engineering works (Dates & Times) improvement to area where road narrows on A41 between Sainsbury's and M1 roundabout better flow of traffic	9/7/2018 3:52 PM
241	No	9/7/2018 3:35 PM
242	Increasing the regularity and times buses run at weekends and in the evenings.	9/7/2018 3:16 PM

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243	Ensure the Rail Link is built, a link road is built between the Croxley Estate and Tolpits Lane. Measures to take traffic off St Albans Road and divert round	9/7/2018 2:08 PM
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Q20 Would you support any of the options set out above? Please select those options you support.

Answered: 300 Skipped: 119



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1.	36.67%	110
2.	13.67%	41
3.	66.67%	200
4.	65.33%	196
5.	69.00%	207
Total Respondents: 300		

Q21 Can you suggest any other ways that traffic congestion could be reduced?

Answered: 256 Skipped: 163

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Reduce the amount of road space and parking space so travelling by car becomes more difficult and/or expensive than using other transport modes. This might sound unrealistic but it is exactly what has been done in London with great success. London is only 20 miles from Watford but it has a completely different culture when it comes to transport.	10/21/2018 10:28 AM
2	Encourage walking and bus use. But again, the bus network has to be far more reliable & cheaper for this to work.	10/19/2018 11:40 PM
3	Car Sharing/Club availability e.g. Zip Car and parking provision Incentivising car sharing for commuters Rental bikes and bike parking space	10/19/2018 11:25 PM
4	Provide incentives for cycling or using public transport to work rather than drive	10/19/2018 10:09 PM
5	Car sharing stations, cycling lanes, promote walking path to the station, Uber/cabs	10/19/2018 9:59 PM
6	read previous comment	10/19/2018 8:50 PM
7	Talk to HCC to end selective schooling as mentioned above. Require businesses and flats to provide substantial cycle parking.	10/19/2018 5:15 PM
8	No. Just better public transport.	10/19/2018 3:45 PM
9	Buses are confusing as some are TFL and some are not, which puts me off using them. Speed limits on residential roads wont be enforceable. Park and ride to the football stadium could work.	10/19/2018 3:37 PM
10	None other than encourage people to walk and cycle more, that means, better and safer paths and cycle routes.	10/19/2018 3:34 PM
11	Do not encourage Uber, their drivers go around empty a lot of the time. Underpass at A41 Dome roundabout. Discourage through traffic on A412 / A411, if not going to a local destination. Less retail outlets. Stop illegal parking. Walking bus for schoolchildren. Free buses for all schoolchildren.	10/19/2018 3:21 PM
12	Possible park and ride.	10/19/2018 2:49 PM
13	Stop building companies taking up lanes with lorries in rush hours. Look into changing Bushey Arches, it could run better if it was 2 way. The new road to the hospital could be used to cut across Watford easing the congestion going into the town centre.	10/19/2018 1:37 PM
14	Encouraging INTU to organise a delivery service to reduce need for car.	10/19/2018 1:25 PM
15	No car zones Bollards	10/19/2018 11:47 AM
16	again through share transport, buses, uber, lyft, but also through bicycle lanes, and wider pedestrian area	10/19/2018 11:42 AM
17	Intensify the density of development in the town centre and other nodes, such as Meriden Estate and around public transport nodes will tend to choke off growth in traffic, as will increasing the capacity of Watford junction to commuter travel for those doing a 'short hop' such as from Berkhamsted/the Langley's and Bricket Wood. Do not forget also Rickmansworth and the train line from there. Increasing the density of development and going 'high rise' in Rickmansworth Twin Centre will also assist Watford.	10/19/2018 10:03 AM
18	Cheaper buses. Additional access to Watford junction station (via St Albans road and imperial way or even reeds crescent).	10/19/2018 1:54 AM
19	Proper segregated cycleways everywhere, as already mentioned.	10/18/2018 11:52 PM
20	Please see answer to previous question. Incentive schemes for car sharing and 'walk to school' schemes to reduce the amount of school traffic. Better subsidised school buses to incentivise more families to use school buses over cars.	10/18/2018 10:55 PM
21	Congestion charge is a stupid idea.. put car parks on edge of town and provide park and ride..	10/18/2018 10:21 PM

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22	The Dome roundabout should have a through road linking both sides of the A41 through the roundabout, then all other traffic could go around the roundabout, this would cut congestion, speeding the busses up, Also Leavesden road junction with Brighton Road and Longspring would work much better with a Mini Roundabout, instead of the traffic lights.	10/18/2018 9:30 PM
23	Stop people parking illegally blocking roads. Some roundabouts in place of traffic lights to keep better flow. Better bus services to enable people to be able to RELY on a service getting them to stations, GP/Hospital appointments etc. on time. Make it easier for people to walk.	10/18/2018 7:02 PM
24	Maybe once a month do a free bus service or half price bus service to allow more people going into town. In the summer to do a no car day	10/18/2018 4:25 PM
25	Car sharing schemes and car hire on an hourly/daily basis where one person leaves the car and another person can pick it up to use it on the same day.	10/18/2018 12:51 PM
26	Explore options for park and ride schemes. Encourage schoolchildren to walk or get buses to and from school rather than be taken by car.	10/18/2018 10:29 AM
27	Towpaths make excellent places for people to walk and cycle considerably. Not only is this great for recreation, it can be an attractive way for people to commute, reducing congestion, carbon emissions and poor air quality in the wider area and supporting people to lead healthier lives. The towpath can easily be used for the first/last mile of journeys and have a positive impact on congestion as well as the health and wellbeing of local people. Improved access and relatively simple improvements to the towpath can have a big impact on people's propensity to use it as part of their daily routine.	10/18/2018 10:11 AM
28	Greater concentration of higher density commercial and residential developments close to the main transport hubs would increase the demand for, and encourage the use of more sustainable transport choices such as walking and public transport.	10/17/2018 5:43 PM
29	Get rid of the traffic lights at the Dome roundabout. Traffic flows better when they're not working...just have a pedestrian crossing when someone needs to cross.	10/17/2018 4:33 PM
30	A Park and Ride scheme to reduce traffic in the town centre.	10/17/2018 4:18 PM
31	Impose a blanket 20 mph throughout the town - we know people will drive faster than 20 but they won't go faster than 30 like they do now - there is no need to go faster than 20 in any residential areas or anywhere in the town. Park and ride with free parking. Zipcar type of cars available. Accept the fact that the behaviour change to get most people out of the convenience of private vehicle use is unlikely to happen and plan around it.	10/17/2018 12:29 PM
32	Free parking Thurs nights at Intu. Staggered office hours. Park and ride.	10/17/2018 1:56 AM
33	Different hours of work	10/16/2018 2:44 PM
34	See 20.	10/16/2018 12:38 PM
35	School buses Encourage car shares Smaller more frequent commuter buses that allow wheelchairs and buggies	10/16/2018 10:32 AM
36	Offer Watford as a demonstration project for local driverless car network (work being undertaken in Milton Keynes). This could attract high quality jobs. Press for reinstatement of Croxley Link, oppose Herts CC suggestion of converting St Albans line to busway and instead promote introduction of frequent tram service (previous scheme abandoned for arcane financial reasons not practicality of scheme)	10/16/2018 9:45 AM
37	Safer security for cycles, I've had three stolen in ten years so have given up.park and ride services.	10/15/2018 8:36 PM
38	Less people i.e residents. Park and ride	10/15/2018 5:05 PM
39	Remove the traffic lights from the Dome roundabout - absolute nightmare!! Access to Watford Junction from Stephenson Way via Colonial Way.	10/15/2018 4:25 PM
40	dome around about	10/15/2018 2:21 PM
41	Sensible approach to Traffic management - the Dome Roundabout flowed infinitely better when there was no traffic lights. Change set up so lights change when there are pedestirans, not on a cycle. Enforcement of Yellow boxes - many people block these which block the roads for other users, making it impossible to move out of some side roads	10/15/2018 12:36 PM
42	How about a park and ride scheme somewhere - I know there's not much space around but it could be an option. Cheaper public transport is one of the best ways in my opinion. Also places to park bikes that are secure as I would be concerned that my bike might be stolen if I left it anywhere in Central Watford.	10/15/2018 12:08 PM

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43	Try no car days, bike only days. Introduce pedestrianised areas. Develop a Park and Ride. Encourage car sharing. Reduce the number of car parking spaces and replace with bike racks, increase parking charges. Congestion charges. Encourage businesses to provide coaches for their staff.	10/15/2018 12:57 AM
44	Look at when road works are being completed	10/14/2018 8:44 PM
45	Better traffic management, signalling and less development resulting in less traffic	10/14/2018 8:18 PM
46	Improve traffic light signals to improve traffic flow. Park and ride to town centre. Restrict heavy vehicles from the town centre	10/14/2018 7:28 PM
47	Better transport links to train station & met line & more reliable buses & routes that include ALL areas	10/14/2018 7:25 PM
48	What about creating a free Tram line in Watford Town Centre ? Connecting Town Centre to all 3 Watford Stations. Via the High Street	10/14/2018 6:19 PM
49	Improving the flow of traffic at busy junctions. Do this by making adjustments to traffic lights and how long they stay green/red. For example, a longer green phase at the traffic lights for Station Road coming away from Watford Junction. This will help to create space behind around Watford Junction which has a knock-on affect and creates traffic all round the Junction, Clarendon Road, Orphanage Road. Changing the layouts of busy junctions For example the junction of St Albans road, Bushey Mill Lane & Longspring. Change this to a roundabout to help traffic flow better. The Hempstead Road & Courtlands Road T-junction is dangerous. This needs to be changed to a roundabout.	10/14/2018 1:24 PM
50	In other countries they have small minibus style buses that travel around the busiest areas and you can get on and off as required. Fares need to be cheaper.	10/14/2018 12:50 PM
51	See above, i.e. encourage cycling, walking and improve public transport. Ban parents from dropping off their children outside or within 200 yards of schools, including within school grounds. Watford Council should take over the local bus services and, in effect, nationalise (localise?) them.	10/13/2018 8:54 PM
52	People being able to walk to local schools or use the bus service	10/13/2018 6:39 PM
53	Lower council tax if you don't have a car?	10/13/2018 5:29 PM
54	Park and ride for town centre? St Albans road tram? Working with schools, HCC around walking buses or affordable school bus options for primary and secondary schools.	10/13/2018 8:21 AM
55	Carbon tax?? Bike club? Car sharing?	10/12/2018 6:15 PM
56	Stop overdeveloping	10/12/2018 5:43 PM
57	Pedestrianise areas. No cars equals no congestion. Increase the simplicity of bicycle use. If I could safely cycle with my children to town or the station I wouldn't drive. The roads in Watford are sufficiently wide enough to have separate cycle lanes. Re-design around the cyclist and pedestrian not the car. In all honesty liaise with a council in the Netherlands, for example Utrecht or Delft. Learn the lessons from there and implement them.	10/12/2018 1:20 PM
58	Improve the traffic light signalling. Remove unnecessary pelican crossings in high traffic areas. It does not make sense to have so many along St Albans Rd when there is always a long queue of traffic standing still for many minutes. This meaning that pedestrians can cross when the traffic is not moving without traffic lights. Traffic light sequencing on St Albans Rd and around the Dome Roundabout needs to be improved. Safer road marking too particularly around Harebreaks and St Albans Rd where there are many accidents and cases of dangerous driving.	10/12/2018 8:11 AM
59	Do something about Watford Junction. For a station its size there is hardly anywhere for people to drop off without causing mayhem. Many years ago Lowestoft Road was narrowed to encourage people to use other roads to reach St Albans Road. I never understood this as all it meant was a far longer queue of traffic all waiting to turn, mainly right, at the lights with no where to move to when not given long enough with a green light. Equally, traffic turning out of Bushey Mill Lane or Longspring queues back for ages waiting for the lights to change in St Albans Road. I'm not sure how traffic congestion can be reduced without widening some roads.	10/11/2018 9:09 PM
60	1. A proper detailed survey is required to understand the traffic flow patterns in and around Watford. 2. Introduce 'Red Routes' where traffic congestion is due to vehicle parking 3. Suncronize traffic signals at certain stretches of St. Albans Road 4. Provide railway commuters with additional bus services during morning and evening peak hours, encouraging them to leave the cars at home.	10/11/2018 8:10 PM
61	Yes. Better planning. There used to be no congestion; then you built flats, flats, flats and did not ensure the roads could cope. Sort out the roads before building more flats. And ensure flats have plenty of parking to reduce parking problems.	10/11/2018 6:08 PM

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62	As I keep mentioning 'park and ride' schemes. We are partly surrounded by the M1 and M25. Large car parks at Junctions 19 and 20 on the M25 and Jct 5 of the M1 and ferry people in on bus lanes to the centre. You'd have to make it cheap (preferable free) and frequent, but it could have a dramatic impact on congestion - and pollution too if you make them electric busses.	10/11/2018 6:07 PM
63	Keep office development focused around the station. Get rid a feeder lanes that cause a bottle neck situation.	10/10/2018 8:52 PM
64	Useless bus lane at garston parade that's always empty turned into left hand filter lane. Build bridge at cow lane to link to York way to ease Meriden traffic	10/10/2018 7:48 PM
65	More safe cycle paths/green routes that can cut through the city - underground tunnels? Alongside existing train routes. More routes that bypass the ring road - for those who do not want to go in to central Watford, but get stuck in traffic when trying to go around, a road like the one created to cut through to the hospital would be a good addition. A more regular and workable Abbey Line that would enable commuters to get quickly to the station to get into London. Most will choose to park at the station (getting caught in traffic) over cycling (dangerous route and unsafe to leave bike all day) or using the Abbey Line (once an hour, not on oyster/contactless, expensive for one or two stops added to commute, may miss the train you need anyway). Prioritising the functionality of the Abbey Line would open up a lot more to those North of Watford. Create more links with adjoining Herts areas - places like Radlett, or those other stops on the Luton-Kings Cross Line.	10/10/2018 6:29 PM
66	Yes - stop building houses/apartments!!! Increase the number of trains/buses	10/10/2018 1:07 PM
67	By the Dome roundabout remove the mandatory lights, when they were broken the St Albans Road traffic moved so much better. I understand pedestrians need to cross the roads, so the lights can remain and be operated by the pedestrians when required but allowing that roundabout to act as a proper roundabout lets the traffic free flow far better than it currently does. A Watford Walk sponsored app. Not sure how it would work but if people logged on from their smart phones and like how a fitbit registers steps, if they proved they walked into town instead of driving maybe an incentive of a free coffee or something.	10/10/2018 12:01 PM
68	Borough wide cycling campaign with days where certain roads are closed to encourage cycling.	10/10/2018 11:44 AM
69	Park & Ride using the Abbey line into Watford.	10/10/2018 11:01 AM
70	Park and ride.	10/9/2018 11:28 PM
71	School bus service for junior school	10/9/2018 9:12 PM
72	Consider rephrasing lights on the ring road. Tighten up on parking restrictions (I.e. parking on bends/too close to junctions) Keep clear markings for congested roundabouts (I.e. Aldenham Road/The Avenue/Water Lane	10/9/2018 8:27 PM
73	Try and link up the approach roads to the centre with some sort of ring road. Perhaps existing roads could be widened or otherwise streamlined. Unfortunately, even with good public transport, people will need to use cars, vans and lorries. Homes have visiting traffic. Ensure roundabouts, like the Dome, enable continuous movement, especially of the busiest traffic flows at peak times.	10/9/2018 1:38 PM
74	Park and ride scheme for the town centre.	10/9/2018 12:46 PM
75	Build less flats where there is no parking available! At one of the most congested areas - Bushey Arches, 171 new flats are being built. The area will be gridlocked - this needs addressing asap.	10/9/2018 12:04 PM
76	There seem to be a small number of bottlenecks in Watford that cause problems across the town when they get blocked. Somehow improve the bottlenecks by routing some traffic differently - I don't what routes could be used, this would need to be assessed properly.	10/9/2018 10:51 AM
77	Make some roads pedestrian only, close it to cars so that people consider other alternatives, such as vicarage road. Improve public transport. Introduce the oyster card to Watford.	10/9/2018 10:05 AM
78	Much more should be done nationally and locally to encourage people to work from home. The day can't be very far away when children will be able to study on line at home. The development of the Intu encourages more traffic at a time when more people are buying on line.	10/9/2018 9:47 AM
79	The free bike like in London I think will be a good idea for travelling in the centre.	10/9/2018 2:05 AM
80	Remove traffic lights at the dome roundabout	10/9/2018 12:31 AM
81	Local share-a-ride scheme	10/8/2018 11:59 PM
82	Smaller shops in neighbourhoods - avoid super market run. Encourage school kids to walk. Improved cycle network off road of shared pavement	10/8/2018 11:30 PM
83	Errr.....a 2nd back entrance to Watford Junction station.	10/8/2018 10:40 PM

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84	Tube extension to garston and more cycle path seperate from the road	10/8/2018 10:02 PM
85	More pedestrian zones in the town centre	10/8/2018 8:52 PM
86	Building in southern Watford or in exterior areas surrounding garston near outward roads like A41, or M1 links	10/8/2018 7:08 PM
87	Improve the regularity and reliability of trains between the local stations in watford (Watford North, Garston etc) to encourage usuaage of this to get to watford junction, rather than driving, getting the bus or taking an uber! The Tube extension is the biggest improvement though as other people would just get the tube from their local station rather than travelling to watford junction and causing congestion. The other big one is parents taking their children to school, the difference on the roads in rush hour when kids are off is insane! There needs to be a campaign to drive parents to not drive their kids to school, instead walking or at worst taking the bus. The key driver that would get parents to change this habit though is to increase the number of schools so that they have less distance to travel in the morning- then more likely to walk. We lack schools for the population.	10/8/2018 5:54 PM
88	Improve bus services. Provide small hopper type buses for the outlying areas and more central 'villages' e.g. Meriden, Tudor, Goodwood, Callowland to converge on Watford Junction or the town centre. Shorter routes with greater frequency at school and work times, plus good Saturday services to encourage economic support for the retailers. What provision is being considered for the Ascot Road high rise development now the Met line extension is no longer an option, an answer must be found if these apartments are going to be saleable.	10/8/2018 4:29 PM
89	Access WFJ from St Albans Road Remove Bus Priority lane from WFJ St Albans road Junction.	10/7/2018 8:00 PM
90	Create incentives for not using a car.	10/7/2018 7:18 PM
91	Yellow hash boxes at the roundabout near west Herts college enabling cars to turn right and not get stuck with cars heading to town centre.	10/7/2018 5:52 PM
92	Free/affordable school buses Staggered school opening and closing times Primary school children allocated their nearest school regardless of choice (in order to do this schools must recieve support to improve standards)	10/7/2018 8:07 AM
93	By encouraging businesses: To adopt and encourage working at home where possible, For businesses to adopt flexible working hours when and where possible; this would stagger traffic density. For schools to offer more opportunities for children to have affordable breakfast and after schools clubs. For businesses to support workers to live nearby, encouraging affordable homes and rents.	10/6/2018 3:12 PM
94	Regular small buses travelling around Watford main areas.	10/6/2018 2:42 PM
95	Promote Park and Ride schemes, e.g. York.	10/6/2018 2:10 PM
96	No	10/6/2018 1:24 PM
97	Restricting children to attending schools to the near vicinity of their homes to cut back dramatically on school traffic, along with imposing tax penalties where parents use cars to take their children to school.	10/6/2018 8:49 AM
98	Providing more local services. Providing safe routes and parking for Electric bicycles and Segways and electric scooters. Introduce smart traffic lights along Hempstead road so that when traffic is light the side roads get a change of lights much sooner than the existing set-up	10/5/2018 10:09 PM
99	As previous. A park and ride is already used with success in towns such as Southampton and Oxford and would be a good solution Thomas Sawyer way being accessable to local traffic and extended in Tolpits lane...this would reduce traffic by the bushey arches. The amount of traffic on this road is low (I have never seen any more than one car on it at a time). It seems to be a waste the only reason I can see for it is surprise surprise better access for building companies to build more houses. I'm sorry but I think 20mph zones would be used as a way for the police to issue more speeding fines. Although I do think it would improve road safety. Again I feel congestion charging is a bad idea as it is another way for the government to make money off of people for it's lack of foresight and would show just how corrupt this country is. It has already been stated that numerous people commute into and out of Watford.	10/5/2018 6:57 PM
100	Stop building residential units.	10/5/2018 6:42 PM
101	Far greater use of car clubs, and a quantum improvement on bus services designed to meet the needs of Watford.	10/5/2018 5:06 PM
102	Stop building flats and office blocks. It isn't rocket science. Watford is full.	10/5/2018 1:46 PM

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103	It's not an answer, but I didn't really understand the statement at the beginning, that our proximity to London creates traffic congestion. Encourage attendance at local schools, and walking/cycling to school. (Tongue in cheek: reduce/ban on-line shopping so the roads aren't clogged up with delivery drivers!)	10/5/2018 11:03 AM
104	Sort out the problem areas, eg. the traffic lights on the ring road with the A411, Water Lane and the Lower High Street. Open up Thomas Sawyer way to relieve pressure on Bushey Arches Sort out the Dome roundabout mess	10/5/2018 9:29 AM
105	Remove all unnecessary traffic lights including roundabouts and pedestrian crossings. And have the lights working in synch. This is the main cause of congestion in Watford. The proof being that when these lights are out of order, there is no traffic congestion.	10/5/2018 4:29 AM
106	Stop overloading the town's population.	10/4/2018 11:52 PM
107	Park and ride system	10/4/2018 11:39 PM
108	Provide Zipcar streetcar and more eCar and encourage Uber Get rid of personal car ownership by enforcing ticketing and increased cost of resident parking	10/4/2018 9:16 PM
109	Tramlines	10/4/2018 6:36 PM
110	Demolish the roads around Bushey arches and put proper ones in their place. Reduce the number of traffic lights and crossings on St Albans Road to improve traffic flow. Add a permanent left turn filter lane at the Dome roundabout heading away from town. Remove the bus lane from that location also, allowing traffic stacking on more of the available road surface, reducing backlog along St Albans Road.	10/4/2018 4:30 PM
111	Junction from Courtlands drive and Hempstead road requires something like traffic lights. It can be impossible to get out of this junction and I have seen many accidents here Also the bus station at Watford junction is rarely busy. Buses actually pull up on surrounding roads by the blocking traffic. You also have cars parking where they shouldn't outside the train station as no one uses the drop off car park. Or parking cameras and implement fines if you park and stay on the zone outside the junction. There is some kind of bridge or subway needed for crossing from the junction to Clarendon road.	10/4/2018 12:56 PM
112	Get rid is bus lanes or makes buses more affordable. Better train connections across town and to Croxley business park	10/4/2018 7:49 AM
113	Park and ride well advertised with facilities to wait out of rain look at Oxford for ideas Better facilities to park bikes safely in Watford Nd stations	10/4/2018 6:12 AM
114	As previous	10/3/2018 10:45 PM
115	Sort out traffic light sequences.	10/3/2018 5:01 PM
116	Stop building so many homes. Council seems to think everyone commutes by train Most people have 2/3 cars in a home cos kids are still at home cos they can't afford to move out	10/3/2018 8:36 AM
117	A by pass but then that would go through green belt land rather than Watford being used as a cut through when there is a problem on the M25. More buses? Park & ride scheme?	10/2/2018 11:43 PM
118	more integration of pedestrian crossings and traffic lights by using less traffic lights and more forward thinking	10/2/2018 5:33 PM
119	Improve public transport and reduce ticket prices e.g. to/from London Encourage larger discounts for season ticket holders Flexible ticketing	10/1/2018 8:21 PM
120	Increased Population Property Development must never be granted in advance of resolving inadequate traffic congestion, parking & access to commuter hub networks in those areas. Otherwise the problem is compounded! A strategic multi - faceted plan is essential.	10/1/2018 4:21 PM
121	No-parking near schools to encourage children to walk (with parents!) No driving days for certain license plate numbers Road pricing in general	9/30/2018 9:52 PM
122	Creating a bus station in the Town Centre at Wellstones. Redesigning the bus station at the Junction to remove current obstacles to traffic flow.	9/30/2018 5:34 PM
123	Improving layout of roads	9/30/2018 9:15 AM
124	Park and ride scheme	9/29/2018 7:44 AM
125	Car share schemes.	9/28/2018 10:39 PM
126	Sync traffic lights better.	9/28/2018 6:39 PM
127	Allowing only electric cars into town centre areas with the exception of lorries delivery trucks.	9/28/2018 9:09 AM
128	Calling a halt to new developments, concentrating on improving what we have	9/27/2018 12:45 PM

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129	Make more shops, health facilities and schools more local so that people don't have to drive	9/27/2018 5:53 AM
130	more buses. more buses. more buses!	9/26/2018 7:22 PM
131	Provide adequate parking provision for any housing in the area. Building flats with little regard for parking provision is causing massive problems in some areas of Watford. This is further impacted on Match Days.	9/26/2018 5:57 PM
132	Have an alternative to the Croxley Rail link ie use the existing track.	9/26/2018 5:36 PM
133	Get rid of the stupid width restrictions that cause accidents and block roads. Ban 20 mile zones which increase accidents. Get rid of road humps that cause cars to slow and speed up causing more emissions. Provide school buses and make them compulsory by say a no drop Off zone of a mile Round each senior school to stop a school run traffic	9/26/2018 4:19 PM
134	Park and ride	9/26/2018 7:34 AM
135	Intelligent phasing of traffic lights	9/26/2018 6:35 AM
136	Provide school buses so less parents on road.	9/26/2018 6:31 AM
137	Build less flats. It's a myth that they don't own cars	9/25/2018 7:18 PM
138	Ensure that all traffic lights are sensor operated rather than on fixed time phases.	9/25/2018 4:25 PM
139	Review of all public transport links and a true view of the timings etc. People will stop using a bus for example if its always late. People prefer to drive than get the train due to the high cost etc.	9/25/2018 1:39 PM
140	Park & ride for out of towners to enjoy the town centre	9/25/2018 12:35 PM
141	No more housing	9/25/2018 10:59 AM
142	Less population More schools Better roads More hospitals Bigger parks	9/25/2018 8:32 AM
143	Car shares Free/subsidised bike hire	9/24/2018 11:19 PM
144	Take parking into consideration, the council refuse to address this and think ownership of only one car per 3 bedroom semi is realistic and have no problem adding cars and removing spaces on roads that are already overflowing with cars which park over junctions or anywhere they can fit be it legal or not (eg Neston Rd)	9/24/2018 6:57 PM
145	Better traffic light timings. Remove traffic lights on the Dome roundabout.	9/24/2018 6:07 PM
146	More school places that children walk too, encouraging local schools for local children.	9/24/2018 5:51 PM
147	How about Boris bikes for Watford! Also what about a Zipcar network like londonhas so you can rent a car rather than have your own.	9/24/2018 5:13 PM
148	New by pass road to take traffic off Aldenham rd and by pass Bushey Arches	9/24/2018 5:11 PM
149	Park and ride at convenient locations around the town.	9/24/2018 11:19 AM
150	Park and ride at Watford leisure centres Woodside.	9/24/2018 11:08 AM
151	Ban cars altogether during commuter hours.	9/23/2018 5:51 PM
152	Mix up residential, retail, office space and light industrial areas. If you just put residential in one area and the others someplace else you automatically build in a requirement to commute, possible from one side of watford to another. Locating retail and office space etc near transport hubs (i.e. stations and halts) might help.	9/23/2018 3:39 PM
153	New link road for vehicles from St Albans Road via Colonial Way	9/23/2018 3:26 PM
154	Turn off the traffic lights at the Dome roundabout.	9/23/2018 2:06 PM
155	More cheaper bus and train networks across the town.	9/23/2018 11:16 AM
156	congestion charge for cars not registered at a watford address	9/22/2018 11:10 PM
157	Increase the CPZ areas in Watford introduction of Park and ride scheme	9/21/2018 10:52 PM
158	A park and ride scheme - if there was anywhere to base it. Schools having admission rules that discouraged driving children to school. The difference between traffic in term time and the school holidays is self evident. Employers encouraging car share schemes. Vastly improved bus services in Watford that mean it would not be worth taking the car out for short journeys. Reviewing the Watford ring road system so that car parks and the main route into and around the town don't make traffic problems worse.	9/21/2018 7:11 PM
159	Try to encourage people to buy smaller cars - ones that cut off when in traffic then reignite when foot foes on pedals. Stagger school, shop and businesses starting and finishing times	9/21/2018 12:33 PM

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160	The piece meal approach over the past years, without a clear plan on how to ease congestion, has meant any radical plan is either impossible or far beyond any budget.	9/19/2018 11:34 PM
161	flexible work times, better school transport- the roads are a dream in school holidays!!	9/19/2018 1:34 PM
162	Stop building houses!	9/18/2018 8:39 PM
163	by providing a great better bus service than we have at the moment	9/18/2018 3:51 PM
164	Simply providing a sensible alternative to the private car. Without a car at present one has to use an almost non existent public transport system or home shopping which for small low income families is all but impossible. A general urban area of 20 mph would help and never A low any development, residential, office, factory, leisure or retail without more than ample off street parking for occupiers and visitors. Couple this with tighter resident parking rules running later than the working day.	9/18/2018 12:50 PM
165	Requesting Developers to incorporate underground Parking within their designs for Apartments, Design houses with 2 car hardstand rather than one.	9/18/2018 12:18 PM
166	Some reward schemes for using alternative transport methods. Cheaper bus tickets, better connected bus routes, more well maintained cycle lanes. But the main problem is people working outside Watford and needing to commute much further from home when walking, cycling and local bus services don't meet the needs.	9/17/2018 11:16 PM
167	Don't build anymore houses!	9/17/2018 8:15 PM
168	Ban lorries using A142 as a rat run	9/17/2018 3:44 PM
169	Reintroducing the dual carriageway on St Albans - it was reduced to a single way to 'frustrate' drivers off the road...this approach does not work. Allowing some turnings that are currently blocked for no good reasons, especially on the ring road and lower High Street.	9/17/2018 1:55 PM
170	Full study of the ring road and options for improvement.	9/17/2018 1:46 PM
171	Park and ride schemes are successful in other large towns/cities e.g. York. If suitable site(s) could be identified on main routes into Watford this would help, particularly if combined with congestion charging	9/17/2018 12:11 PM
172	Link Ascot Road to Tolpits lane Sort out met line extension. Tell government housing targets can not be delivered until met line extension is funded. Sell land under existing line and station for development to raise funds for extension. Link Tomas Sawyer way to Tolpits lane. This is worth sacrificing green belt for	9/16/2018 4:08 PM
173	School buses. There is a significant drop in traffic during the school holidays	9/16/2018 2:36 PM
174	No	9/15/2018 9:32 PM
175	Improving traffic light efficiency, as many take far too long to change even on empty roads. Temporary park and rides established at shopping centre car parks and the like for big planned events such as football games.	9/15/2018 12:44 PM
176	Public transport that is cheaper than going by car. Block off key routes to cars. Traffic signals \ infrastructure that priorities pedestrians, cyclists, buses over cars.	9/15/2018 11:21 AM
177	Congestion charge. It worked in Sweden. Increase car tax and parking charges. Car pooling and ride sharing. Public bike scheme.	9/14/2018 7:41 PM
178	Take the completely unnecessary and counter-productive lights off the Dome roundabout. Improve traffic flow on St Albans Road, or provide alternative routes to Garston. Access to watford junction from Stehenson way, via Colonial Way.	9/14/2018 1:55 PM
179	Less high density housing	9/14/2018 1:19 PM
180	Make bus travel cheaper	9/14/2018 12:33 PM
181	Better and more frequent bus service.	9/14/2018 12:15 PM
182	Remove traffic lights (But not pedestrian lights) from the Dome roundabout. This has already proven to improve traffic flow. Improve frequency of bus services. If the bus companies do not want to invest then maybe te council should consider organising their own bus company.	9/14/2018 11:11 AM
183	More regular, reliable buses. This will encourage people to use public transport rather than drive.	9/14/2018 11:10 AM
184	Less people equals less need . SIMPLES	9/13/2018 10:21 PM
185	Build the Croxley Rail Link. Park and Ride schemes from the various Motorway/A road junctions to help Hempstead Road, Rickmansworth Road, and St Albans Road.	9/13/2018 9:12 PM

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186	Build schools in walking distance to homes, not just primary but Secondary Schools - there isn't 1 in walking distance in the North Watford area - Callowland/Leggatts Ward for example.. Yes there are plenty of primary & infant schools but EVERY child has to travel by either car or bus to secondary school!..	9/13/2018 6:35 PM
187	Park and ride.	9/13/2018 5:17 PM
188	Yes, but the form just rejected my detailed plan comparing Watford Junction bus station to Edgware bus station. Probably too long. Short form was the area is the same, reverse the circulation to clockwise, make entry and exit the same road, build a three storey structure (to clear double deckers) for bus stands with a linking bridge to platforms 1-4. Include some retail and offices for bus operators. Remove path on the station side for use as bus stand area. Widen path on Woodford Road Side and include drop off bays there. Reverse Woodford and St Johns flow. Make car park at station access from St Albans Road. Support the Penn Road to Colonial Way bridge scheme. Turn current car underpass into passenger underpass linked to platforms. More directions to exit the station not just via Forecourt.	9/13/2018 4:33 PM
189	Stop commercial development in the town- do we really need more businesses here clogging up the roads	9/13/2018 3:28 PM
190	more reliable and affordable public transport cycle paths - cycles to hire	9/13/2018 3:24 PM
191	Improve the trains. Make them Cheaper.	9/13/2018 2:42 PM
192	some traffic light resequencing e.g. St Alban's Road, Dome Roundabout, may lighten the load	9/13/2018 1:45 PM
193	encourage car sharing	9/13/2018 1:37 PM
194	As I said in the last box. Make buses more affordable, reliable and frequent. It's infuriating to be constantly asked to pay more when services are being canceled.	9/13/2018 11:55 AM
195	Cut the number of traffic lights!!!!	9/12/2018 5:28 PM
196	Reduce public transport costs	9/12/2018 4:55 PM
197	see previous page	9/12/2018 4:55 PM
198	Get companies to participate in encouraging healthier ways to commute to work	9/12/2018 9:00 AM
199	Out of town parking with bus service. Only commercial vehicles that service the town to be allowed access to ring road, plenty of other routes for commercial vehicles to use outside of town.	9/12/2018 8:58 AM
200	2 lanes on A41 for each direction of travel. Extending overground to North Watford and surrounding areas	9/12/2018 8:02 AM
201	See previous - remove unnecessary traffic lights. Dome roundabout being a case in point. traffic flowed better when lights were not working for a prolonged period recently. Introduce smart traffic lights that alter sequencing to reflect different traffic flows particularly at rush hour.	9/11/2018 8:22 PM
202	Park & Ride	9/11/2018 7:35 PM
203	No	9/11/2018 12:04 PM
204	Encourage people to live and work in Watford, and allow children to live and go to school in Watford. Most children would walk to school if their school was closer to their homes.	9/11/2018 9:26 AM
205	More left hand filter lanes reduce traffic lights - more roundabout and give way, especially the Dome Open up Bushey arches, remove traffic lights at M1 Junction 5,	9/10/2018 4:26 PM
206	To encourage people to walk or use reliable public transport.	9/10/2018 3:06 PM
207	See previous response. Smaller eco-friendly buses; shuttle buses from / between stations and town centre; 'hail' bus service (like Dolmus in Turkey?); intelligent traffic lights that are co-ordinated with others in the area; park & ride;	9/10/2018 12:29 PM
208	Car sharing opportunities? On line groups could be set up to support this-perhaps more e car sharing points or pick up points in Watford too if this is indeed still being run. Making it more socially unacceptable to drive to work (on your own-ie 1 person cars)-cameras to show this?	9/10/2018 12:03 PM

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209	Do something with the Dome Roundabout. Some of the issues with congestion in North Watford are from people devising routes which avoid congestion at the Dome. Make buses more affordable/reliable and make walking or cycling a safer and more viable option so that people don't see driving into town as the only option when they live on the outskirts . Bikes are banned from some routes which would make a cycle journey viable, for example the path between Fern Way and St Albans Road and parts of Cassiobury Park, and suggested safe cycle routes don't follow desire lines. When your mode of transport is slow and self-powered, a suggestion that you take a long, tortuous route and double your journey distance and time doesn't sell cycling as a logical travel choice. That might be okay for a fun bike ride, but not a daily commute when you have full day's work in front of you and need to smell reasonably fresh when you get there. Make cycle security a priority. For example, my family are keen cyclists, but since having a bike stolen from the racks outside Watford Central leisure centre, we now drop off and collect by car for all activities there.	9/10/2018 11:04 AM
210	Build a park and ride car park on the periphery. There currently is a site on the A41 between Hunton Bridge and Kings Langley which would be suitable for this. Also consider a site close to the M1 accessible off Stephenson Way. Better bus services Safer and better cycle routes Start a Watford-wide car club scheme	9/10/2018 9:37 AM
211	Park and ride	9/10/2018 12:47 AM
212	Revisit parking restrictions especially around schools to discourage local parents from driving their kids to school (even when they only live a few streets away and drive home rather than to work)!	9/9/2018 9:39 PM
213	Trial car free days. Where say a Sunday becomes a car free day. Promote cycling to get people to use other modes of transport or come up with a oyster style scheme for the buses. No one carries change with them.	9/9/2018 8:44 PM
214	Most people seem abide by the 20 mph signs. Please don't use chicanes or road humps. We've had enough of that in this area (Nascot Wood Road)!	9/9/2018 1:31 PM
215	Better cycle lanes that are separated from the cars (think Holland- densely populated country with fewer traffic problems because everyone cycles. It would also improve health (obesity) and reduce pollution). Make larger pedestrian only areas.	9/9/2018 1:05 PM
216	Unsure	9/9/2018 12:53 PM
217	Highway bridges	9/9/2018 12:21 PM
218	Think convenience. People are always in a rush so solutions should be convenient to get people to use them. Environmental issues should be considered and green options may be one reason why people may put a bit more effort in to transport.	9/9/2018 9:25 AM
219	do away with the lights at dome roundabout	9/9/2018 9:03 AM
220	Obviously cheaper and more reliable public transport	9/9/2018 1:21 AM
221	please please make the buses cheaper	9/8/2018 7:28 PM
222	discourage through traffic Adopt park and ride schemes Get people back on frequent and reliable buses rather than single occupancy cars Make sure bus stops keep people dry and let them know when bus is due.	9/8/2018 5:26 PM
223	More roundabouts at major junctions.	9/8/2018 5:05 PM
224	More buses	9/8/2018 1:53 PM
225	There is a need to reduce car ownership & usage	9/8/2018 11:46 AM
226	Improved Abbey line service (reduce North-South traffic on A412). Reinstate the Croxley Green line and extend to Croxley, either through a heavy rail link connecting Watford to the Chiltern Line or through train-tram (as long as the existing London Overground service is unaffected) Both require integrated ticketing, so for example travel between Garston and Cassiobridge would be available on a single contactless fare.	9/8/2018 11:44 AM
227	Given the nature of the town, the only way has to be to reduce the number of cars.	9/8/2018 10:47 AM
228	improve traffic flow round Bushey Arches Remove many speed bumps	9/8/2018 8:35 AM
229	Correct phasing of traffic lights, unfortunately with population growth the situation is only going to get worse!	9/8/2018 8:16 AM
230	Tram systems. Cycle paths (useable)	9/8/2018 6:52 AM
231	Sort out the signaling get a town planner in to sort the signaling out and make it smooth proper	9/8/2018 1:08 AM
232	Perhaps shops opening little later 10 O'clock and office 9 O'clock. Staggering times to suit people and their jobs ect	9/8/2018 12:41 AM

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233	companies given tax advantages to setup car shares, more shared car schemes, shared bike scheme	9/7/2018 11:57 PM
234	School bus system for state schools	9/7/2018 11:41 PM
235	Have a no car zone at peak times	9/7/2018 11:05 PM
236	Parking to be off street where possible. Flats to be built with underground parking. More appreciated by purchasers than a bicycle she'd stop paying attention to faddish new initiatives and understand real peoples lives. Have a health based initiative to get parents to walk their children to school at least on dry days. Be brave don't allow parents to drive within .25 mile of school.	9/7/2018 10:36 PM
237	More safe cycleways in town and better covered cycle parking facilities. Cycle paths to nearby areas to reduce driving for commuting. Direct buses to Heathrow & Luton airports.	9/7/2018 10:05 PM
238	Car share. Park and ride	9/7/2018 8:27 PM
239	Park and ride for the town centre	9/7/2018 8:01 PM
240	Higher charges for non residents for car parks and hospitals.	9/7/2018 7:51 PM
241	Tram service	9/7/2018 6:56 PM
242	Marked bays will ensure people do not take 2 spaces by careless parking.	9/7/2018 6:49 PM
243	Cheaper, reliable public transport	9/7/2018 5:59 PM
244	Park and ride	9/7/2018 5:58 PM
245	Despite 13 years here, I'm still unsure where to go for bus info so tend to use my car. Make this info easier to find.	9/7/2018 5:54 PM
246	Provide hop on hop off bus so people can park outside town & access buses to get into centre of town	9/7/2018 5:21 PM
247	Encourage car sharing and bus use	9/7/2018 5:18 PM
248	Encourage watford to go electric cars. Not have everybody out at the same times. Make things like the gym cheaper.	9/7/2018 5:10 PM
249	Maximum two cars per house but this would need to be National Government	9/7/2018 3:37 PM
250	Park and ride scheme. Particularly on match days.	9/7/2018 3:18 PM
251	Stop building homes and brining more cars into the town	9/7/2018 2:32 PM
252	Working with local businesses to help make it possible for staff to work from home and have staggered start and finish times.	9/7/2018 2:19 PM
253	Maybe having schools start earlier would help relieve morning congestion	9/7/2018 2:18 PM
254	More parking in Callowland for example so local areas don't become congested - for example make the car parks free to park at the Old Hertfordshire Arms (now MacDonald's next to the Vauxhall Garage) and opp. Capel Carpets. Signage to encourage people to use the A4008 rather St Albans Road Stop building Flats in the area which encourages Cars to come into the area by House Owners	9/7/2018 2:12 PM
255	Firstly I would like to hear suggestions from those who are being paid to solve theses problems and not wait to hear from us	9/7/2018 2:08 PM
256	Difficult people like cars	9/7/2018 1:51 PM

Q22 What infrastructure or improvements could be provided by new development that could help reduce traffic congestion in the Watford area?

Answered: 229 Skipped: 190

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Ensure that all new development increases bus availability and cycling and walking infrastructure.	10/21/2018 10:28 AM
2	The bus network. The traffic lights at The Dome seem to cause huge issues	10/19/2018 11:40 PM
3	Space for bikes New bus stops with real time updates	10/19/2018 11:25 PM
4	New cycle routes as there are few in the town. The area around Watford junction is a death trap for cyclists too	10/19/2018 10:09 PM
5	foot path in new development, cycling lines	10/19/2018 9:59 PM
6	stop developing and bringing more people and more cars into the town, sort out the current traffic flows	10/19/2018 8:50 PM
7	Don't build lots of flats in areas without reliable transport - the high rise near Morrison's should not go ahead now the Met line extension is not happening ...	10/19/2018 5:15 PM
8	Access to public transport. Ensure that there are greater density developments around transport hubs. Not providing parking spaces DOESN'T mean that people won't have cars - they will just find somewhere else to park.	10/19/2018 3:45 PM
9	dont feel the need to provide loads of parking spaces for new developments, to encourage people NOT to have a car. Park and Ride services.	10/19/2018 3:37 PM
10	No matter whether the new development is for housing or for employment/business, there should be a realistic estimate of how many people will get in and out of this new development within a 24-hour period. Questions need to be asked are: Can the current road(s) cope with an extra x-number of cars coming in and out? Is public transport available, affordable and convenient	10/19/2018 3:34 PM
11	Free minibuses for residents, make this a requirement for planning permission.	10/19/2018 3:21 PM
12	The issue here is that new development usually leads to more traffic.	10/19/2018 2:49 PM
13	See above	10/19/2018 1:37 PM
14	Improve access to Watford Junction Station. Make developers provide community transport.	10/19/2018 1:25 PM
15	Clearly discourage individual use of car within the town Favour shared transport Enlarge pedestrian area, make them more secure Increase bike lane, and reduce roads	10/19/2018 11:42 AM
16	Ensure the new development meets more stringent traffic impact assessment and improve the provision of primary schools to match the housing provision	10/19/2018 10:03 AM
17	More cycle lanes, better enforcement against people who park in bike lanes, better enforcement against nuisance/obstructive parking. Shuttle bus services to stations and also to and from the Harlequin - work with the Harlequin to see if they would provide/contribute to the cost of minibuses on shuttle routes that are cheaper than the car parks at the shopping centre to incentivise people not to drive. Increase parking charges in hotspots e.g. town centre.	10/18/2018 10:55 PM
18	only allow new housing stock that has parking places for all and underground.. provide hop on hop off buses to get people to both Watford Junction and Met line station	10/18/2018 10:21 PM
19	Better cycle lanes keeping bikes away from cars and pavements (as have been introduced in areas by the Thames in London). Well lit (safe) paths to provide walkers shorter routes away from traffic (and pollution). Provide multi storey parking at edge of estates to enable more properties.	10/18/2018 7:02 PM
20	The traffic lights at Bushey Station is completely wrong, letting 3 cars go through in the rush hour!!! When traffic is very bad open up the exit at Waterfields shops to take the pressure out of Tesco who always get the blame for all road problems in Watford!	10/18/2018 4:25 PM

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21	Contributions towards improving access onto our network (the towpath), the quality of the towpath and by increasing and providing clearer signage would encourage more people to walk and cycle, avoiding car use.	10/18/2018 10:11 AM
22	New routes into and around new developments so the existing roads are not clogged up.	10/17/2018 6:28 PM
23	New and intensified development should contribute to the upgrading of the public realm, especially for example the improved quality of the pedestrian walkways to and from the public transport nodes.	10/17/2018 5:43 PM
24	Increased frequency of buses. Cheaper fares. Safer cycling routes. So many cyclists riding on paths as the roads are too busy and unsafe which is not nice for pedestrians.	10/17/2018 4:33 PM
25	as per 21 Parking has to be provided for new developments - no point assuming that if people don't have parking spaces that they won't have cars they just swamp other areas with their cars. With flats provide underground car parking - there are a number of Developments in Dacorum Council with underground car parking.	10/17/2018 12:29 PM
26	Park and ride	10/17/2018 12:06 PM
27	Park and ride.	10/17/2018 1:56 AM
28	The Parish Council have no comments.	10/16/2018 12:38 PM
29	Whilst building use smaller lorries to and from sites. Free electric car charging	10/16/2018 10:32 AM
30	better and safer junctions onto existing junctions. Introduce and enforce restrictions on pavement parking to make junctions safer and protect pedestrians and cyclists. Require new direct pedestrian and cycle links to rail and bus stations. Insist on realistic provision of on-site parking in new developments	10/16/2018 9:45 AM
31	No parking, forcing people into buses, the more they are used the better they will become (unless it's arrive run, then there's no improvement likely) or at least the more people to sign petitions to get better services...	10/15/2018 8:36 PM
32	don't know	10/15/2018 4:25 PM
33	provide adequate parking spaces	10/15/2018 2:21 PM
34	More off road parking spaces, not fewer	10/15/2018 12:36 PM
35	Secure bike parking is a must and safe cycle paths. Need to encourage people to cycle/walk and if it's a good experience they will do so.	10/15/2018 12:08 PM
36	Thomas Sawyer way being used for public to access West Watford.	10/14/2018 8:18 PM
37	How about a park & rise development out of town where commuters could park & be guaranteed transporting to train & met stations?	10/14/2018 7:25 PM
38	Ideally stop building ! You are creating more traffic congestion. By creating the problem and then trying to solve it you are facing in the wrong direction. Watford is already overcrowded. If you are still serious about continual high density residential Development then every Flat or Apartment built should have at least one parking space to keep the roads clear.	10/14/2018 6:19 PM
39	Provide parking facilities!! To have new development around the town centre and just say "No parking will be provided as people will use public transport" is ridiculous. If you are building big multi-storey residential apartment blocks then under-ground parking is vital. Same with non-residential developments like the St Johns school on Clarendon Road. Side roads become dangerous and clustered with cars and difficult to pass through as people use the side roads instead.	10/14/2018 1:24 PM
40	No new development. Focus upon properly maintaining what we have rather than spending money upon glamour projects. Much of Watford is shabby and falling apart. The only glimmer of light around here comes in the form of the borough's parks and flower beds. Even these are becoming rather threadbare under the aegis of Veolia.	10/13/2018 8:54 PM
41	Car parking facilities at developments would reduce the current parking in nearby roads, making them less congested.	10/13/2018 6:39 PM
42	See above	10/13/2018 5:29 PM
43	Underground car parks Move away from new builds	10/12/2018 6:15 PM
44	Underground car parks. See answer to 21.	10/12/2018 1:20 PM

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45	Follow a model used in much of Europe, in particular Germany. When new developments are built, insist on underground parking in blocks of apartments. Reducing the amount of on street parking made necessary for residents will help to alleviate congestion on some of our roads. Insist on front gardens being utilised for parking spaces where suitable rather than clogging up roadside space. This would promote freer flowing traffic.	10/12/2018 10:33 AM
46	Speed bumps and better maintained roads to improve road safety. Better traffic light systems. Clearer road markings	10/12/2018 8:11 AM
47	as above	10/11/2018 8:10 PM
48	More/better roads. But as you have built too many flats over decades we now have a problem. Sort out the roads! Build More, make them wider. Get in experts to sort out the problem	10/11/2018 6:08 PM
49	Restrict the number of cars per household.	10/11/2018 6:07 PM
50	Re-phasing traffic lights. Remove bus lanes that are not needed in outer Watford, e.g. garston parade. Build more bridges over abbey line to help flow of traffic.	10/10/2018 7:48 PM
51	Underground/backroute cycle paths that avoid going on the main road with cars. Safer, more workable. Safe places to store bikes when commuting. Not having to pay by cash for buses. - being able to use contactless. Create regular, inward links for those coming to the football, or even a much cheaper rate park and ride outside the town that goes to Vicarage Road, to cut down on match day congestion. A different bus could also go to the city centre for shopping.	10/10/2018 6:29 PM
52	I think all new developments needs to really consider parking. (I.e every flat/house built needs to have their own parking space or 2 if poss) This new development on the St Albans road had a suggestion that priority would be given to those who could prove they wouldn't have cars and therefore would be walking, cycling, public transport users. Its just a ridiculous notion that a person wouldn't buy a house/flat and then buy a car and if their development didn't have a car parking space that they wouldn't just go to the local roads around it and then park their car there!	10/10/2018 12:01 PM
53	Bike parking and showers. Car share lanes at peak times (if there is evidence they work).	10/10/2018 11:44 AM
54	See above	10/9/2018 11:28 PM
55	Transportation links by walking or bus	10/9/2018 9:12 PM
56	As above. Also, maintain an adequate bus service on all routes. Maintaining and promoting less well-used routes. This way, if folk know they have a reliable service from near their residence, they may forgo car use.	10/9/2018 1:38 PM
57	Stop building hundreds of flats in already developed areas - look at plots of land further afield.	10/9/2018 12:04 PM
58	Parking - new developments should all come with parking spaces without exception because people in West Watford park all over the place due to lack of space. And ditching cars is not a realistic option given the other transport in Watford. New developments could include new through routes for traffic.	10/9/2018 10:51 AM
59	Suitable parking. Park and ride for the football ground or access to the town centre.	10/9/2018 10:05 AM
60	Again very difficult. We are on a very small island with 66m people so unless we reduce that figure all we are doing is moving the problem around. Too many people and not enough money; sums up the problems we face today.	10/9/2018 9:47 AM
61	Some areas of Watford is not developed like some parts of the centre. Some business could grow in less crowded areas.	10/9/2018 2:05 AM
62	New developments always bring more traffic	10/9/2018 12:31 AM
63	More cycle lanes	10/8/2018 11:59 PM
64	Local shops	10/8/2018 11:30 PM
65	Come on man, even you must give me this one. But the point I am trying to make is this is the answer to the transport and congestion problems obviously, but it's also the answer to most of the others issues Watford faces too.	10/8/2018 10:40 PM
66	Tube extended to garston and abbots Langley	10/8/2018 10:02 PM
67	Shuttle tram/bus from the town centre to Watford junction	10/8/2018 8:52 PM
68	Better cycle lanes. Better public transport network/links	10/8/2018 8:32 PM
69	Allowing right turns on st Alban's road at the main lights.	10/8/2018 7:08 PM

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70	Tubes extended to local stations in watford (Croxley, watford junction, watford north etc) Improve the connection between local stations to Watford Junction- so more reliable and more regular trains- this will drive more people to hop on the local train to get to watford junction, rather than driving. This service is pretty awful at the moment. More Schools- Less distance to travel and drive walking	10/8/2018 5:54 PM
71	Park and ride service into the town centre from strategic points.	10/8/2018 4:29 PM
72	developers contribute towards bus services if no underground parking provided.	10/7/2018 8:00 PM
73	Bike lanes.	10/7/2018 7:18 PM
74	Re working the ring road.	10/7/2018 5:52 PM
75	Small schools should be built alongside family housing - and a local GP service	10/7/2018 8:07 AM
76	Including space for essential shopping, schools, health facilities to be placed nearby reducing the need for car travel. Providing facilities such as eating places and sport facilities locally, accessible by bicycle or bus travel. Cinemas, bowling alleys, children's play areas.	10/6/2018 3:12 PM
77	If building more houses need more roads in and out of Watford. Near gridlock at some times.	10/6/2018 2:42 PM
78	Bus station.	10/6/2018 2:10 PM
79	I think to build a tramline or similar in place of the cancelled Met line extension would be a good idea.	10/6/2018 1:24 PM
80	Schools and GP surgeries to be built near to new housing developments.	10/6/2018 8:49 AM
81	New development brings more people, and more people need to get around. So community facilities should be provided with new development	10/5/2018 10:09 PM
82	Sufficient parking which would remove at least some traffic from local roads. Can't be beyond developers abilities to build underground car parks to take a minimum of 2 cars per dwelling	10/5/2018 8:42 PM
83	Park and rides! A local tram system in the town centre from the station Thomas Sawyer way being extended to Tolpits lane. A link road from one side of town to the other. Improved cycle routes.	10/5/2018 6:57 PM
84	Enough parking to accommodate the cars which will be needed by new dwellings, the figures the council go by when approving building applications are ridiculous.	10/5/2018 6:42 PM
85	Car cubs and improved cycle routes throughout the town.	10/5/2018 5:06 PM
86	None, development should be halted, not encouraged. There are no 'sweetners' the planning committee should be swayed by. People want to have their own cars to use as and when they feel like regardless of what type of property they live in. Thinking anything different is comical.	10/5/2018 1:46 PM
87	a complete upgrade and rethink if the roads in Watford central	10/5/2018 11:14 AM
88	Location of factory sites close to m-ways and through routes to avoid lorries coming through the town.	10/5/2018 11:03 AM
89	Stop building commercial buildings in the town centre as this directs traffic to the most congested areas. It then backs up through the rest of watford. If businesses and schools are built on the outskirts then rush hour traffic is being pushed towards the outer limits where there is more scope to build a better road network.	10/5/2018 4:29 AM
90	There isn't any improvements	10/4/2018 11:52 PM
91	ECar and car share infrastructure protected cycle routes make it private car unfriendly	10/4/2018 9:16 PM
92	Local shops/business incorporated into new developments or tramlinks connected to housing development	10/4/2018 6:36 PM
93	Link roads and proper through roads, zero traffic tables, humps and other impediments to road traffic.	10/4/2018 4:30 PM
94	Train lines	10/4/2018 7:49 AM
95	Park and Ride	10/3/2018 10:45 PM
96	New developments being built near good transport links there reducing the need to have a car.	10/2/2018 11:43 PM
97	Make wider roads and providing more parking spaces	10/2/2018 5:33 PM
98	Create a new road between Colonial Way and St Albans Road to reduce traffic around Station Road/Watford Junction area.	10/1/2018 8:21 PM

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99	Road development to enable direct access away from Town Centre, North Watford & Watford Junction to M1 / M25 / A41. Road direct from St Albans Road to M1 (adjacent to TK Max). Underpass at Dome Roundabout North Watford. Road direct from Bushey Arches to M1 avoiding Town Centre & Aldenham Road. Outer Ring Road around Watford enabling access to all major roads to avoid travellers not residing or working in Watford to by - pass the Town.	10/1/2018 4:21 PM
100	Below ground by-pass/ tunnel?	9/30/2018 9:52 PM
101	Take away traffic lights on Some roundabout and other areas where traffic lights cause more congestion	9/30/2018 7:37 PM
102	See above. The Town Centre should be pedestrianised. Access to a new bus station should be from the Ring Road	9/30/2018 5:34 PM
103	Not sure	9/30/2018 9:15 AM
104	Sort out the ring road - somehow.	9/29/2018 7:44 AM
105	Making sure there are enough parking spaces so roads are kept clearer for traffic	9/28/2018 10:39 PM
106	Stop through traffic using roads as rat runs	9/28/2018 6:39 PM
107	Restarting the Met line extension project, more park and ride, Oyster card London buses.	9/28/2018 9:09 AM
108	Free bus routes	9/27/2018 12:45 PM
109	As above	9/27/2018 5:53 AM
110	Cycle routes to allow children to cycle safely to schools could get rid of all the school journey traffic. Cycle routes for business parks and town centre and other main areas to allow workers to leave their cars at home. Improved rail links and new rail links.	9/26/2018 7:25 PM
111	bus routes servicing residential developments and not cutting existing routes	9/26/2018 7:22 PM
112	None. Stop building high density housing. This is what is causing the congestion. It is unrealistic to expect a family living in a one or two bedroom flat to not own a car.	9/26/2018 5:57 PM
113	See above	9/26/2018 5:36 PM
114	See above	9/26/2018 4:19 PM
115	Park and ride	9/26/2018 7:34 AM
116	Ensuring the met line ran to Watford junction, The traffic will only get worse if you build more houses	9/26/2018 7:20 AM
117	See above	9/26/2018 6:35 AM
118	Potentially look at widening some of the key roads that are bottlenecks, where feasible.	9/25/2018 1:39 PM
119	Train line	9/25/2018 10:59 AM
120	Less population More schools Better roads More hospitals Bigger parks	9/25/2018 8:32 AM
121	Park & ride	9/24/2018 11:19 PM
122	Address the above, cars are just constantly being added to the roads. Be realistic as to how much parking should be included in private development proposals, in my opinion the council just add to the problem with their planning decisions.	9/24/2018 6:57 PM
123	Monorail	9/24/2018 6:07 PM
124	It is unrealistic to build new housing without sufficient parking provision as it just causes congestion in the local area.	9/24/2018 5:13 PM
125	Park and ride with secure parking now we have cinemas and bowling in our town.	9/24/2018 11:08 AM
126	Don't try to solve the problems this way.	9/23/2018 5:51 PM
127	I think you need to seriously consider additional light rail links or underground links or equivalent. There's no where in watford you can realistically build a new road that will improve things very much that won't destroy green spaces or require demolition of houses.	9/23/2018 3:39 PM
128	New link road for vehicles from St Albans Road via Colonial Way	9/23/2018 3:26 PM
129	Stop mass building of properties. Less people means less traffic congestion.	9/23/2018 2:06 PM
130	A tram system.	9/23/2018 11:16 AM
131	new development to have basic infrastructure of schools, chemists and small supermarket to avoid people travelling into town	9/22/2018 11:10 PM
132	Look again at Park and ride scheme and introduce congestion charge scheme in specific areas	9/21/2018 10:52 PM

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133	Incorporating underground car parking in any development so that the roads do not become congested with parked cars. Making sure that any development does not block a shortcut or provides a pathway through to encourage walking.	9/21/2018 7:11 PM
134	smaller more frequent buses further into housing estate areas. home delivery services from the town centre shops	9/21/2018 12:33 PM
135	Seriously? Increasing the volume of traffic can ease conjection??? Then little or no appreciation is given to why the conjection occurs.	9/19/2018 11:34 PM
136	underground pass at A41 Dome roundabout	9/19/2018 1:34 PM
137	Underground parking	9/18/2018 8:39 PM
138	Watford could do with a proper bus station other towns have them we have only ever had a bus garage	9/18/2018 3:51 PM
139	One possible suggestion may be to for developers of retail units such as supermarkets and superstores to provide free (or nominal fared) to all customers a bus service from out of town parking lots to their store (park and ride). It works.	9/18/2018 12:50 PM
140	St Albans road/ Rickmansworth road needs some sort of attention as does the Ring road in Watford -only problem is Watford is such and old Town and in this day & age poorly designed for modern traffic it's hard to change.	9/18/2018 12:18 PM
141	Car sharing schemes, some sort of reward system to encourage residents to use alternative transport methods.	9/17/2018 11:16 PM
142	If we are faced with more builds then there should be more buses so cars aren't used and maybe more cycle lanes but as the Watford roads are congested now there is no hope!	9/17/2018 8:15 PM
143	Any new development could introduce a shuttle bus system to the centre of town. It could also introduce a cycle scheme and a car share scheme such as Zipcar that operates in some areas of the USA.	9/17/2018 1:55 PM
144	Park and Ride	9/17/2018 1:46 PM
145	New development will INCREASE traffic congestion, period!	9/17/2018 12:11 PM
146	Ensure new bridges over railway to Colonial way area are included at an EARLY stage of the St Albans road development.	9/16/2018 4:08 PM
147	Met line extension !!! A desperately needed improvement. In a perfect world there would be options like trams being looked at. A system like Croydon trams would transform SW Herts.	9/16/2018 10:47 AM
148	Don't know	9/15/2018 9:32 PM
149	Bus priority routes. Maybe new developments could have car \ bike share schemes. Tramways.	9/15/2018 11:21 AM
150	Reliable train service. More buses. Tube to extend to train station.	9/14/2018 7:41 PM
151	Housing discounts for tenants/ owners who choose not to own a car. Reduce parking, build in high-quality cycling and walking infrastructure at design stage.	9/14/2018 7:21 PM
152	More cycle routes. No parking in residential areas til midnight	9/14/2018 1:19 PM
153	Don't know	9/14/2018 12:33 PM
154	Better and more frequent bus service.	9/14/2018 12:15 PM
155	Nothing really. If you are putting in new homes then this will obviously make the situation worse.	9/14/2018 11:11 AM
156	More regular, reliable buses. This will encourage people to use public transport rather than drive.	9/14/2018 11:10 AM
157	This should have started 20 years ago too late now	9/13/2018 10:21 PM
158	See Park and Ride above. Again the Croxley Rail Link.	9/13/2018 9:12 PM
159	Unsure without looking fully at all areas of the town and distances & knowing how many Drs there are per 30 people (for example).. This question needs so much more information for a REAL response to be given.	9/13/2018 6:35 PM
160	New developments should provide underground parking - should be mandatory.	9/13/2018 5:17 PM
161	Yes. Form cut short my missive on compulsory Car Club membership for developments over 3 storeys tall or 10 living units. Integrated broadband in order to manage car club bookings and enable internet shopping, e.g. free deliveries from cooperating supermarkets on one or two days a week (maybe Monday ASDA, Tuesday Tesco, Wednesday Sainsbury etc) and consider "secure grocery holding rooms". Secure ground level cycle store. Web cam security for cycle lockers.	9/13/2018 4:33 PM

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162	An underpass from Hunton Bridge to Croxley!	9/13/2018 3:28 PM
163	Improve the trains. Make them Cheaper.	9/13/2018 2:42 PM
164	Watford Junction improvement, Metropolitan Line extension reinstated	9/13/2018 1:45 PM
165	Off road parking should be a consideration. Cars parked up on the footpaths make it difficult to walk in certain areas, especially when people are also riding bikes on the footpath.	9/13/2018 11:55 AM
166	Provide a pick up & drop off point at schools. Example Francis Combe Academy, St Michaels, Parmiters, all parents use a part of the school field or a designated area. Red no parking zones around school residential areas	9/13/2018 11:19 AM
167	New cycle paths should be compulsory with any new development or improvement.	9/13/2018 9:58 AM
168	Scrap the Dome Traffic Lights	9/12/2018 5:28 PM
169	Building a high rise building with 1200 flats at the range shop area in Watford will worsen congestion. Imagine 1200 people getting out into St Albans road trying to drive to work? You mentioned that high rise buildings will be assessed regarding the impact it may cause. Has this been assessed?	9/12/2018 4:55 PM
170	New development to be near transport hubs eg town centre. Avoid development where occupiers have to drive to get anywhere.	9/12/2018 4:55 PM
171	Safer cycle lanes, less pot holes	9/12/2018 9:00 AM
172	Cycle lanes Incentives to cycle in, bike discount scheme especially for those local people who work in the town centre but with secure decent bike storage. Off road parking under new developments	9/12/2018 8:58 AM
173	Extended overground	9/12/2018 8:02 AM
174	Obviously Croxley Rail link. Any new road built should have provision for cycle routes - e.g. idiotic that Thomas Sawyer Way has no pavement or cycle path through Oxhey Park section. Better provision for safe, secure cycle docking.	9/11/2018 8:22 PM
175	Desperate need for new car parks and that is with the existing congestion As suggested - cycle lanes and pedestrian only See above - park & ride centres around the town	9/11/2018 7:35 PM
176	Parks and open spaces	9/11/2018 12:04 PM
177	Bus lanes, one way streets, parking not allowed on certain roads, more lanes and no 2 lanes becoming 1, less roundabouts.	9/11/2018 9:26 AM
178	Make public transport affordable and reliable	9/10/2018 10:16 PM
179	As above	9/10/2018 4:26 PM
180	More reliable and convenient buses, however now the bus garage in north Watford has shut, this may prove to be very difficult.	9/10/2018 3:06 PM
181	More schools so pupils can walk to them. More frequent buses with more space for shopping etc.	9/10/2018 12:29 PM
182	The \$64 million dollar question! Car sharing groups in new developments or build near or accessible to good public transport networks	9/10/2018 12:03 PM
183	Making developments permeable to walking and cycling. Car free developments in the centre of Watford where public transport is comprehensive. Providing enough space in new developments to keep your bike(s) in your own home. Not many people would be willing to leave their bike in a public rack overnight, particularly if it's exposed to the elements as well. If a lockable bike room in a development is available to enough people that you don't know everyone using it and couldn't easily trace a theft, it's essentially public to all intents and purposes. In your own home is far preferable.	9/10/2018 11:04 AM
184	All major new residential developments should provide facilities for car clubs, preferably electric cars only	9/10/2018 9:37 AM
185	Met line to Watford junction	9/10/2018 12:47 AM
186	Parking should be properly considered as part of all developments - and not the current lip service.	9/9/2018 9:39 PM
187	Better connect Watford. Get the Croxley met link back on the agenda with mayor of london. That will help people get from one side of town to the other. Plus it will also mean people commuting to Euston via Watford Junction don't need to live in walking distance or have to drive from one side of Watford to the other.	9/9/2018 8:44 PM
188	Decent parking (underground?) for new housing.	9/9/2018 1:31 PM

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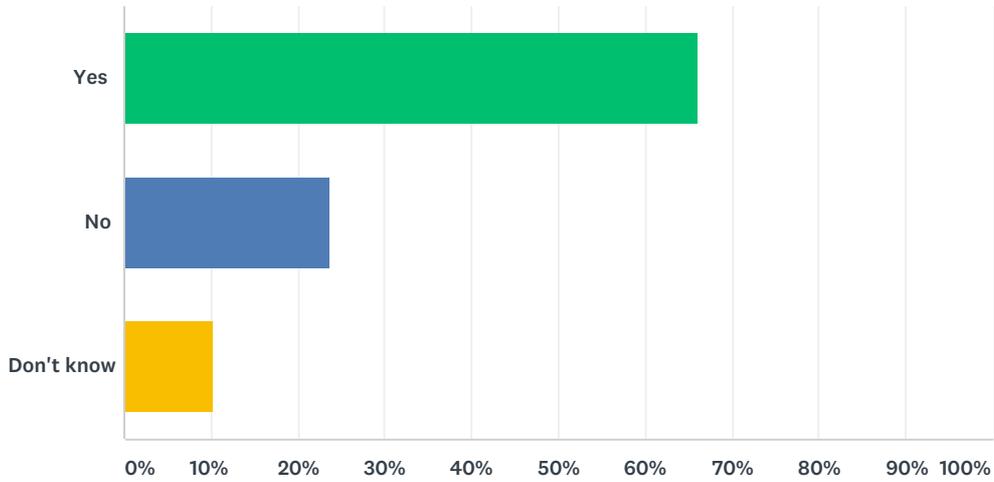
189	Unsure	9/9/2018 12:53 PM
190	Highway bridges	9/9/2018 12:21 PM
191	Good walkways and cycle track planning all r way to community hubs. Easy access to convenient pubic transport.	9/9/2018 9:25 AM
192	As above	9/9/2018 1:21 AM
193	Public transport	9/8/2018 5:26 PM
194	Roundabouts, new bus routes, local public transport needs to be cheaper.	9/8/2018 5:05 PM
195	Encourage electric cars Restrict diesel cars Introduce low emissions area on St. Albans Road Remove traffic lights at the dome roundabout Create more cycle lanes Incentivise use of public transport	9/8/2018 1:21 PM
196	Watford Junction developments (The Range, TK Maxx) should be conditional on support to deliver both the Colonial Way link road and new north access to Watford Junction station. Development of industrial estates around the Abbey line could be unlocked if support to improve these services was provided.	9/8/2018 11:44 AM
197	Better pedestrian routes - traffic lights on St Alans Road and Hemel Hempstead road barely give sufficient time to cross. The absence of cycle lanes means most families cycle with their children on the pavement so a better network of cycle lanes is also required	9/8/2018 10:55 AM
198	Work with bus companies to ensure a service that is as cost effective and convient as using a car.	9/8/2018 10:47 AM
199	Ensure adequate parking.	9/8/2018 8:35 AM
200	As above more people more cars, a really difficult situation.	9/8/2018 8:16 AM
201	Tram systems.	9/8/2018 6:52 AM
202	Proper signaling which allows traffic to flow smoothly.	9/8/2018 1:08 AM
203	To begin with no flats and no tall buildings. We have now enough of these in watford. They have proved to be disastrous.	9/8/2018 12:41 AM
204	covered secure cycle parking	9/7/2018 11:57 PM
205	Substantial drop-off area in front of watford junction station	9/7/2018 11:41 PM
206	Cheaper transport fares. Shopper shuttle bus	9/7/2018 11:05 PM
207	Park and ride Watford council to work more closely with Hertfordshire CC secure more influence to stop some of their ideas gaining traction	9/7/2018 10:36 PM
208	Less car parking and more cycle parking for new developments. New bus stops at and bus routes to new developments.	9/7/2018 10:05 PM
209	Don't build homes near stations or the centre of town.	9/7/2018 8:51 PM
210	Àlternative public transport	9/7/2018 8:27 PM
211	Buses, cycle hire, park and ride, its not rocket science, just needs real prioritisation and investment with fares that represent value for consumers not returns for investors	9/7/2018 8:01 PM
212	Park and ride	9/7/2018 7:51 PM
213	Additional road under Bushey Arches, using redundant and empty car parking space in front of Massys Site, going up towards Aldenham Road. This creates an extra lane, moving traffic out of Watford quicker and reducing polution.	9/7/2018 6:49 PM
214	Focus away from the main centre. Large activity centres elsewhere ie)Topgolf	9/7/2018 6:07 PM
215	Widen St Albans and Rickmansowrth Roads	9/7/2018 5:58 PM
216	-	9/7/2018 5:54 PM
217	As above	9/7/2018 5:21 PM
218	have a dedicated shuttle service for the hospital that is run by electric power new multi story car park for hospital new multi story car park for fc	9/7/2018 5:10 PM
219	Build the somewhere other than Watford!	9/7/2018 4:42 PM

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220	Off street parking on new houses up to 2 car spaces, Underground Parking for new flats spaces for 2 car per family (As done in Hatfield) - all Developers would have to fulfill that requirement in building Design when submitted to council of planning permission. All new Shops submit suitable requirements for Deliveries (ie so not blocking roadways). Bus Stops to be pull in bays to allow traffic to pass - keep traffic moving	9/7/2018 4:06 PM
221	Not sure as people love cars	9/7/2018 3:37 PM
222	Ensure new bus routes are available near new developments.	9/7/2018 3:18 PM
223	Bypass over the town	9/7/2018 2:32 PM
224	By providing acces to public transport near the new developments would mean people could go 'carless'	9/7/2018 2:27 PM
225	School traffic is ridiculous and children living within walking distance, and with traffic controls such as crossing staff, congestion could be greatly reduced.	9/7/2018 2:19 PM
226	Most larger towns now have park and ride services, I think this would be suitable for Watford. Trams. Cycle scheme, pay as you go electric car drop off points.	9/7/2018 2:18 PM
227	See Above	9/7/2018 2:12 PM
228	As I have said let those whose job it is to save these problems make suggestions that we can then discuss	9/7/2018 2:08 PM
229	Not sure	9/7/2018 1:51 PM

Q23 In new developments, should we prioritise walking, cycling and public transport over access by private vehicles?

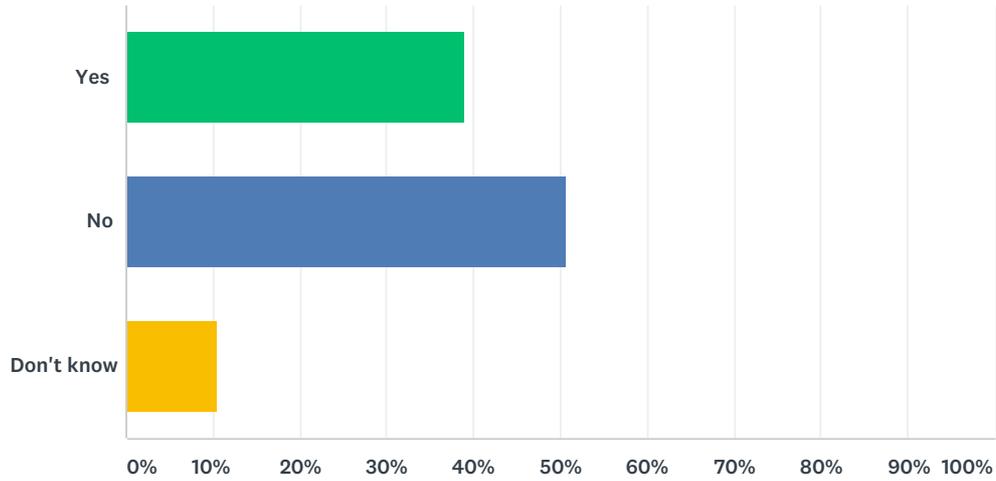
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	66.12%	201
No	23.68%	72
Don't know	10.20%	31
TOTAL		304

Q24 Should we deliver car-free neighbourhoods in areas where there is good access to other types of transport (e.g. new developments with no car parking)?

Answered: 306 Skipped: 113



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	38.89%	119
No	50.65%	155
Don't know	10.46%	32
TOTAL		306

Q25 What improvements or changes could be made that would encourage you to walk, cycle or use public transport rather than travelling by car for short journeys?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Safer roads. i.e. slower traffic and less traffic. Priority to pedestrians and cyclists at all signal controlled crossings. i.e. reduce the current inordinately long delays before the crossing phase occurs.	10/21/2018 10:31 AM
2	Better traffic signals for pedestrians nice pavements better street lighting	10/20/2018 10:00 AM
3	Improve the bus network as previously detailed. Make it normal for middle-class people to catch the bus - the only people I know who catch the bus didn't grow up here. Same with bikes. Cycline often appears to be associated with leisure activity, not functional.	10/19/2018 11:44 PM
4	Better public transport - buses in particular, with real time updates on bus stops. Better transport maps Rental bikes Even pavements Stronger penalties on dog fouling Reduction of litter	10/19/2018 11:29 PM
5	Cheap & able to use oyster style card or debit card on buses	10/19/2018 10:15 PM
6	Incentivise sustainable commuting. The cycle routes are few and far between in the town. Public transport is being drastically reduced across the borough so that could reduce car journeys.	10/19/2018 10:12 PM
7	Walking is rather safe but not necessarily nice, so having nice and safe footpaths designed in new developments Cycling is rather unsafe, better designed lanes for cyclists Buses pricing is a bit confusing, especially when you travel from one part of Watford to the other, it's not always under the Oyster card. Make that clearer.	10/19/2018 10:03 PM
8	I drive to work currently 4 miles 20 minutes on a good day 1 hour on a bad day, by bus 1.5 hours by train 20 minute walk, 2 trains the second only runs every 30 minutes then another 15 minute walk. After working for 10+ hours the public transport or walking option is something that is ridiculous to expect.	10/19/2018 8:55 PM
9	Reduced pollution - it is horrible walking right next to traffic. Priority to pedestrians at junctions and quick routes - being sent across 3 crossings to cross one road (see problems with missing path at Thomas Sawyer way and lower high street) can add 1 to 5 mins to a walking journey if you catch the lights wrong which can mean a missed train ... logical cycle paths are a must - they are a mess in central Watford and not safe for me or my secondary school children to cycle on.	10/19/2018 5:21 PM
10	Even though I have said "yes" to the above, they only truely apply if there is good public transport in place!	10/19/2018 3:46 PM
11	I do not drive, hence I walk most of the time. I would like to see better paths and also cheaper and more frequent public transport.	10/19/2018 3:40 PM
12	I walk/cycle mostly anyway! But I live close to the town centre and supermarkets and commute by train.	10/19/2018 3:39 PM
13	Free buses, or at least very cheap. More frequent buses. Much better cycle and walking routes.	10/19/2018 3:25 PM
14	Frequent, reliable and reasonably priced public transport is an obvious one. Perhaps banning parking near infant and junior schools at certain time of the day. However, this would need a careful assessment of the capture area of each school.	10/19/2018 2:53 PM
15	Cheaper & more reliable	10/19/2018 1:38 PM
16	Frequent reliable bus service.	10/19/2018 1:26 PM
17	Safer sidewalk, be able to walk and bike on the street safely Stop investing in road within community area and town centre. Favour outside parking with connection with the centre.	10/19/2018 11:44 AM
18	The current provision of cycle pathways and footpaths is disjointed	10/19/2018 10:04 AM
19	Better street lighting and cleaner streets.	10/19/2018 1:56 AM

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20	Proper segregated cycleways everywhere (i.e. joined up! and not just in new developments!) No cyclist dismount signs. No pseudo cycleways on pavements. Pavements are for walking on! Cycleways as in the Netherlands are the only real way to encourage both cycling and walking. Make cycling in Watford a safe and enjoyable experience rather than the stressful ordeal it is now, and simultaneously do the same for walking. Some people will always need to use cars at some stages in their lives, so totally car-free neighbourhoods are not a good idea.	10/19/2018 12:03 AM
21	Make transport more buggy/wheelchair friendly e.g. Watford high street station and Bushey station are inaccessible. More protected cycle routes that cars cannot drive in. Make cycle routes more continuous. Please don't keep permitting housing developments that don't have adequate parking. It is ideological to do this in the hope that people won't have cars, but it is unrealistic in light of (i) how many households own at least one car and (ii) the number of people in Watford who commute by car. All this does is push people to park their cars in neighbouring streets, which makes a huge parking problem for people who already live in the area.	10/18/2018 10:59 PM
22	better lighting, I regularly walk to Watford Girls school at night . I don't feel safe walking up the high street, to get home.	10/18/2018 10:23 PM
23	Busses are fine if the bus route you are on is going to where you need to go, if you are traveling to somewhere that involves a change of bus, the ticket price goes up to a level that it is not worth it, and the car then becomes the cheaper option, If there was a 1 hour ticket as there is in London, and a flat fare, again as in London, the bus would be better, Also is Oyster was accepted on the local busses, this would be the best of all worlds, as people commuting to London could have one ticket for everything .	10/18/2018 9:37 PM
24	See previous responses. People use cars for shopping, visiting friends/relatives, holidays etc. which are not easy to travel to by public transport so not providing parking spaces is not sensible. However good transport links that will easily get people to work should enable each household to have just one car (not one for each adult). Keep prices reasonable so that it is more economical to use public transport.	10/18/2018 7:06 PM
25	Have more buses, more train routes, to get the Met Line sorted or even get a tram sorted. Unfortunately the tube station is no where near the main train line, maybe do a cheap cheap shuttle services to encourage people to use the trains more	10/18/2018 4:26 PM
26	Cheaper bus fares especially for those who are long-term disabled.	10/18/2018 12:52 PM
27	I don't understand what you mean by 'prioritise walking etc' in q23 above, but would be in favour of increasing the amount of public transport and safe places to walk or cycle. I'm not in favour of banning car parking. Cars have an important role to play in all aspects of life, so I believe it would be unfair to prevent new house-owners from the opportunity to own one. I think safe places to walk or cycle and good public transport would encourage people to use those facilities for short journeys, as would health campaigns. Incidentally, if domestic residences, whether houses or flats, are going to be built smaller and more crammed in to small sites, where are people going to keep their bicycles?	10/18/2018 10:41 AM
28	Improvements to the towpath, wayfinding and better access points onto the towpath to encourage pedestrians and cyclists to use our network rather than their private vehicles. Links and connectivity to other paths/cycle ways. The towpath can easily be used for the first/last mile of journeys and have a positive impact on congestion as well as the health and wellbeing of local people.	10/18/2018 10:13 AM
29	It's is not realistic to think that expose will not drive. I think access for all needs to be made so that people can choose options. Public transport needs to be easily accessible, frequent, reliable and cheaper than other options (such as driving)	10/18/2018 8:00 AM
30	Better/More cycle lanes. A Cycle hire scheme. Lower fares on public transport, especially for frequent users ...	10/17/2018 6:30 PM
31	Trying to remove existing parking provision is a poor way of tackling the issue. The best way is to ensure new and higher density taller buildings are well linked by attractive pedestrian routes to public transport nodes - especially to the main line station. For example, the wider public space environment around Clarendon Road should be improved to make it a more attractive option to walk to the station.	10/17/2018 5:48 PM
32	Safer and more attractive cycling and walking routes. Arriva transport is getting worse and buses increasingly packed as buses are cut or don't turn up. No wonder people don't give up their cars. I don't blame them at all.	10/17/2018 4:36 PM
33	An indoor Bus Station at Watford Junction like the ones at Edgware and Harrow On The Hill. Many places in Watford are not properly accessible on foot: to give just one example it is only possible to reach Sainsburys on foot when approaching from the direction of Beechen Grove by walking through a flower bed.	10/17/2018 4:22 PM

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34	I do walk and use public transport if and when I feel safe (there are many times when I would feel unsafe). Cycling is not safe. I resent the cost and unreliability of public transport.	10/17/2018 12:30 PM
35	Safe walking and cycle routes away from the roads. More frequent buses using dedicated bus routes.	10/17/2018 12:08 PM
36	Better pavements accessible for wheelchairs.	10/17/2018 1:58 AM
37	Free buses for locals	10/16/2018 2:45 PM
38	Improve walking and cycling routes with clearer signage.	10/16/2018 12:39 PM
39	This focus is wrong - not everyone can cycle or use buses. As long as short journeys are meaningful - heavy shopping and car sharing then they are a necessity. A lot of the kerbs are too high e.g. the Hempstead Road, for confident cycling.	10/16/2018 10:35 AM
40	Improve safety by segregating different modes of transport. For example, in North Watford cyclists use pavements endangering pedestrians; there needs to be provision for cycle lanes and prohibition on using pedestrian facilities	10/16/2018 9:50 AM
41	More secure locations to park cycles to stop them being vandalised or stolen. More regular bus services - my local bus service is every ten minutes according to the timetable, but I can wait 40 minutes for one?	10/15/2018 8:38 PM
42	Bike lanes	10/15/2018 5:06 PM
43	Better cycle routes. Cycle racks.	10/15/2018 4:25 PM
44	free times during the day to hop on and off	10/15/2018 2:21 PM
45	Better quality path ways, better bus services. Cycle routes and appropriate safe storage for bicycles at destinations	10/15/2018 12:38 PM
46	As previously mentioned, good safe cycle paths and walkways but keep them separate to avoid accidents. A lot cheaper public transport - subsidised maybe?	10/15/2018 12:10 PM
47	I already do this.	10/15/2018 12:59 AM
48	Need a car for working	10/14/2018 8:45 PM
49	Cheaper, more reliable transport, less pot holes	10/14/2018 8:19 PM
50	More pedestrianised areas. Cheaper public transport. Discounts on public transport for residents.	10/14/2018 7:29 PM
51	More reliable public transport for longer hours during day and night. Cycle routes on all roads not just main ones.. also, better bath / gutter clearing especially in winter..	10/14/2018 7:27 PM
52	Walking is always an option - no extra spending required. Cycling is always an option but highly dangerous on the Road - allow cycling on the Pavement. There is no way you would let your child cycle on main roads. Increase Bus services rather than cut them.	10/14/2018 6:22 PM
53	To suggest that making new developments more cycle friendly will therefore make people have cars less is ridiculous. I totally agree that more needs to be done to make cycling more safe around Watford, but it should not be instead of the use of private vehicles. I am a very keen cyclist - I love to cycle and often do. However, for work & my day to day business/needs this is just not practical. I would cycle everywhere if I could, but no matter how user friendly you make cycling people need to do things which just isn't practical on a bike. For example, do the shopping, take the children to school/activities. Also, our weather just isn't nice enough. People will not cycle to work wearing work clothes in the winter	10/14/2018 1:31 PM
54	Providing more cycle paths	10/14/2018 12:51 PM
55	cycle hire scheme	10/14/2018 11:30 AM
56	Let's use British units, please. Kilometres are not the statutorily recognised unit of length in our country. Miles, yards and feet are the correct and legal tender.	10/13/2018 8:56 PM
57	Regular reliable bus service. Safe cycle lanes	10/13/2018 6:40 PM
58	I walk when possible so this is not relevant to me.	10/13/2018 5:30 PM
59	Most people use cars to their place of work or go shopping Encouraging employers to introduce flexible working could be a a help This may require the council to provide an incentive such a business rate reduction A similar consideration could be given to businesses that introduce a car share scheme negotiate with a neighbouring borough to create a park and ride scheme	10/13/2018 11:29 AM

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60	Better Understanding of demographics and motivations of those taking short journeys eg I could probably cycle to work based on distance to work but have two separate childcare drop offs and collections to do plus a laptop/equipment to carry... don't make the assumption that it is as simple as assuming everyone can live car free even with direct access to public transport as the double number of commuters leaving the area by train are probably travelling into London and have possibly chosen Watford to live if they have families as an alternative to living in central. We have some car free developments already, it will suit some but not most unless new developments are completely self sustaining and have all services needed on a daily basis such as en situ nursery, primary school, supermarket.	10/13/2018 8:29 AM
61	Separate cycle lanes. Enforce the law. It is illegal to drive on the pavement yet many cars are parked on it. Catch them in the act. Visit callowland at 7am or 7pm and it is difficult to push a pram along the pavement. Record these people driving on the pavement and fine them.	10/12/2018 1:22 PM
62	I'm getting too old to walk or cycle and you need to consider people who are not able or confident enough to cycle. Cheap buses would be a major incentive	10/12/2018 10:35 AM
63	Better lit walk ways. Routes that do not follow heavily congested roads (pollution noise) Safe places in which to park bicycles and to secure them from vandalism Cheaper bus service which runs on time	10/12/2018 8:12 AM
64	Designated cycle routes not shared by car users. Wider footpaths.....Leavesden Road paths are narrow especially avoiding lamp posts and cars and bins. Newer developments could have wider paths for use by pedestrians and cyclists with subways as necessary.. I'm not sure about developments with no car parking..... people always want to have space for visitors and will likely want to own a car for longer trips such as holidays.	10/11/2018 9:16 PM
65	1. Get cyclists off the pavement to cycle lanes. At the moment cyclists using pavement, which is meant for pedestrians. 2. Create new cycle lane where they are required. 3. Extend the Oyster card to Watford buses and provide a reduced rate (or something similar where people can use it regardless the bus operator) 4. Make air port bus (Route 724) goes to all terminals at Heathrow. 5. Make public aware of the airport service. This will take the traffic off the M25 as well.	10/11/2018 8:24 PM
66	Nothing - I don't own a car. I always hire one if and when I need one (it works out a lot cheaper).	10/11/2018 6:11 PM
67	A better work-life balance so I have time to	10/11/2018 6:09 PM
68	Cycle paths. Better street lighting at night.	10/10/2018 8:53 PM
69	Cheaper bus and train fares. Boris bikes!	10/10/2018 7:49 PM
70	I live in Watford and work in St Albans. I am a keen cyclist and would happily cycle the 45 minute journey that I currently drive. However, the bike lanes are not particularly easy, they involve crossing very busy roads during heavily populated times of the day. If there were more green path protected cycle routes (like one running alongside the Abbey Line, rather than crossing through each individual village and onto busy roads) I would happily cycle. If I could use contactless or card on buses, and they didn't cost the same as the train for a single journey, which is extortionate considering the bus takes almost an hour whilst the train takes 15 minutes, I would use the bus. I used to take the Abbey Line, but as it only runs once an hour, if I don't leave my work ten minutes early every day, I would have to wait another hour. My bosses were not particularly pleased with this. Especially as the train didn't let me get in any earlier to make up the time. The times are focused on getting people from St Albans to work in Watford, not vice versa. Similarly, whether it turned up was so unpredictable (and could only be found out by Twitter, not listed on the boards themselves) that many nights I was left waiting in the cold for two hours, until eventually getting an Uber home (I would have got the bus, but they only take cash, and there is no cashpoint by the bus stop!). When it comes to going into Watford, I always bike or walk, but if I worked in London I wouldn't be happy leaving my bike in front of the station all day. Bike theft is up in the borough.	10/10/2018 6:36 PM
71	Car free neighborhood!!! They'll just park up the road on already congested streets!! Yes you need good transport links but some parking needs to be there to stop it going on already busy roads	10/10/2018 1:09 PM
72	Like I said before, better frequency of buses and far far cheaper than the current prices. £3.20 to get into town from the St Albans Road by the large section of shops (Tesco express etc) is never going to encourage anyone to use public transport. Plus different bus companies charging different prices!	10/10/2018 12:06 PM
73	More shared transport spaces. Introduction of more greenery/attractive barriers along main roads to make walking and cycling attractive options.	10/10/2018 11:46 AM
74	Cycle routes need to be of good quality. Wide, good surface & safe. Need to be continuous not constantly changing between road pavement. Need to be obstical free.	10/10/2018 11:06 AM
75	I use public transport when going into town but am disabled so therefore need a car for longer journeys so car free zones are impracticable for people with restricted mobility	10/9/2018 11:30 PM

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76	Cycle parking that is safe and well lit.	10/9/2018 9:13 PM
77	More cycle lanes, more secure bike parking. Encouraging workplaces to provide showers/changing facilities	10/9/2018 8:29 PM
78	I prefer to walk short journeys. More people would probably cycle if there were safe lanes, although I don't cycle at all. Reliable, frequent bus services for all areas (as other countries manage to do) would pay dividends, especially if the fare worked out less than parking.	10/9/2018 1:46 PM
79	Disabled access. More safer paths Cars constantly block Wheelchair access making us push a wheelchair in the road. Buses are not as frequent and if one bus already has a wheelchair on it we have to wait at the stop sometimes in the rain for another one (especially the no. 8 bus) buses need more spaces for wheelchairs. ■ is in a wheelchair so cycling would not work for us. 10x easier to go in the car (except when popping into town as you have taken many blue badge spaces away.	10/9/2018 12:50 PM
80	I would love to cycle into town with my children but it's far too dangerous. The creation of cycle paths would be great. In France for example, in certain areas, one side of the road is for pedestrians, the other side for bikes which meant we could cycle everywhere safely with the children	10/9/2018 12:07 PM
81	I already walk where possible - that is, most journeys within Watford I would walk and not drive. To encourage use of public transport, improve routes, frequency and pricing of buses. Go ahead with the Metropolitan line extension. Segregated cycle routes may work if there is space for them and they can form coherent, useful routes.	10/9/2018 10:56 AM
82	I do not use a car.	10/9/2018 10:06 AM
83	Everyone wants a car so they have to have somewhere to park it. Public transport isn't always there when you want it and maybe doesn't go where you want it to. Cycling is convenient and good for you but not much fun in bad weather or on a busy road. A white line down the side of a busy road is no protection from a wayward car. Cycle paths should be completely separate from the roads but we don't have the room for that.	10/9/2018 9:47 AM
84	As I said for me that I use bike or walk in town is very important to improve and creating a new cycle paths	10/9/2018 2:09 AM
85	Fewer cars on the road, or more cycle lanes. Standard affordable bus fares	10/9/2018 12:00 AM
86	Cycle paths off road and areas to leave bikes that are monitored	10/8/2018 11:31 PM
87	A 2nd entrance to Watford junction station.	10/8/2018 10:41 PM
88	Separate cycle lanes not on road	10/8/2018 10:04 PM
89	Safe walkways Eco bus Safe cycle parking at the Watford junction	10/8/2018 8:54 PM
90	Safer bike storage areas. Safer bike lanes (I would ride my bike in central London but not Watford!). Better understanding of the bus network, how to get tickets, cost of tickets, where to catch the bus!.	10/8/2018 8:36 PM
91	By not including parking they will park in areas already short in spaces	10/8/2018 7:09 PM
92	Better cycle lanes- there arent many.	10/8/2018 5:55 PM
93	Reliability, economy and frequency of public transport. The declared opinion of the planning officers that 'if you don't provide parking, they won't have cars' is frankly nonsense. Whilst those living centrally or within a short distance of the major transport hubs will often make use of the public option, those with families needing to food shop, deliver children to care in order to work, deliver the older siblings to sporting activities etc will not be able to do so without family transport. If this means parking a distance away from their front door - or taking a chance with the wardens from time to time, then that is what they will do. The argument that young people don't have the same expectations of ownership these days is true - until they have parental responsibilities and need to take on the above tasks. Also to encourage people to get to work on time, whether commuting in or out of the centre, public transport needs to be reliable or the employer needs to supply a resource (the Grove runs a mini bus to pick up staff from Watford Jcn and the library).	10/8/2018 4:29 PM
94	pavements resurfaced, more safe crossing points	10/7/2018 8:02 PM
95	Get rid of underpasses which are scary and tired and replace with crossings and over the road crossings like on a40. As before lower the cost of the overpriced arriva buses.	10/7/2018 5:56 PM
96	People will always need to use cars as we live in a fragmented society where families and friends are live miles apart however wider pavements could provide safer spaces for walking and cycling	10/7/2018 8:10 AM

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97	I would use buses more if more routes were available with more frequent timetables especially in the evenings. I do not have a bus service that takes me close enough to the Harlequin centre to be able to use it when doing heavyish shopping. At present, with the building works, bus travel has been very difficult with bus stops being moved without information being given anywhere about the changes. Travel to St Albans is easier, more frequent and convenient stops and journey times (321 bus). Travel to Watford hospital means having 2 buses per hour. A hospital appointment can take half a day all told. Being a pensioner I have a bus pass which is great; feel sorry for young and out of work people, schoolchildren who have to pay the fares.	10/6/2018 3:24 PM
98	My daily journey is 9 miles each way and there is no public transport from Hempstead Road area to Flaunden (near Bovington). I also have to carry heavy items so walking long distances is not feasible. It is journeys like these that ensure we have to use personal cars as public transport is not suitable.	10/6/2018 2:46 PM
99	Vastly improved public transport.	10/6/2018 2:13 PM
100	I cannot drive nor cycle and hardly ever use the bus but I do think that improved bus services would help the situation.	10/6/2018 1:28 PM
101	I always walk, cycle or use a bus for all journeys within the borough unless I have to carry a load. This behaviour should be encouraged with incentives.	10/6/2018 8:51 AM
102	Cycling, if I felt safer. Walking, if I could cross the roads more quickly as there can be a lot of dead time waiting to cross a road. Also for walking if there were shortcuts for pedestrians only	10/5/2018 10:13 PM
103	Free bus pass for over 60s	10/5/2018 8:44 PM
104	Many areas are currently dangerous for cyclists - cycle lanes where possible or cycle routes would be a good idea	10/5/2018 6:59 PM
105	If the roads weren't so over loaded I would consider cycling , but it is to dangerous at the moment.	10/5/2018 6:43 PM
106	Unless society changes it's outlook as a whole then I cannot see people ditching their cars. The social demeanor of Watford as a whole is too corporate to encourage this attitude. You'd need to pioneer it in the more liberal, arty known districts for it to cotton on. Unfortunately, the retailers that represent this ideal are mostly forced to close because of the INTu centre stealing away custom or turning watford into a bland, eating and drinking night out.	10/5/2018 5:20 PM
107	Better cycle routes, but the answers to 23 & 24 will need a dramatic improvement in public transport services	10/5/2018 5:07 PM
108	You actually cannot deliver points 23 and 24 so why are you even proposing these? You cannot force residents not to have cars. You cannot force people to walk, cycle or take a bus. Sitting on a bus in a queue of traffic is still sitting in a queue of traffic. Point 24 is beyond stupid and any council official actually approving a development without adequate parking deserves to be voted out/sacked, publicly shamed and barred from serving in a public office.	10/5/2018 1:51 PM
109	Cheaper and more frequent bus service - reliability of the buses is very much under question	10/5/2018 1:45 PM
110	a decent bus and train service	10/5/2018 11:16 AM
111	I already walk or bus/train as much as possible. The main problem is the unreliability of bus services, the infrequency, and lack of services into the evening.	10/5/2018 11:06 AM
112	More well maintained (including security/policing) alternate routes	10/5/2018 9:31 AM
113	Walking in Watford is horrible. All you do is breathe in pollution and lorry and bus fumes.	10/5/2018 4:30 AM
114	Making Watford safer. More visible policing	10/4/2018 11:52 PM
115	Safer protected/separated cycle lanes (the Dutch do this very well)	10/4/2018 11:41 PM
116	Provide car clubs and protected cycleways	10/4/2018 9:18 PM
117	Cycle routes, priority to buses or trams	10/4/2018 6:37 PM
118	I already walk for short journeys so need no encouragement.	10/4/2018 4:32 PM
119	Better cycle lanes, better use of the underpasses for bikes, secure bike storage.	10/4/2018 7:52 AM
120	Buses were cut from where I live. Plus buses use to go from Watford junction this has stopped to.	10/4/2018 6:13 AM
121	Free or reduced price public transport for residents. Small bus (like the dolmus in Turkey) licenses to go around the streets not on the main bus routes stopping as requested. Bus hubs where they are simple and easy to go from one to another. Cycle hire scheme like the London bikes	10/3/2018 10:50 PM
122	A better & greater public transport service	10/2/2018 11:44 PM

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123	Speak to the buyers and they will want parking - just by not providing any parking spaces doesn't mean a car is not needed. There is not enough integration or provision for car sharing, electric cars etc yet so it needs to be addressed in the short term - it is unsustainable to just ignore it as it won't go away anytime soon	10/2/2018 5:37 PM
124	Easy bike rental. Better bus services (i.e. buses that actually turn up) and cheaper bus services. Buses are rarely economical if you own a vehicle and especially not if there is more than one person travelling. If buses were cheaper, had more access and routes and ran on time/turned up, more people would likely use them. Perhaps you could survey all the businesses in Watford to find out how their employees commute to work/where they commute from and incentivise businesses with a reduction in business rates if their employees take public transport/green transport options.	10/2/2018 2:50 PM
125	Low crime and feeling safe especially during late evenings Keep cycling routes separate from Pedestrianised areas.	10/1/2018 8:23 PM
126	Its unrealistic to eliminate car parking facilities in any neighbourhood given family development & weather considerations inhibiting the population's willingness to walk or cycle! Pedestrian & cycle routes can only be accommodated where existing traffic congestion is not exacerbated by their provision. Redevelop Watford Junction & its surrounding area for commuters benefit & as an efficient landmark for arrival in & departure from Watford. Network WJ with all other rail networks especially for access to London & across the South East of England.	10/1/2018 4:33 PM
127	More places to leave my bike. Slower vehicle speeds across the borough.	9/30/2018 9:53 PM
128	Better, more frequent public transport that is reliable and on time	9/30/2018 7:39 PM
129	Enforce a ban on cycling on existing pavements.	9/30/2018 5:36 PM
130	Not sure	9/30/2018 9:16 AM
131	Improved public transport and cheaper fares.	9/29/2018 7:45 AM
132	Reliable, clean, safe public transport that is economically priced.	9/28/2018 6:51 PM
133	Safety pavements for pedestrian please. I always see cyclists using the pavements rather than the road. Please can you ensure cyclists are NOT using the pavements?	9/28/2018 3:12 PM
134	I do not own a car	9/28/2018 9:10 AM
135	Free public transport routes.	9/27/2018 12:48 PM
136	Possibly extending the freedom pass to hertfordshire or introducing a similar system to encourage rail travel	9/27/2018 5:55 AM
137	Safe routes, protected cycle paths and joined up routes not ones that just end abruptly	9/26/2018 7:26 PM
138	better public transport	9/26/2018 7:22 PM
139	None. I don't have 15, 20 or 30 minutes to spare, waiting in the rain and/or snow when taking my children to and from school. If I didn't work I could take all the time in the world, but I do work so I don't have time to spare. Whilst focusing on walking and/or cycling may work with young couples working in the local area, it will do little to help families who have numerous daily commitments and toddlers too young to walk or cycle to fulfil daily requirements.	9/26/2018 6:02 PM
140	I am happy to walk short distances. Cycling is only for leisure. I am fed up with cyclists not obeying the highway code and not respecting pedestrians and do not think they should be encouraged.	9/26/2018 5:39 PM
141	Buses every half an hour which are cheap	9/26/2018 4:21 PM
142	Improve public transport Make cycling safer take your life into your hands when you set out on a bike	9/26/2018 7:22 AM
143	Street lighting needs to be brighter - new lighting makes pathways darker than previous 'orang' lighting	9/26/2018 6:37 AM
144	More frequent buses.	9/26/2018 6:31 AM
145	Getting into the local school not a school further away because of lack of places	9/25/2018 7:19 PM
146	None at my age of 75 years when I am finding walking more difficult.	9/25/2018 4:27 PM
147	Introducing car free areas, will not stop people having cars. Doing that within the neighbourhood they live I don't think will be that effective, only clog up other roads with their vehicles. However maybe there could be car free parts of the road network? For example, if there was a parking facility just on the outskirts of the town, that had a free shuttle bus to Watford junction on a very regular basis and with a bus lane, that would be really great. It would ease a lot of traffic on that section, plus its very expensive to park at the junction so commuters would appreciate that.	9/25/2018 1:43 PM

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148	Designated cycle paths/routes that allow separation from vehicles	9/25/2018 12:36 PM
149	Slightly confused by this. In an ideal world there would be less cars on the streets but if you keep building housing there Will be more cars on the streets. And if you build a development with No car parking spaces they will.park elsewhere and make it a nightmare for other residents.	9/25/2018 11:01 AM
150	Less population More schools Better roads More hospitals Bigger parks	9/25/2018 8:33 AM
151	Better walk ways Better lighting at night Subsidised bus journeys Free/subsidised bike hire Cycle paths	9/24/2018 11:21 PM
152	Cheaper public transport	9/24/2018 6:58 PM
153	More frequent public transport with dedicated lanes	9/24/2018 6:08 PM
154	Don't know.	9/24/2018 5:51 PM
155	I would cycle to Watford junction from north Watford but St Albans Road is too heavily congested with vehicles and I wouldn't feel safe. Subsidised courses at the Watford cycle hub would be great to encourage greater use of cycles. Sectioned off cycle lanes where road width permits.	9/24/2018 5:15 PM
156	Cycle lanes on Aldenham rd - would require removal of parking spaces More parking at Bushey station	9/24/2018 5:13 PM
157	Cycle lanes	9/24/2018 5:06 PM
158	I do not drive and public transport or walking is my only means of getting places the service in my area is very bad and if I have an appointment at the hospital in Watford I have a long walk or have to go for an ealier bus than I need just in case the bus does not come (which happens quite often) so to have a reliable service would be a great help. I am lucky to have a bus pass but for families the cost of going on the bus is very high so paying for a bus or paying less to park in a car park is less hassle. So price needs to be looked at.	9/24/2018 11:34 AM
159	Have cycle lanes keep bicycle's away from traffic, reliable bus service.	9/24/2018 11:10 AM
160	Total traffic segregation (either by time or by location) so that cyclists and walkers felt safe.	9/23/2018 5:53 PM
161	See previous comments about rail links. As I carry a laptop with me for work walking or cycling with it can be awkward. Most road based public transport seems to go in the wrong direction for work and is just fighting for space on the roads anyway. Banning one mode of transport from our roads in favour of another is never going to work as hardly anybody is able to survive without a car round here unless you can improve the frequency and areas served to he same level as central London. We all need to go shopping and hardly anybody does the daily shop like a housewife did in the sixties. So unless we all get food delivered in the evenings at some point we need to visit a supermarket. You get the general idea. Cars are not solely used for the journey to work.	9/23/2018 3:46 PM
162	Safer cycle routes Reliable buses	9/23/2018 3:27 PM
163	None.	9/23/2018 2:07 PM
164	Cheaper fares and frequent. A Watford oyster card.	9/23/2018 11:17 AM
165	Having a tram service into Watford town dedicated freeway for walking and cycling	9/21/2018 10:55 PM
166	Safer and clearly defined cycle paths. The one from The Parade to the Lower High Street has never been effective. Even when it was a clearly defined cycle path, pedestrians wandered across it without checking if there was a bike nearby and stood on the cycle path chatting. Cyclists need to be encouraged to cycle mindfully - many just cycle on footpaths, ignore traffic lights and one way streets. Starting at school children need to be taught how to cycle safely and as pedestrians need to be taught to be aware of bikes as well as cars.	9/21/2018 7:18 PM
167	cheap home delivery services	9/21/2018 12:34 PM
168	Don't let Arrivia cancel bus routes. The 324 now being stopped was my only way to travel by public transport and now will be stopped.	9/20/2018 2:10 PM
169	Less vehicles on the road! You could ease conjection on rubbish collection days by moving the collection to an off-peak time. Relocate or expand Bus Stops where possible to allow the bus to enter a lay-by, thereby allow traffic to pass by. Where possible provide bridges or underpasses instead of road crossings.	9/19/2018 11:39 PM
170	For me it's better trains. Better as in more and longer into London as I'm a commuter. Sometimes it's quicker for me to walk into Watford than drive. If I worked in Watford I'd probably get the London overground.	9/19/2018 2:39 PM
171	dedicated cycle paths	9/19/2018 1:35 PM

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172	None	9/18/2018 8:40 PM
173	a better bus service and cheaper fares	9/18/2018 3:53 PM
174	Reduce bus fares	9/18/2018 2:48 PM
175	24 above is ok but must recognise the plight of the disabled, the elderly etc; who may not be able to walk, ride or use buses etc;. There is also the problem of deliveries etc;. A blanket ban is impossible.	9/18/2018 12:53 PM
176	You are never going to get rid of the car (simple fact). to use public transport :- fares have to be radically reduced, other sources of transport would need to be looked at for elderly & disabled. Improvements to Walkways and Cycle lane (extensions)	9/18/2018 12:27 PM
177	Cycling: more cycling lanes that are safe and well maintained and well lit in the evenings, maybe advance start area by traffic lights that is reserved to cyclists, more cycle racks to leave bikes safely by the shops, doctors, offices, stations, etc. Drivers and pedestrians also need to be educated about cyclists. Safety is the main concern when cycling. Public transport: is not very cheap (it costs quite a bit more to travel 15 min to town centre than for an adult and 2 children to take an underground train into central London!) , bus schedules or bus routes are not always convenient, buses don't always keep to the schedule (too early and don't wait or very late). Cost and inconvenient bus routes/schedules are the main concerns for using buses.	9/17/2018 11:24 PM
178	Need a better bus service that is reasonable too. Key workers should have free transport but as some areas have been cut off such as the busy Meridan area then there is no hope for that. Bus companies cant afford to keep some routes going. So if this is the case then more cars will be used.	9/17/2018 8:20 PM
179	Better public transport. Cleaner, more frequent, comfortable and easy to access electric buses. Cheaper taxis - £7 to get travel 1 mile is too expensive. Zipcar ideas. Town centre and surrounding areas trams.	9/17/2018 1:57 PM
180	Reliable public transport (clean, safe, on time) Perks/Rewards for cycling/walking (gift vouchers/gym memberships/free swims/meal out vouchers/cinema tickets etc.)	9/17/2018 1:48 PM
181	I don't use a car in Watford!	9/17/2018 12:12 PM
182	Cycle lanes that are separated from cars. Shared use cycling on pavements in some areas with an accompanying campaign to encourage considerate behaviour from cyclists and pedestrians.	9/16/2018 4:11 PM
183	Cheaper and more frequent bus provision. A bus every 20 mins is not acceptable	9/16/2018 2:37 PM
184	Provide good public transport! If you build it, people will use it. No-one likes sitting in gridlock, but often there's no alternative.	9/16/2018 10:48 AM
185	Better road facilities for cyclists - no sharing of road space with cars/ lorries / buses. Better surfaces roads - better pothole repair	9/15/2018 9:34 PM
186	Safer cycle routes and more introduction of cycle lanes. Without them certain routes feel unwise at certain times and it discourages younger people from cycling.	9/15/2018 12:46 PM
187	Cycle hire \ share schemes. More frequent, reliable buses that serve a wider area.	9/15/2018 11:23 AM
188	I do not drive.	9/14/2018 7:42 PM
189	Lower traffic speeds and volumes, footways and cycleways prioritised at junctions.	9/14/2018 7:24 PM
190	Improve and extend the cycle paths.	9/14/2018 1:56 PM
191	No parking areas only displaces the parking to other residential area. Happening already. More cycle lanes.. extend tube line discounts to outer areas like watford	9/14/2018 1:21 PM
192	Already reliant on public transport.	9/14/2018 12:16 PM
193	Better maintained footpaths and more frequent and reliable public transport. The buses in Watford are not only unreliable but very, very expensive. Ensure that all footpaths with cycle paths are properly maintained and that trees, bushes etc are properly trimmed. There are lots of areas where the grass verges encroach over the tarmac and where trees and hedges grow over boundary fences and restrict safe passage.	9/14/2018 11:16 AM
194	More regular, reliable buses. This will encourage people to use public transport rather than drive.	9/14/2018 11:11 AM
195	Cycle and walkways need to be away from roads to make them attractive for users and to reduce pressure on roads. Cars/individual transport still needs to be available for small businesses, of which there are many in Watford	9/14/2018 1:10 AM

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196	all cycle paths and walkways should be well away from traffic to make the journey a pleasant alternative to road use eg. the cycle path over Radlett Road rec into the bottom of the High St is pleasant and fast, taking in green scenery and away from car fumes. But denying people car use is pretty much denying them the opportunity to run their own businesses, as anyone providing the kind of one-to-one services that are likely to outlive automation needs to have their own independent transport and they will need to park it somewhere.	9/14/2018 12:32 AM
197	this is England and guess what it bloody well rains a lot of the time so not surprised people use cars.	9/13/2018 10:22 PM
198	I live a walking distance to everything (station, kids school, gp, town centre) so I already walk. I only use the car for long journeys, when collecting or carrying large items, or where public transport is poor. For example, I always drive to Rickmansworth and St Albans but never into London or Milton Keynes. The train is great for the latter two, a waste of time for the former two.	9/13/2018 9:15 PM
199	Make the public transport better value for money, more reliable & run at all times not stop at 7pm when people are going out for evenings...	9/13/2018 6:37 PM
200	People who drive will always drive. I don't think building developments with no parking is the answer - they'll just park somewhere else and make congestion worse.	9/13/2018 5:19 PM
201	See previous answer about compulsory car clubs and arranging free delivery days for internet grocery deliveries in new developments. Also consider play streets and alternating floors of developments between light commercial (office) and residential to enable an even time spread of service requirements and footfall / presence (electrical grid loading, sewerage, noise transmission etc).	9/13/2018 4:36 PM
202	People will always want the convenience of their own car and why shouldn't they. public transport is terrible.	9/13/2018 3:55 PM
203	I already walk to the station	9/13/2018 3:28 PM
204	cheaper and more reliable public transport more convenient routes etc	9/13/2018 3:25 PM
205	Improve the trains. For short journeys everything is fine.	9/13/2018 2:43 PM
206	I walk wherever I can within Watford, and use the train/tube network when going into Watford. I used to cycle more but I think Watford has become more unfriendly to cyclists and have reduced my cycle journeys. I do use my car, but a little as possible.	9/13/2018 1:47 PM
207	i do not use a car	9/13/2018 1:38 PM
208	For Q24, you would need to provide decent bus services to make this viable but it is a good option. My response to this is the same as the previous. Make the bus reliable and affordable. Also, what happened to the Met line extension. This would have been such an incredible boon to the region but it would seem mismanagement and incompetence have killed it. If this route had been finished, I could have used that to get into town (and it would have been faster and cheaper than the bus options).	9/13/2018 11:57 AM
209	Affordable public transport. Designated cycle lanes.	9/13/2018 11:23 AM
210	Cycle paths should be safer. They should link up. Cars should not be allowed to park on designated paths.	9/13/2018 10:00 AM
211	More bus routes. Less traffic and fumes.	9/12/2018 9:45 PM
212	That will never happen and I don't own a car, had to use public transport or walk all my life.	9/12/2018 5:30 PM
213	Safe and pleasant routes/paths and public transport that is organised to help the passenger achieve efficient travel - often not the case with buses in Watford.	9/12/2018 4:58 PM
214	Reducing the costs of public transport.	9/12/2018 4:56 PM
215	Better cycle lanes Incentives for cycling Free bike hire (coin deposit used so bikes returned) Walking paths Cheaper yearly bus passes or on monthly direct debit For longer journeys into town, bikes allowed on buses to encourage use of both.	9/12/2018 9:02 AM
216	Introduce zip cars for those who only need their own transport less often	9/12/2018 9:01 AM
217	More frequent buses, extended overground. I already walk for journeys within 20 mins walk. As a mother I want to spend as much time as I can with my family and that means using the quicker way of transport to get to work, at the moment is the car.	9/12/2018 8:09 AM
218	make the walk pleasurable - no fumes, cafés, green areas, more facilities cycle lanes, cycle parking more buses/hop on tram (circular) increase car park charges (£1 to council) avoid dead areas esp at night - ie good lighting, night time activities (restaurants, bars, music venues, theatres etc)	9/11/2018 7:40 PM

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219	I won't let my children or husband walk through Cassiobury Park to get to school or work, I will drive them as the park is not safe. There are no patrols, no cameras and my husband has been beaten and robbed there in the past. I also won't let my youngest walk to school because of the bad drivers and the way people park near the school (on curbs, double yellow lines) As many people don't walk the walking paths are deserted, unlit and usually you have to walk out of your way to get where you are going. So well lit paths, security cameras and straight pathways would encourage walkers. Separate bike paths, not just next to the walking paths as that is unsafe.	9/11/2018 9:32 AM
220	Safe, usable and connected cycle paths. It should be possible for a family to be able to cycle safely between any 2 points in Watford	9/10/2018 10:17 PM
221	clock face bus service.	9/10/2018 4:27 PM
222	Pavements improved, many are in need of maintenance , have cars parked on them, no defined cycle lane or have overgrown bushes or trees.	9/10/2018 3:10 PM
223	depends on the reason for the journey. Commute, shop, leisure etc.	9/10/2018 12:32 PM
224	Better cycle or pedestrian access /paths into Watford -try walking into Watford from Oxhey village and you will see my point-traffic is very busy and there are very dangerous crossing points on the way-the new pelican crossing by Dalton way, by the new Mercedes garage is my point. Cars do not stop for you when you are waiting there and now there is no clear signage at the lights to enable pedestrians to cross-very difficult when you have young children and are trying to teach them that walking into town is preferable!	9/10/2018 12:06 PM
225	Affordable/reliable public transport (provision to Woodside is neither when you are travelling with a family). Routes that are safe, pleasant and direct to walk or cycle. Secure bike storage at the destination (I would be willing to pay a modest amount for supervised bike parking when visiting the town centre, much as I pay to park the car in a car park).	9/10/2018 11:14 AM
226	Joined-up and preferably segregated cycle lanes Secure cycle parking preferably under a shelter of some kind Decent regular bus services	9/10/2018 9:38 AM
227	It is cheaper and convenient Currently no tube line from central to Watford junction	9/10/2018 12:50 AM
228	Fix all the poor pavements and pot holes - especially across West Watford. Cycling is dangerous on some streets thanks to short sighted Council decisions.	9/9/2018 9:42 PM
229	A decent public transport system which is non existent. There have been times I have opted for public transport and waited and no bus turned up or was severely delayed. I ended up walking over 35mins to get home. Next time I did the same journey I took the car.	9/9/2018 8:47 PM
230	Safety of cycle lanes and more places to park bikes.	9/9/2018 1:32 PM
231	As stated, people need to feel safe when cycling or walking so cycle routes and pedestrian walkways should be separate from cars. Not just a painted line where buses pull over or where cyclists are squeezed by cars but separate paths!	9/9/2018 1:08 PM
232	I walk everywhere anyway but building 'car-free' neighbourhoods is wishful thinking and just avoiding the issue - people DO have cars, especially families. Its a fact that needs to be addressed and accommodated. In high rises, perhaps factor in an underground car park where possible?	9/9/2018 12:57 PM
233	Make it easy!!! For example where do 200 people keep their bikes in high rise buildings. A town bike scheme may resolve this type of issues of part of all new schemes. Note car free do not work as the are still needed for longer journeys. People who put them some where and cause congested parking areas.	9/9/2018 9:29 AM
234	cheaper costs to use	9/9/2018 9:04 AM
235	I do all those listed. However, it's not as simple as removing cars etc because of lifestyle. There is also need to factor in disability.	9/9/2018 1:23 AM
236	cheaper fares and reliable bus services that go often and up to late night and in early mornings. Could have flyer services eg between hemel stalbans and st albans to watford - would allow people to get to other choices of work more easily and leave cars behind - eg I would not mind working or visiting st albsn - but do not drive - a flyer servicewould be great.	9/8/2018 7:30 PM
237	If the cycle paths were joined up not just a few yards here and a few more there to meet some sort of quota Buses affordable and reliable and frequent Being able to walk where you are not just breathing traffic fumes and can't hear yourself think for car noise.	9/8/2018 5:29 PM
238	Public transport must be cheaper to encourage people to use it more. You may think about subsidy e.g. like London transport.	9/8/2018 5:09 PM
239	Better pavement surfaces, less dog poo!	9/8/2018 2:42 PM
240	Much more frequent buses	9/8/2018 1:54 PM

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241	Separate Cycle lanes More rail links	9/8/2018 1:24 PM
242	Segregated cycle lanes, if on-road separated with bollards Provision of covered cycle parking / docking Introduce lower-cost pay-as-you-go contactless ticketing on local buses. Operators currently price their single fares high forcing users to buy daily and weekly passes and limiting the appeal of their services to frequent users.	9/8/2018 11:49 AM
243	Keep cyclists off the pavement - very dangerous - by providing better cycle routes & enforcing law. Improve the appalling local bus services.	9/8/2018 11:47 AM
244	Advertise the serious harm being done to our children's health by the use of cars, in particular short journeys. More cycle lanes and reintroduce them into town centre - idea of removing them was daft and dangerous. Put up signs saying how many steps to town centre and promote idea of doing so many steps per day. Also advertise the harm being done to our children's health by the use of cars	9/8/2018 10:58 AM
245	I have the impression that the bus services in Watford are not very reliable and expensive	9/8/2018 10:48 AM
246	frequency and reliability of buses.	9/8/2018 8:36 AM
247	It is unrealistic to expect people to walk or cycle as opposed to using a car. Yes introduce cycling and walking initiatives, but be realistic, more people equals more cars	9/8/2018 8:18 AM
248	Footpaths/cyclepaths maintained. Routes available which avoid or provide safe crossing of busy roads.	9/8/2018 6:53 AM
249	Better lighting, more frequent buses currently where I live you wait 20 mins on average for a bus and then at least 3 turn up together. Make fares cheaper for commuters. It cost me 1.30 to get to the station. It doesn't cost me that much in petrol to drive there	9/8/2018 1:11 AM
250	Q 23 and 24 are silly . Most people jobs are not walking distance. Q 24 this would be impossible	9/8/2018 12:47 AM
251	protected cycle lanes	9/7/2018 11:57 PM
252	clear bus routes - I have lived in watford for 5 years and have no idea which buses operate where and the frequency - bus stops need detailed information akin to other suburbs such as Harrow.	9/7/2018 11:46 PM
253	Shopper shuttle bus, stopping at Cassiobury at a reduced fare.	9/7/2018 11:06 PM
254	Unless there is a serious sustained honest intent to provide good surfaces for cycling (pot hole repair/ continuous cycle lanes) and for walking level pavements your public will only think you are paying lip service to initiatives and you will lose support and votes. The traffic in Watford is not conducive to safe cycling.	9/7/2018 10:43 PM
255	More bike paths, separated cycle lanes on one way streets, covered bike parking. Commercial developments to have showers and changing facilities. More covered bike parking at stations and shopping areas/centres. Cycle paths to schools.	9/7/2018 10:08 PM
256	Cheaper and more reliable public transport.	9/7/2018 8:52 PM
257	You must provide parking, but new developments should be forced to use underground parking to reduce congestion.	9/7/2018 8:02 PM
258	Building flats with no parking is madness. More congestion on surrounding roads. Parking restrictions and properly policed 24 hour permit areas are needed	9/7/2018 7:53 PM
259	More frequent buses. I can't use the number 8 bus to Mount Vernon [REDACTED] as the bus is infrequent and the route too indirect.	9/7/2018 7:45 PM
260	Frequency, 24 hour service and funding to reduce cost of tickets to encourage using public transport	9/7/2018 6:58 PM
261	Transient workforces mean we all have family around the country and need cars, especially for medical emergencies and those with disabilities.	9/7/2018 6:50 PM
262	Safe lanes away from the main roads	9/7/2018 6:07 PM
263	Car free neighbourhoods would not be workable. Perhaps a park and ride scheme but with the reliability of the current public transport people probably wouldn't trust it.	9/7/2018 6:01 PM
264	Better cycle paths and regular, cheap or free buses	9/7/2018 5:59 PM
265	Cleaner air, a one stop shop for bus info, somewhere safe to lock up my bike.	9/7/2018 5:56 PM
266	I already walk and cycle into town. An online bus information app would be good, like the one for railways where you can enter where you are going to and from, indicating nearest bus stop, change information, journey time etc.	9/7/2018 5:41 PM
267	Improve bus services by frequency & time they operate into evening	9/7/2018 5:23 PM

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268	more trees/garden like to protect against sun less pollution cheaper	9/7/2018 5:12 PM
269	I do that already.	9/7/2018 4:42 PM
270	Improvements on Walkways & Cycle paths. Improvements to Bus routes, reliability & on time. Better accessibility for those of elderly years and Disabilities	9/7/2018 4:13 PM
271	I need my car for work as I do site visits	9/7/2018 3:37 PM
272	Safety, both for walkers and cyclists.	9/7/2018 3:19 PM
273	Control the weather so that it's fine to walk and cycle? Ok, that's not an option... car free cycle routes and widening a circle around he town which is for pedestrians only. Within the train and underground triangle of the town seems a fair area for no cars	9/7/2018 2:34 PM
274	I don't feel safe cycling on public highways. Having cycle lanes away from the main roads would make them much more appealing. For instance the lanes along the river Colne in Radlett Road.	9/7/2018 2:28 PM
275	Safer areas with reduced crime rates and better lighting might encourage people to walk.	9/7/2018 2:20 PM
276	park and ride, reduced public transport expense	9/7/2018 2:19 PM
277	carrying shopping would be an issue for particularly the elderly if they were not to be able to use their own transport	9/7/2018 2:09 PM
278	I need my car for work as visit sites	9/7/2018 1:53 PM

Q26 How do you think Watford town centre could be further improved?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Limit to bars / nightclubs in the top of the town - alas the town centre is a rather Jekyll & Hyde place between day and night. Reduce the square footage space outside their premises that restaurants can use. With the market now having been spilled onto the High street / parade and more restaurants barricading spaces in front of their premises for eating, the top half of the town is becoming a very narrow pedestrian area instead of being the open area that it used to be. With cyclists and pedestrians mixing in a very crowded area, it's a recipe for potential accidents. Better pavement cleaning is needed. Great that the new Charter place development has new paving stones etc but the existing paving in that area hasn't been cleaned in order to look equally as new. It lessens the impact of the new development, if the other existing parts surrounding it still look dirty.	10/21/2018 10:37 PM
2	Keep the traffic out.	10/21/2018 10:32 AM
3	The crappy 70s style office above a lot of the properties on The Parade really need addressing. Can something be done about the aesthetic of the flyover? It really brings down the look of the town.	10/19/2018 11:48 PM
4	Better contract management! Why does the town centre pavement look so scruffy a couple of years after it was installed? Learning best practice from well designed town centres that have managed to stay competitive e.g. Brighton	10/19/2018 11:32 PM
5	Improve the market, where it is now it's dying	10/19/2018 10:20 PM
6	Restore the one bell to a pub or even a gastropub. There are so many restaurants in the town that it is completely unnecessary to add another one. I think the use of flowers vastly improve the look and feel of a town. Provide more homeless accommodation.	10/19/2018 10:16 PM
7	The town centre is really pleasant, with a pedestrian area, lots of shops. Possible brands missing: Aldi or Lidl, TKMaxx (to replace the one on St Albans that is part of redevelopment)	10/19/2018 10:08 PM
8	by encouraging smaller business instead of catering for the big boys	10/19/2018 8:59 PM
9	Separate cycle paths (dangerous for both cyclist and pedestrians when mixed). Work with Intu to allow different contracts for small retailers - better to have someone there who opens a local business in family friendly hours than require them to be open late and every day ...	10/19/2018 5:28 PM
10	No comments.	10/19/2018 3:47 PM
11	Safer crossing at the junction of Watford High Street and Market Street.	10/19/2018 3:45 PM
12	I think the new development will be great but needs to stay open later on more weekdays.	10/19/2018 3:42 PM
13	Have a decent Watford market. Some more public space and seating. Not so many nightclubs, especially with drinking and loud music.	10/19/2018 3:31 PM
14	The location of the market is a complete disaster. I cannot understand how planners thought it to be a good location. I hope the responsible people are not involved in this plan. We would be better with an occasional market set up in the Parade of High Street. Restrict traffic to buses and taxis only, perhaps also allowing blue badge holders. Other private motorists should be fined via number plate cameras.	10/19/2018 3:01 PM
15	As highlighted within our response to Questions 1 and 2, it is important that the new Local Plan's policies are sufficiently flexible so as to allow a mix of uses which help enhance the attractiveness and vitality of the town centre.	10/19/2018 2:00 PM
16	Improved bus interchange. Encouraging small businesses and improve street environment of Queens Road and Market Street so that they also become destinations.	10/19/2018 1:33 PM
17	Increase the provision of town centre housing. This will create retail footfall. In the long term Watford shopping cannot compete with out of town for those travelling by car e.g Brent Cross is easier to get to than Watford town centre	10/19/2018 10:06 AM
18	The events in town are great - more please.	10/19/2018 1:59 AM
19	As previously mentioned, reduce the speed limit in the officially pedestrian/cycle areas to 5mph.	10/19/2018 12:06 AM

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20	Re-introduce a separate cycle path in the High Street. It is too dangerous to have cyclists and pedestrians on the same route like that. Don't grant licences to more strip clubs, seedy night clubs and gambling shops. Watford has a horrible reputation for being a seedy town, these kinds of businesses only fuel that reputation.	10/18/2018 11:01 PM
21	reduce parking charges.. what is the point of making the centre more attractive to people if they either can't get there because too much traffic or the parking charges are so so high when they get there. I really like the new centre and am pleased to see that a cinema and bowling alley will come soon.. But will the hordes come?? Let's see!	10/18/2018 10:27 PM
22	Holding more events in the town centre, for example a Classic Car & heritage day,	10/18/2018 9:46 PM
23	Cheaper rates so more shops can come and stay in Watford instead of pop up shops that last a month, cheaper car parking. Move the market and make it big again, its not the same anymore. Have it like St Albans so that Saturdays the High Street from King Street upwards in all market, so people can get their fruit and veg, have different types of makets ie French, German.	10/18/2018 4:30 PM
24	By letting it keep the little character it still has and not making it an identikit town like so many others.	10/18/2018 12:54 PM
25	More independent shops and restaurants. Opportunities for cultural activities (gallery space, arts centre, crafts workshops). Opportunities for pop-up events or open-air markets etc.	10/18/2018 10:44 AM
26	Need to ensure there are a mixture of shops and not allow the current operator to remove popular shops that they feel don't 'fit' with their image. Consideration should be give to shoppers of all ages, for example a grocery shop and post office in the middle of the highstreet that is easily accessible when stepping off the bus would be better for older resident - currently these are too far away.	10/18/2018 8:05 AM
27	Knock it down and start again!	10/17/2018 6:58 PM
28	Update the lower high st to bring it up to the standard of the new build & top of town. No more nightclubs! Community events.	10/17/2018 6:36 PM
29	The centre has improved, but much of the area remains more car friendly than people friendly. There is little need for fast multi-lane roads around the centre, and ways of making more of the centre and the immediately surrounding area more pedestrian friendly should be explored. This is likely to involve the greater use of shared surface areas - to make the area feel safer and more comfortable and welcoming to shoppers and visitors, together with the reduction of unnecessary signage with greater greening where possible.	10/17/2018 6:02 PM
30	I think access to and from it should be improved. Again, better public transport. But if you are trying to encourage more cycling where will cycles be locked..I cycle to my allotment as it's safe...but I'd never cycle to work (the hospital) or to the town centre. I wouldn't feel safe. I think the car parking is too expensive...Also on the High St there are many shops closed down which is not a sign of a vibrant town if retailers can't afford to be there. The new Watford Market is not in the right place and was a massive mistake.	10/17/2018 4:41 PM
31	Most of the people I know don't go there because it is difficult to access, expensive to park, not a great experience when you're there, feels unsafe in places and at certain times. If I do go in the evening safe parking is problematic - don't know which car parks are open late and where the access and exit points are (the Oracle in Reading Town Centre is really good - please compare).	10/17/2018 12:34 PM
32	Sort out the empty buildings at the top of the town. Try and encourage more independent shops outside of the Intu centre by offering reduced rent and rates. Continue to offer your excellent range of free cultural activities in the town centre. The market has been a complete disaster in its present site. Put some additional housing there and find a better venue for a small indoor market open 7 days a week - see Exmouth as a good example.	10/17/2018 12:13 PM
33	Reinstate more seating, public toilets, water fountains.	10/17/2018 2:00 AM
34	Tram	10/16/2018 2:46 PM
35	More concerts by local orchestras and bands would be lovely.	10/16/2018 12:42 PM
36	The centre has just gone through a massive regeneration so now is time for a pause and literally "let the dust settle". I know of many that have stopped going into Watford as it has been so dirty. Better signage to the hospital	10/16/2018 10:39 AM
37	Prevent access by all but PSVs to pedestrianised centre. Encourage mixed retail and entertainment facilities, granting favourable tax treatment to encourage small businesses. Enhance provision of trees/plants etc and reduce concrete. Protect existing stock of older buildings and preserve views of them	10/16/2018 9:55 AM
38	No more development until transport is sorted out.	10/15/2018 8:39 PM

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39	Regular activities. ...a kids play area	10/15/2018 5:07 PM
40	High end / independent restaurants, not just high street chains. More pedestrianisation of the high street.	10/15/2018 4:29 PM
41	Pedestrianisation. It was much easier to get around when there is no traffic to contend with. Better transport links Subsidised parking for users of the new cinema/bowling alley	10/15/2018 12:41 PM
42	More independent shops/restaurants would be good as you get the usual array of fashion shops from large chains and coffee shop/restaurant chains - quite boring! A monoculture. Watford has no character without shops/coffee shops and restaurants that are independent. How about a farmers' market on a weekend as St Albans have?	10/15/2018 12:15 PM
43	Pedestrianise the entire High Street.	10/15/2018 1:00 AM
44	Improve st Albans road Improve the appearance of watford not just the town centre and Hempstead road	10/14/2018 8:46 PM
45	Make it a family environment, reduce number of bars and nightclubs	10/14/2018 8:20 PM
46	Pedestrianise the high street. Police presence to reduce crime. More traffic wardens particularly around schools and roads with permit parking	10/14/2018 7:32 PM
47	Put the market back at its centre.	10/14/2018 7:27 PM
48	Intu (sic) shopping centre is a magnet which could kill the High Street. Offer Lower rates and rents for small independent Shops. Encourage pop-up shops. Introduce the tramline up and down the High Street as a Phase 1, extending the Line to the Stations later.	10/14/2018 6:30 PM
49	I have not yet visited myself, but through my line of work I have spoke to many different people of all ages, sex, and personalities who have and the main line of feedback seems to be that the new place is lovely, but now just makes the old place look even older and run down. Investment needs to be made in other areas to prevent the town becoming a place of two halves.	10/14/2018 1:35 PM
50	- more public places to meetup/chill	10/14/2018 11:31 AM
51	Stop the building work. Again, let's maintain what we have and stop wasting valuable maintenance money on glamour projects.	10/13/2018 8:58 PM
52	More trees, more water flowing, less chain restaurants, make it more like St Albans	10/13/2018 5:31 PM
53	Further provision for homelessness.	10/13/2018 8:33 AM
54	Cycle lanes	10/12/2018 1:22 PM
55	Encourage smaller independent business, retail and restaurants and bars, giving them incentives over large chains. Big department stores are important (Debenhams and John Lewis for example) but we should also aim to develop a thriving 'small' business feel to encourage people to visit the area. I'm thinking places like The Lanes in Brighton for example.	10/12/2018 10:39 AM
56	Provide support to homeless and drug users. Around Church car park in the centre of town there are many people who would benefit from this.	10/12/2018 8:14 AM
57	Not sure.	10/11/2018 9:17 PM
58	Find suitable tenants for the recently closed shops, such as BHS, Maplin and Toys R Us.	10/11/2018 8:34 PM
59	Do something about unused retail like the former BHS store.	10/11/2018 6:14 PM
60	Why another cinema and bowling? A trampoline park/ice skating/something we don't have would be better	10/11/2018 6:10 PM
61	First of all it needs to get cleaned, all the buildings look awful and dirty. I don't undrestand why council used light colour flooring in town as they get dirty in kess than 2 months!!!	10/11/2018 11:30 AM
62	Better shops/restaurants at the Sainsbury's end of town. Cheaper parking to attract more visitors to stay longer and visit more often and therefore spend more money. Lots of homeless people begging. Need to find a way to move them on/help them.	10/10/2018 7:53 PM
63	Support for smaller community businesses who will not be able to face the rent or rates now that the town centre has been improved - support for independent restaurants and shops. Whilst the variety of chain restaurants is great (and the increase in variety in Intu is appreciated) many of the best voted restaurants in Watford are independents and should be protected.	10/10/2018 6:42 PM
64	Although you need the big chains to get the vast numbers of customers in, I think also focusing on independent business owners will make Watford stand out from the rest of the towns around it, so independent coffee shops, restaurants, boutiques and where possible trying to keep the market as it was always a market town.	10/10/2018 12:08 PM
65	Short term rents to encourage innovative pop-up culture.	10/10/2018 11:48 AM

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66	Less traffic, clean & tidy. Infrastructure needs to encourage sociability.	10/10/2018 11:10 AM
67	The centre of town has been looking quite good this year. The only real complaint is the stupid market. What an eyesore.	10/9/2018 11:35 PM
68	Think the new building works/project looks great in central Watford	10/9/2018 9:14 PM
69	Make sure pavements are clean and tidy. Encourage shops with higher quality products and have fewer cheap/budget retailers	10/9/2018 8:33 PM
70	Unfortunately, online ordering has made visiting the shops often unnecessary and unenticing, apart from clothes shopping. The recent absence of a proper bookshop and abundance of 'pound shops' makes for a less attractive experience. The cinema and restaurants might help promote the centre, but would probably increase evening visitors rather than daytime. The new build architecture could be more aesthetically pleasing.	10/9/2018 2:02 PM
71	Less empty shops. Market in a terrible place.	10/9/2018 12:51 PM
72	More cycle paths (that are safe for children) - and places to park bikes if cycle paths are introduced. They need to have a barrier from the road in order to make them safe.	10/9/2018 12:14 PM
73	Less empty units. Less shops in one shopping centre. Discount rent for companies that are not chains or are small chains. A good mix of retailers.	10/9/2018 11:00 AM
74	Making it pedestrian only. Lower rent rates, the shops are closing down regularly. Get rid of the nightclubs by the pond, they lead to trouble, people vomiting in the street, food thrown everywhere. Move the market stalls from outside the shops, they leave greasy stains everywhere and people drop food and it stinks.	10/9/2018 10:08 AM
75	All traffic should be removed from the town centre, allowed in no further than the ring road. But again this is probably totally impractical.	10/9/2018 9:47 AM
76	There are still lots of empty spaces on the highstreet and some business are ugly or not necessary	10/9/2018 2:32 AM
77	More indeoendents	10/8/2018 11:32 PM
78	A 2nd back entrance to Watford junction station.	10/8/2018 10:44 PM
79	More good restaurants like Spanish French heathly meditranean /pubs with good ales and live music / high end shops	10/8/2018 10:10 PM
80	Attract carried range is shops Incentivise small local business to operate on the high street	10/8/2018 8:59 PM
81	Improve the safety and feeling of the high street. I walked up tbe high street by myslef one ecening at 5pm. I was too scared to walk back to the car park by myself in the evening. It feel very derelict at the top end near McDonald and the nightclubs.	10/8/2018 8:40 PM
82	Give tax subsidiaries to developing businesses and further to new types of restaurants to promote variety.	10/8/2018 7:14 PM
83	More good independent restaurants, bars and pubs. Honestly I grew up in Watford but even with the new development I would still chose to go elsewhere for a night out. I regularly go out in St Albans for example. I cant remember the last time I went out in watford because it is mainly fully of average chain restaurants. The only good bar is Bodega. A trick has definitely been missed to attract young professionals like myself and my partner, as I end up spending my money elsewhere. I would actually love to be able to have a good night out in watford, it would be far more convenient to go out there.	10/8/2018 6:02 PM
84	Retain and enhance the few remaining historic features of the town. Get rid of the 'container' element of Watford market, which has never worked and bring the market into the High Street where it should be. Hemel Hempstead have 'leaf catcher' roofed structures in the main street which provide weather protection for stall holders and shoppers. Ensure there is sufficient power for food providers and keep the rents reasonable to attract stall holders. Reduce rents for the small High Street units but only to small retailers and offer short leases to encourage the diversity and entrepreneurial spirit that will make Watford a venue of choice as well as convenience.	10/8/2018 4:29 PM
85	Retail parks closed and these tenants provided larger units in the high st.	10/7/2018 8:04 PM
86	Keep it clean.	10/7/2018 7:20 PM
87	Brighter lighting	10/7/2018 5:57 PM
88	By providing much better access by bus. Parking is a nightmare and I avoid shopping here as much as possible by using online shopping and local shops.	10/7/2018 8:31 AM
89	Recreation facilities - boules for the older generation, sports halls, ice rink, snowboarding/ski centre,	10/7/2018 8:13 AM

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90	I try to avoid the town centre especially at weekends due to traffic congestion. During Xmas period many people in Watford i have talked to consider it a no go area. Better traffic flow is a must.	10/6/2018 2:52 PM
91	Halt the building of huge stores. Promote small specialist shops. Return to small shops where customers are known by name and service is personal.	10/6/2018 2:28 PM
92	Keep it as it is!	10/6/2018 1:30 PM
93	By discouraging cars with a congestion charge in the centre and further encouraging use of public transport, cycling and walking.	10/6/2018 9:01 AM
94	All the upper parts of retail to be used constructively, eg housing , offices. Often it looks totally unused when it should be bringing a good income to the council from rates	10/5/2018 10:20 PM
95	Unused buildings or space above shops to become housing	10/5/2018 8:45 PM
96	Less pollution from buses and cleaner streets.	10/5/2018 7:01 PM
97	Doesn't need any more work.	10/5/2018 6:44 PM
98	Everything on the highstreet is the same. I would love to see different parts of the highstreet with their own individual style and for the council to pick up on this and publicize it. By encouraging this sort of diversity we can then start to encourage the whole 'car free' ethos.	10/5/2018 5:24 PM
99	Find a way of removing buses and establishing a bus station at the rear of the High Street, possible off Wellstones or where the BT building is now.	10/5/2018 5:09 PM
100	No more building is needed, that's for sure. More building will attract more cars. Intu is far too large for a town the size of Watford already. Concentrate on what we already have, not what we don't need.	10/5/2018 1:53 PM
101	no more restaurants and drinking and clubbing establishments	10/5/2018 11:18 AM
102	Remove the market from that poky corner and either increase greatly the stalls on The Parade or find another better location for a covered market, devoted mainly to fresh food. Make sure that other services are readily available - library, advice, banking, etc. Make much of our heritage: museum, churches, etc.	10/5/2018 11:15 AM
103	No more nightclubs. Better safety for pedestrians from antisocial cyclists, eg. riding at speed through the town centre when there's many people about, ignoring signs to dismount, etc. Stop people driving through the town centre posing / showing off	10/5/2018 9:43 AM
104	The shops on the high street are not of a good selection. I would turn this into services and food and drink only. Shops in INTU, hair, beauty, barbers, restaurants etc outside.	10/5/2018 4:33 AM
105	By being left alone and preserving some of the town's history and heritage.	10/4/2018 11:53 PM
106	Maintain independent retailers and encourage more to open (offer incentives so can compete with chains) More independent food places/ better pubs	10/4/2018 11:45 PM
107	It's fine	10/4/2018 9:20 PM
108	Attractive shop fronts, busking/street entertainment allowed, carol singing, art exhibitions on the street - Grafton street and surrounding area (streets behind) in Dublin a good example	10/4/2018 6:43 PM
109	Sort out the aggressive drunks. Not the "night time economy" but the persistent ones who congregate opposite the Palace, shouting at passers by and occasionally colonise the benches on the Parade.	10/4/2018 4:39 PM
110	More individual shops rather the same old shops in every town centre. More leisure rather than eating and shopping.	10/4/2018 12:58 PM
111	I think it's looking great and is looking like a place where people will travel to get to. Improving the quality of the shops in the Harlequin will help with this also. Watford Market is horrible, dated and not a nice place to walk through. Improving the quality of the stalls would help. People don't want to buy knock off crap anymore. Markets need to be more food and craft oriented these days. If I wanted a bag of plugs or a fake leopard skin throw I would go to Wilko.	10/4/2018 7:56 AM
112	Remove the containers market it's an eyesore. And very messy rubbish is collecting behind containers. Old boxes cardboard fire risk too Bits of old wood stored on top. The green netting is ripped and dirty. Place market along high street	10/4/2018 6:18 AM
113	The town centre is very good. There are a few buildings that have been empty for a while e.g Rift bar, Convert to flats so they are not empty. The parade can do with a tidy up. The top floors of walkabout area need a good paint and tidy up, this should be forced	10/3/2018 10:58 PM
114	Can't improve. Needs knocking down at starting again	10/3/2018 8:38 AM

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115	Smaller shops, cleaner streets, no begging or rough sleepers (better provision for those in need)	10/2/2018 11:56 PM
116	I think its great that a mall has been extended in the centre of the town - makes the high street appear full - but a decent permanent space needs to be found for the market - the one it is in now is redundant - no one knows its even there - and lower the rents at the town hall end of the high street, as well as Queens Road and Market Street so that smaller independent shops can move in and create more diversity and drive even higher footfall - not everyone wants the same shops in every town location	10/2/2018 5:44 PM
117	The Ring Road Parking is inadequate. The traffic congestion in access routes to the Town demands major road redevelopment to enable efficient access to major trunk roads	10/1/2018 4:43 PM
118	Give us a proper market like St. Albans do. We need more shops on the high 91st not bars and restaurants	9/30/2018 7:40 PM
119	The Town Hall is now isolated from the Town Centre by the A412 underpass. The Council should have a unit in the centre of the town, which should include a Visitor Information Centre. This unit should deal only with face to face Council business. All other Council administration should be relocated to a business park out of town. The Town Hall will then be available for conversion to meet housing needs.	9/30/2018 5:45 PM
120	Improved parking	9/30/2018 9:16 AM
121	The top end of town with the clubs should be redeveloped. Maybe leaving it to clubs fitness places and bars and nothing else.	9/29/2018 7:50 AM
122	More late night buses to more areas	9/28/2018 10:43 PM
123	Safety pavements for pedestrians. No cyclists should be allowed in pedestrian pavements.	9/28/2018 3:14 PM
124	Kidzania - destination for young families Any way of giving sales space to local start ups?	9/27/2018 11:51 PM
125	The new town centre is exciting and hopefully will not need improvement!	9/27/2018 5:57 AM
126	shut down Prism Cut down on anti-social behaviour, and help homeless people in the town. Build more residential developments by the high street	9/26/2018 7:24 PM
127	So you don't think the massive development currently underway is enough? Seriously? Perhaps add an Aldi or Lidl, they will go well with the high density housing developments in the area.	9/26/2018 6:09 PM
128	I am not in favor of the current development of the Intu Centre. This is mainly going to consist of (chain) restaurants, a bowling alley and cinema (when we already have these in Garston) and all seem be be geared for younger people. We have lost the market, which is not the same as it was. Watford has turned in to a "tacky" destination eg with amusement parks/ beaches over the summer.	9/26/2018 5:50 PM
129	Encourage small shops with rate deals. Good signage. Keep parking charges reasonable	9/26/2018 4:25 PM
130	Play areas for kids	9/26/2018 7:36 AM
131	Knock it down and start again	9/26/2018 7:23 AM
132	Foliage and better lighting	9/26/2018 6:39 AM
133	Get rid of ring road	9/26/2018 6:32 AM
134	I think the new developments in the centre are very exciting. Although its a shame to see sections of the harlequin are low on shops, hopefully that will change in time. I think the outside section of the high street needs some development, there are run down stores and it makes the town look shabby in places. It would be good to have a homeless shelter/soup kitchen as they tend to be on the streets a lot, which is quite scary for children in particular. somewhere they can go and be safe may help them get back on their feet if they have support.	9/25/2018 1:46 PM
135	Fewer bars & more family friendly pubs/restaurants	9/25/2018 12:37 PM
136	Havent seen the new improvements yet !!! This week the new development opens.	9/25/2018 11:02 AM
137	Less population More schools Better roads More hospitals Bigger parks	9/25/2018 8:33 AM
138	Help home the homeless people Better & more affordable facilities for young people Improved/subsidised sports facilities A swimming pool complex with slides/splash pool/wave pool	9/24/2018 11:23 PM
139	Stop closing the cheaper shops and replacing them with 'designer' shops. It feels like they are trying to create a copy of Westfield in Watford.	9/24/2018 7:01 PM
140	Ban bookies and charity shops. Fewer skanky restaurants.	9/24/2018 6:10 PM

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141	Less drinking establishments - the culture and behaviour around binge drinking shouldn't be encouraged.	9/24/2018 5:16 PM
142	Crack down on crime and louts who hang around - its still not somewhere I feel safe	9/24/2018 5:15 PM
143	A decent swim/splash/slide pool would be very popular. General more activities for teenagers to reduce crime as they're bored!	9/24/2018 5:07 PM
144	Traffic free only buses to use the high street.	9/24/2018 11:36 AM
145	Have the town centre traffic free buses can pick up from the ring roads have emergency access only I feel very strongly about this one.	9/24/2018 11:15 AM
146	[REDACTED]	9/23/2018 5:57 PM
147	Transport in and out.	9/23/2018 3:48 PM
148	More local businesses, so the High St is not the same as every other	9/23/2018 3:28 PM
149	I don't think the decision makers would recognise an improvement if it hit them over the head. Harlequin centre killed off the High Street turning it into a fast food metropolis. The pond looks hideous.	9/23/2018 2:17 PM
150	Better mix of family friendly establishments.	9/23/2018 11:18 AM
151	More late night shopping to reduce numbers on weekends	9/22/2018 11:12 PM
152	Not to go for the lowest common denominator. To encourage more independent shops and restaurants to the town to make Watford different from other shopping centres	9/21/2018 7:19 PM
153	Youth clubs for teenagers	9/21/2018 12:35 PM
154	Better use of empty units, let to more business at better rates. Street patrols to help with homeless issues and beggars.	9/20/2018 2:12 PM
155	I don't use it unless I have too, mainly due to traffic conjection. Why go through congested traffic when nearly anything can be brought online? As a town centre I am satisfied with the current improvements.	9/19/2018 11:48 PM
156	better security around night club end at night, better parking especially at Watford junction	9/19/2018 1:36 PM
157	No cars allowed	9/18/2018 8:40 PM
158	by being pedestrianised	9/18/2018 3:57 PM
159	It good at the moment	9/18/2018 2:50 PM
160	Create a central bus station and either rear or underground servicing etc; for all shops or where that is impossible time restricted servicing. Then make the entire town centre vehicle free except disabled carriages,. Then throughout the main shopping areas create more grassed and ornamental areas.	9/18/2018 1:01 PM
161	Street Markets back in high street (up by Pond) Big tidy/ smartening up of that area too Cultural vibrancy in location - we're multi cultured but we don't show it	9/18/2018 12:47 PM
162	Less "adult" type shops and entertainment would help. As well as amount of very drunk loud young people pouring out of nightclubs and surrounding bars that are open well into the night.	9/17/2018 11:29 PM
163	It is a complete mess at the moment. Hoping it will be a delight for all ages when completed! But you will need to pay for the carparks use the cinema and eat in the expensive restaurants. I am hoping there will be shops that attract people of all ages in the high street and bring back the market into the high street. It has been completely destroyed! All concentrating it on the cinema complex.	9/17/2018 8:48 PM
164	it could not	9/17/2018 6:58 PM
165	By selling less of it to Intu. They have taken over one side of the High Street and will not rest until they both sides.	9/17/2018 2:00 PM
166	More facilities for disabled visitors (wet rooms and changing facilities for disabled adults)	9/17/2018 1:51 PM
167	With the exception of the historic area around the parish church, knock it all down and start again! We are suffering from the horrible road schemes put in in the 1970's which currently make Watford a place designed for the motorist, badly!	9/17/2018 12:14 PM
168	Free parking in car parks at off peak times.	9/16/2018 4:14 PM
169	Buses need to be more frequent with journey time indicator on every stop. Buses lanes should run all the way to the town	9/16/2018 2:39 PM
170	More quality independent food options, rather than just the same chains as everywhere.	9/16/2018 10:50 AM

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171	It could be cleaner - more seating - more interesting small Businesses - big buildings outscale the original high st architecture it has lost a user friendly feel.	9/15/2018 9:38 PM
172	Better quality wifi throughout the town centre. More free or low cost things to do, not necessarily to the scale of big screen and beach but akin to that. More social spaces that aren't cafes where people can sit and meet.	9/15/2018 12:48 PM
173	I think bringing in other destinations like the cinema, restaurants etc. is good, mixed with a more personal retail experience. Shops and the town centre have to deliver something different and pleasurable to compete with the internet. Maybe more smaller units for niche retailers.	9/15/2018 12:24 PM
174	No more development! Enough is enough. Plant more trees, they reduce carbon dioxide.	9/14/2018 7:46 PM
175	Encourage independent businesses on the high street. Tall, mixed office and residential buildings.	9/14/2018 2:11 PM
176	No more. Get rid of nightclubs and cheap boozing	9/14/2018 1:24 PM
177	More seats and seating areas	9/14/2018 12:35 PM
178	Better bus service in evenings.	9/14/2018 12:17 PM
179	Encourage new small businesses. Maybe reduced rates for those out of the INTU centre.	9/14/2018 11:18 AM
180	More variety of shops, more leisure options.	9/14/2018 11:13 AM
181	Creative spaces to give Watford a USP	9/14/2018 1:11 AM
182	Can't be persuaded that public feedback had anything much to do with the above... Watford needs a USP and we are missing a trick if we ignore the creative people in town and fail to provide a central varied venue for them to operate in and out of. Many areas of London are recognising that small units including a central area for classes and equipment to rent, studio space to hire, are a way of revitalising an area. Artists of all kinds are always the first to repopulate an area and give it cachet before a place becomes gentrified. But this usually happens when rents are low, difficult in a place like Watford where there are so many economic pressures. But it needs to happen and there are plenty of agencies to stimulate it, many local bodies and large commercial enterprises like the football club and Warner Bros to seed it and offer expertise. There has always been a thriving performance and art scene in Watford, it just needs a bit of focus and investment to give the town a more attractive and credible identity	9/14/2018 12:43 AM
183		9/13/2018 10:23 PM
184	Pedestrianise the town centre and move the market there. Celebrate its heritage...let's add the towns coat of arms to buildings, use plaques to explain areas of history. Standardise the shop frontages, Bath has that and the synergy gives it real character. Open up the area around St Mary's church. I'm not religious but I recognise an important historical building. It's hidden behind some 60's rubbish. Enhance the character and people will feel prouder about where they live or visit. Help make people smile rather than frown.	9/13/2018 9:26 PM
185		9/13/2018 6:40 PM
186	Shared walking/cycling zones are very dangerous. The newly developed highstreet (by Wilko) is very misleading as there is no defined boundary with a kerb to define which is the road and which part is the pavement. Pedestrians are constantly walking in the road and buses are having to use their horns to make them aware that it is the road.	9/13/2018 5:22 PM
187	Pedestrianise the whole length from Pyramid up to Pond. Bus exchange in exchange car park area. Access to Smith Street area from ring road only. Remove vertical clutter. Spread market out along widened street using existing area as secure overnight storage for barrows & stall holder's goods. Enforce cycling standards (clamp down on the wheelie kid hoodies). Don't let Intu barricade off Queens Road in any way shape or form.	9/13/2018 4:43 PM
188	improve the Market. it looks poor and uninviting. move it to the High Street where a market should be. pedestrianize it perhaps	9/13/2018 3:56 PM
189	More events at the Pond end of town It would be good to see some coffee shops that end too than just too many pubs	9/13/2018 3:33 PM
190	better market more family friendly events / attractions	9/13/2018 3:26 PM
191	Bring back the old market.	9/13/2018 2:43 PM
192	Preferential treatment for independent businesses - look at Shoreditch / Clerkenwell as a model and by comparison how outdated, old-fashioned and frankly generic many of Watford's offerings are	9/13/2018 2:10 PM
193	traditional English restaurant - bars suitable for elder residents -	9/13/2018 1:39 PM
194	Make it pedestrianised. No cars. No buses. No cycles.	9/13/2018 11:58 AM

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195	Less fast food shops.	9/13/2018 11:30 AM
196	More parking. Cheaper parking.	9/13/2018 10:03 AM
197	Scrap all transport from the High Street including buses, the buses can stop elsewhere as they have done over the past few months, disabled parking is in the multi storey car-parks with lift provision. Better all round for shoppers?	9/12/2018 5:35 PM
198	I reserve judgement until I see the finished INTU development.	9/12/2018 5:00 PM
199	I think what has been done is amazing and will improve the area greatly	9/12/2018 4:57 PM
200	More unique smaller independent shops with incentives on rents and business rates. Combined shops eg coffee/book/internet cafe this is a list that is endless	9/12/2018 9:05 AM
201	Opportunities for independent restaurants and shop owners as too many mainstream outlets which are unappealing. Healthier food options and takeaways	9/12/2018 9:03 AM
202	Bringing something like kidzania in the centre. There will be many restaurants, shops and a cinema but I haven't heard of any plan for children entertainment.	9/12/2018 8:14 AM
203	Lower rates to encourage use of shops in High Street by non-chain stores - preference given to those units being occupied by sole traders in areas of business not covered by existing retailers. Watford has no interesting craft or boutique shops. Set up a cultural quarter where arts and creative enterprises are encouraged.	9/11/2018 8:29 PM
204	continuation on the theme - make Watford a local destination More retail space at affordable rent/rates encourage boutique shopping rather than HStreet chains which are closing fast and have no interest in the local area You decimated the market - why not try to reintroduce but go up market special market days	9/11/2018 7:44 PM
205	By redeveloping the buildings around the pond	9/11/2018 12:06 PM
206	Yes , get rid of the nightclubs and pubs,ban smoking and other drugs. It is not family friendly and unless there is a family oriented event where a large number of families will be there we avoid it.	9/11/2018 9:38 AM
207	Continue to support retail. Encourage smaller start-ups/independent shops/restaurants through network programs or even tax breaks.	9/10/2018 10:19 PM
208	Let's see the latest first	9/10/2018 4:28 PM
209	Will have to see how the latest developments improve the town centre.	9/10/2018 3:14 PM
210	Remove all traffic, even buses. Alternatively, zero emissions vehicles only. Improve the paving and lighting. Remove excessive signage. Install benches, trees and shrubs. Keep it clean.	9/10/2018 3:14 PM
211	Supporting local businesses-there are now too many vacant retail outlets , but perhaps that is indicative of changes n retail habits more than anything else	9/10/2018 12:08 PM
212	Child-friendly facilities such as a play area for accompanied children, like the table top game stations in some branches of McDonalds or the soft play centre in Hatfield Galleria. At the moment there isn't really anything you can visit as a reward for children who have had to follow their parents around the shops for a couple of hours and need some free play to let off steam. - a craft fair a few times a year - a Christmas fair - a farmer's market/food event. - more sculptures like the Hornet.	9/10/2018 11:52 AM
213	Eliminate all motor vehicle from the shopping centre during shop opening hours Improve the physical environment in Queens Road and the route to Queens Road Broadway Improve the environment in Market Street	9/10/2018 9:45 AM
214	Having a tube line (metropolitan) Introducing park and ride More attractions/experiences as retail is on the decline	9/10/2018 12:51 AM
215	Close the high street to ALL traffic including buses - and make it pedestrian only like so many similar town centres Clean up the dirty pond which is an embarrassment (considering the cost) and a borderline eyesore! Fix the dodgy bridge over the pond decking - which shows a serious lack of investment / maintenance Fill the vacant shops around the pond e.g. with a free school, market stalls or other council service Add more mature trees Clean up the dirty pavements Ban the market stalls which spill grease onto the pavements Overall, the town centre looks tired	9/9/2018 9:50 PM
216	I think the town centre is doing well.	9/9/2018 8:48 PM
217	Watford has lost its character and I think we have forgotten it was a MARKET town. I am not clear whether the market is going to be moved from its squashed site next to the flyover, but it needs to be somewhere central and prominent. Also if the market specialised in something like locally produced food, rather than its current mixture, that would be good.	9/9/2018 1:35 PM

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218	- Bowling - Ice Skating Rink Cheap rent for independent restaurants centrally (our favourite restaurant closed despite being in an excellent location and always full)	9/9/2018 1:11 PM
219	I think enough has been done in town, in terms of retail and entertainment. The Intu extension is aesthetically oversized for a small high street, it is overwhelming and out of place. However bringing a cinema and bowling alley to town is fantastic. It does make it more of a destination and if good quality retailers rent spaces then itll be a good shopping destination too. We have enough coffee shops and restaurants to last us though!!	9/9/2018 1:01 PM
220	Keep me it a hub for the community. A nice space to spend time with family and friends be you young or old	9/9/2018 9:33 AM
221	It's questionable whether the new development is an improvement! Free buses would improve footfall. Improve the local market in line with good markets like St Albans. Get rid of tacky street vendors under fly over as the town is downgraded by it. A better choice of market stalls and better site for the market.	9/9/2018 1:28 AM
222	better and cheaper bus services - more friendly for those of us with visual impairment - less obstacles	9/8/2018 7:32 PM
223	Its hard to tell just yet as the building work has made life rather difficult. Once there is room to walk around and see what we have we will have a better idea of what is needed.	9/8/2018 5:31 PM
224	Need more car parking spaces for the new developments emerging. Otherwise I can foresee gridlock in town as more people come from neighbouring London and Hertfordshire areas.	9/8/2018 5:18 PM
225	Parking facilities especially into the evening, all intu car parks shut when the shops shut making it harder to visit the restaurants nearby. There are parts which feel shabby and rundown or dominated by bars & clubs. This makes me less inclined to walk into town from home (Cassiobury).	9/8/2018 2:45 PM
226	Leave it alone now.	9/8/2018 1:55 PM
227	More pedestrianised	9/8/2018 1:29 PM
228	Full pedestrianisation between Market Street and Water Lane. Although there are restrictions along the route, these are frequently flouted by motorists as the route is left accessible for buses, taxis and blue badge holders. Buses should be concentrated into a single town centre bus station and accessibility for blue badge holders provided by facilities within the intu car park. In all peripheral retail areas, including parts of the High street, some retail capacity could be converted into residential use. Retail could be consolidated into the Intu itself and surrounding units. There is already excess capacity in other retail areas such as Queens Road and St. Albans road which could also be converted.	9/8/2018 12:12 PM
229	Make businesses responsible for keeping the area alongside clean. The restaurants and pubs use the spaces but, unlike in mainland Europe never seem to clean the area. Competition for cleanest/best kept part of the town. Have litter/anti-social wardens	9/8/2018 11:03 AM
230	It's difficult to answer this question given I haven't seen the effects of the current redevelopment, but I am in support of the current developments, especially the cinema	9/8/2018 10:52 AM
231	Less coffee shops. More independent shops.	9/8/2018 8:38 AM
232	Traffic free.	9/8/2018 8:20 AM
233	A better market area. Access to free WiFi.	9/8/2018 6:57 AM
234	Pedestrian it all. Cheaper rentals for small artisan outlets make large companies suberdise the smaller independents.	9/8/2018 1:14 AM
235	Cinema is good . An entertainment which will drive many people into watford. There are too many eating places . Eating places should provide healthy options. Others should be shut down .	9/8/2018 12:56 AM
236	Upgrade the nightlife for mature workers. Make the roads inside the ringroad pedestrian only. Hertfordshire's version of boris bikes.	9/7/2018 11:50 PM
237	Community police presence	9/7/2018 11:09 PM
238	Have a police presence Ensure it is cleaned Have some internet shopping collection points for smaller items within the main areas. Get shops such as all the female clothes shops to have shared events. Ask 6th formers what they want out of Watford. They are our tomorrow.	9/7/2018 10:52 PM
239	More independent and less chain retailers. Less fast food outlets. More trees and greenery and benches.	9/7/2018 10:09 PM
240	No, it's over-developed as it is. Need to spend less money on the top of the town. That has had massive amounts thrown at it.	9/7/2018 9:35 PM

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241	Kept cleaner and safer.	9/7/2018 8:53 PM
242	Better parking for disabled	9/7/2018 8:20 PM
243	More family friendly facilities such as play areas,	9/7/2018 8:08 PM
244	Clearance of vagrants. Litter police. Anti social behaviour crackdown	9/7/2018 7:56 PM
245	The centre of Watford should be pedestrian friendly, more green encourage vertical forests	9/7/2018 7:00 PM
246	More trees along the pedestrian areas. More plants, encouraging wildlife to visit.	9/7/2018 6:53 PM
247	More focus on the arts	9/7/2018 6:08 PM
248	A proper market, smaller independent shops.	9/7/2018 6:02 PM
249	Get rid of the nightclub and 'strip' of bars near the pond	9/7/2018 6:00 PM
250	Don't know, it's great.	9/7/2018 5:57 PM
251	Put back that cycle lane you removed.	9/7/2018 5:45 PM
252	No further restaurants or bars needed.	9/7/2018 5:26 PM
253	no litter, drugs, discomfort with how it can feel threatening (past five o clock) pedestrianised high street no rough sleeping allowed shops not empty variety not chains BUSINESS RATES for independents reduced	9/7/2018 5:16 PM
254	Better access to street market Better Disability access Better Disability facilities	9/7/2018 4:20 PM
255	Pretty good already. Encourage smaller independent shops and restaurants (less business tax) Less charity shops	9/7/2018 3:41 PM
256	If there are good restaurants and leisure facilities and long opening hours people are attracted into the shops in the centre.	9/7/2018 3:26 PM
257	Get rid of chains and support local small businesses. The town centre looks like Luton with all the chain shops and pound shops	9/7/2018 2:36 PM
258	Concessions on parking for local residents which might encourage us to use local shopping facilities rather than order on line. More independent eateries such as cafes.	9/7/2018 2:25 PM
259	Being completely pedestrianised	9/7/2018 2:19 PM
260	Move the Market away from behind Clements Encourage more shops up the High Street - subsidised to encourage new start shops	9/7/2018 2:16 PM
261	park and ride	9/7/2018 2:09 PM
262	GET RID OF THOSE FOOD STALLS WHICH ARE BLIGHTING OUR HIGH STREET (OR RELOCATE THEM) THEY ARE ANY EYESORE AND ARE DESTROYING THE AMBIENCE OF OUR HIGH STREET AND THE NEW INTU REDEVELOPMENT. ITS ALSO NOT FAIR TO THE RETAILERS WHO ARE PAYING SUBSTANTIAL COUNCIL TAX , AS I'M SURE THAT THESE STALLHOLDERS RENT IS A PITTANCE COMPARD TO THEIRS	9/7/2018 1:54 PM

Q27 What shopping and retailing issues are important to you?

Answered: 212 Skipped: 207

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	None	10/21/2018 10:32 AM
2	Good mix of shops and room to develop independent retailers	10/20/2018 10:02 AM
3	Facilities for young children in the town centre. So many empty lots.	10/19/2018 11:48 PM
4	Family orientated. Retailers - Range of price levels	10/19/2018 11:32 PM
5	Move to market to a more central place	10/19/2018 10:20 PM
6	Ensure they are not taxed too much in order for smaller businesses to survive	10/19/2018 10:16 PM
7	variety of choice, supporting local traders and easy access	10/19/2018 8:59 PM
8	Local and sustainable and healthy food (we dont have many healthy food options just lots of burger options) ... the high St struggles to compete on price with online so needs to offer something different - unique ...	10/19/2018 5:28 PM
9	None. Watford is a great retail centre.	10/19/2018 3:47 PM
10	Irresponsible carparking	10/19/2018 3:45 PM
11	more eco-friendly shops (I know there aren't many) - more local businesses rather than large chains (boo to Jack Wills and Superdry).	10/19/2018 3:42 PM
12	Supermarket access, and other types of food retailers. Some good smaller outlets for essential needs.	10/19/2018 3:31 PM
13	Easy access.	10/19/2018 3:01 PM
14	That there is a good mix of shops, individual as well as chain.	10/19/2018 1:33 PM
15	broad scope of shops	10/18/2018 10:27 PM
16	Not enough disable parking, parking spaces arent big enough for the modern cars	10/18/2018 4:30 PM
17	Disabled access. More ethical shops.	10/18/2018 12:54 PM
18	Having a wide range of types of shop that meet all my shopping needs, not just mainly consumer goods.	10/18/2018 10:44 AM
19	See above	10/18/2018 8:05 AM
20	Affordable parking. More security/police presence to deter crime & make shoppers feel safe. More disabled friendly facilities all around the town not just In the shopping centre.	10/17/2018 6:36 PM
21	A range of attractive shops and facilities. These depend on the centre remaining attractive to shoppers, and visitors - including lunch-time visitors from the nearby commercial areas.	10/17/2018 6:02 PM
22	Accessibility and affordability.	10/17/2018 4:41 PM
23	Watford already has too much empty retail space and it was a mistake to extend the Intu Shopping Centre.	10/17/2018 4:28 PM
24	I prefer Brent Cross because parking is free with a choice of shops I want that are easy to access and plenty of places to eat (without it costing the earth for parking while I'm eating)	10/17/2018 12:34 PM
25	More independent shops - there is no longer anywhere to get a good selection of craft materials since Lynn left the market.	10/17/2018 12:13 PM
26	Encourage retailing businesses in every way.	10/16/2018 12:42 PM
27	Ease of access - mainly food shopping.	10/16/2018 10:39 AM
28	Encouragement of small, high quality retailers and restaurants to reduce dominance by chains (admit this can be difficult given current commercial pressures but London developments show it can be achieved)	10/16/2018 9:55 AM
29	That I can get there easily (and more cheaply - I can get to Harrow for not much more than it costs to get five miles across watford)	10/15/2018 8:39 PM
30	Affordable shops	10/15/2018 5:07 PM

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31	More independent stores, not just high street chains.	10/15/2018 4:29 PM
32	Empty shops being left empty - there are a lot of empty units in the Harlequin, and some more will seemingly be created when they move into the extension at the other end	10/15/2018 12:41 PM
33	A variety of shops not just appealing to the young and fashion conscious. A more diverse range of shops and restaurants with quality.	10/15/2018 12:15 PM
34	Being able to walk without fear of crime or chuggers	10/14/2018 8:20 PM
35	Easy access. Good transport links or cheap parking	10/14/2018 7:32 PM
36	Moving the Market was the worst mistake ever. Thank you Dorothy - bowing to Develop pressure over retaining Watfords unique character. The Town lost it's heart. Where do you go from there? I don't know.	10/14/2018 6:30 PM
37	Parking!! The new development is and will be fantastic and I am sure thousands of people will now come visit the town to see for themselves. To not provide parking is a recipe for disaster. As locals, we already know how congested the town centre during busy times can get (Watford FC home games, Christmas etc) add in the extra people now coming to see our great new Intu centre but without ANY new parking spaces created I am sure will just create grid lock.	10/14/2018 1:35 PM
38	Parking for disabled people. At present it is pathetic, bordering upon the discriminatory.	10/13/2018 8:58 PM
39	Proximity to a supermarket and local shops.	10/13/2018 6:42 PM
40	Shopping is pretty good I would say.	10/13/2018 5:31 PM
41	Family shopping and dining	10/12/2018 8:14 AM
42	Happy with the current setup.	10/11/2018 8:34 PM
43	Parking should be free	10/11/2018 6:10 PM
44	The Intu shopping centre is dead because the rents are too high and there are no big brands are available. It not as good as Brent Cross shopping centre which has a free car park and more attractive shops.	10/11/2018 11:30 AM
45	Affordable Parking. Quality and variety of goods.	10/10/2018 7:53 PM
46	Companies that pay their staff well, that independent retailers are protected and supported in Watford, especially if the owners live here as well as setting up businesses here. Clearly prices are going up - there are a number of empty lots on the high street, especially ones that used to be clubs and are clearly too expensive to take on, or were independents that are now inhabited by phone shops. I'd like to see the Christmas market retailers return - a few years ago there was a brilliant Christmas Market in the Watford town centre, with different stalls and sellers. This hasn't been available in the last few years. Similarly, the market doesn't seem to be open on Sundays, only Saturdays, which seems strange.	10/10/2018 6:42 PM
47	Having a range of low and high end stores and have interesting independents that support local business.	10/10/2018 11:48 AM
48	Parking if buying large items, otherwise ease of walking & cycling. Resting places.	10/10/2018 11:10 AM
49	Retail is going through a rough time at the moment. Empty shops need to be used so maybe reduce buisness rates to give more chance to the shops. No more betting shops.	10/9/2018 11:35 PM
50	Sustainability - better quality longer lasting products, reduced packaging Would live to see something like The Refill Pantry in St Albans in Watford. Opening hours - slightly longer hours during the week would be attractive.	10/9/2018 8:33 PM
51	None.	10/9/2018 2:02 PM
52	Accessible shops .	10/9/2018 12:51 PM
53	Parking is too expensive and traffic too bad around Bushey Arches - these put me off shopping in town	10/9/2018 12:14 PM
54	Having a good variety of shops, some familiar, some independent.	10/9/2018 11:00 AM
55	Shops that are open and affordable. Clean streets.	10/9/2018 10:08 AM
56	Fortunately very few! It is an activity to be avoided if at all possible.	10/9/2018 9:47 AM
57	We need a proper market where we can shop fresh and local products. The new town market at the moment is not picking up. There are like 3 or 5 business that have been in for long time and they are successful like: the fishmonger; the fruits and vegetables stand, the sushi restaurant NoMai, but we need more like this. Also is such a shame that the all market is hiding in a corner and it has small spaces for businesses. The town has a graet potential to became a market town like St Albans.	10/9/2018 2:32 AM

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58	The new market is not a patch on the old one. There are too many fast food outlets and not enough independents shops	10/9/2018 12:03 AM
59	A 2nd back entrance to Watford junction station. A 2nd back entrance to Watford junction station. (Slip of the copy and paste there, easier when it's the only answer needed).	10/8/2018 10:44 PM
60	Shops should have good aircon and changing room like Debenhams more designers shops	10/8/2018 10:10 PM
61	Premium shopping experience Local stores with fresh produce, meat, deli, arts & crafts.	10/8/2018 8:59 PM
62	Easy parking or transport connections. A feeling of safety and security. Enjoyment of surroundings	10/8/2018 8:40 PM
63	Independent Restaurants, bars and pubs. Need to think more about how you attract young professionals as this is a big miss. We lack live music venues as well. If you want Watford to thrive you need to attract and retain young professionals.	10/8/2018 6:02 PM
64	Variety, variety, variety. I want a shopping environment to interest and tempt me to part with my cash, not just be a big version of everywhere else.	10/8/2018 4:29 PM
65	Varied shops for all ages. Currently there are too many female clothes shops not enough middle age mens.	10/7/2018 8:04 PM
66	Less empty shops	10/7/2018 5:57 PM
67	I need good parking facilities having osteoarthritis causing mobility difficulties; (I have a blue badge). A good bus service with close, convenient stops I would definitely use. I like shops like fish shops, good bakeries and greengrocers, especially selling local, british produce attract me. I also like book and music shops, especially with classical music selections.	10/7/2018 8:31 AM
68	Easy access and departure for cars or public transport not sitting in traffic for hours.	10/6/2018 2:52 PM
69	- Personal service. - Shop assistants are skilled and knowledgeable. - Free parking for pensioners and disabled. - Clear signage. - Public transport is close to shops	10/6/2018 2:28 PM
70	That there should not be too much of it!	10/6/2018 1:30 PM
71	I am only concerned with immediate, every day needs being catered for in Watford shops. The worst effect of recent developments has been to reduce the size and usefulness of Watford Market, which has led to me shopping more in St. Albans Market. Watford was a better place when it was a proper market town.	10/6/2018 9:01 AM
72	Scrap the exemptions from Rates for Charities. Landlords need to know that an investment in property can go up or down. They charge the charity the same rent and tell them they will only pay reduced rates. The loser is the council, as the same services have to be provided from a smaller income from rates.	10/5/2018 10:20 PM
73	Unfortunately shops are declining- can't see an end to this	10/5/2018 8:45 PM
74	Having a wide choice of quality shops and restaurants	10/5/2018 7:01 PM
75	Affordable and variety.	10/5/2018 6:44 PM
76	Plastic/packaging free shopping. We are big customers of the boardgame cafe on queens road. Many of the shops within the Intu are almost duplications in terms of product but this is where Intu have to sort themselves out.	10/5/2018 5:24 PM
77	Parking.	10/5/2018 1:53 PM
78	good local shops for everyday items	10/5/2018 11:18 AM
79	- being able to see what I'm buying, get advice, speak to a real person. - finding individual shops, rather than just the chains.	10/5/2018 11:15 AM
80	Useful shops like Wilko and the sadly missed Clas Ohlson, not endless mobile phone repairs and vaping. Restore the market to something better than shipping containers next to a main road with poor weather protection	10/5/2018 9:43 AM
81	A good mix that is pleasant to visit with facilities.	10/5/2018 4:33 AM
82	More Amazon lockers	10/4/2018 9:20 PM
83	Sustaining them - a lot of expansion where there is already a lot of shop units closing in old INTU centre - doesn't look good or fill me with confidence. Small businesses a lovely way to go as Dublin city centre - less of the big shopping centres please. Not destroying the character of the high street - keep old buildings retain and install old shop fronts where they use to be.	10/4/2018 6:43 PM
84	variety and a good balance between chains and independents. Could really use an Aldi or Lidl in the town too.	10/4/2018 4:39 PM

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85	Accessible rents for individual retail businesses	10/4/2018 12:58 PM
86	Parking lack of	10/4/2018 6:18 AM
87	Good mix of shops, small shops at low rent for start ups	10/3/2018 10:58 PM
88	Options don't matter. Money talks.	10/3/2018 5:03 PM
89	Free parking	10/3/2018 8:38 AM
90	I prefer to shop in the shopping centre I find the walk through town sometimes intimidating with the pathways unclean and uninviting. The shopping centre feels safe and well cared for.	10/2/2018 11:56 PM
91	More independent shops due to low rates and better parking encouraging people to actually visit them	10/2/2018 5:44 PM
92	Allow free parking in car parks around Intu shopping centre after 18:30 to encourage local business, vibrant town centre and ease parking difficulties for local residents.	10/1/2018 8:24 PM
93	A wide variety. Additions should not duplicate those already adequately supplied for prudent competition. Major retailers are in demise so the introduction of facilities for independent retailers will prove prudent.	10/1/2018 4:43 PM
94	Encouragement of independent shops	9/30/2018 5:45 PM
95	Parking facilities	9/30/2018 9:16 AM
96	None.	9/29/2018 7:50 AM
97	Choice and competitive pricing	9/28/2018 10:43 PM
98	A good variety of shops. Not too many charity shops, fast food outlets or gambling type places.	9/28/2018 6:54 PM
99	Parking costs I hate smoking in the high street (causes asthma issues) o	9/27/2018 11:51 PM
100	Variety of shops in local area with free parking, eg Abbots Langley	9/27/2018 12:49 PM
101	Being able to access a good variety of shops and restaurants	9/27/2018 5:57 AM
102	None. We are a high income household. We don't choose to spend all our free time wandering around a massive shopping complex. I do a lot of my shopping at one of the many supermarkets in the area (Waitrose, Tesco, Morrisons, Asda) or online.	9/26/2018 6:09 PM
103	I would prefer more independent shops and non food related shops. There are still too many nightclubs and late night restaurants and bars, leading to an unsafe area on a Friday/ Saturday night. Why isnt there anything for older people?	9/26/2018 5:50 PM
104	Variety of stores for all budgets Easy to park so I can carry shopping back	9/26/2018 4:25 PM
105	Lack of high class shops for men's clothes	9/26/2018 7:36 AM
106	Try never to shop in Watford the ring road is dreadful	9/26/2018 7:23 AM
107	Independant small shops should be as important as big names	9/26/2018 6:39 AM
108	None	9/26/2018 6:32 AM
109	nothing comes to mind. apart from run down shop fronts I think its looking good.	9/25/2018 1:46 PM
110	Car park prices are a joke	9/25/2018 11:02 AM
111	Less population More schools Better roads More hospitals Bigger parks	9/25/2018 8:33 AM
112	A variety of shops	9/24/2018 11:23 PM
113	Affordable , large variety .	9/24/2018 7:01 PM
114	Encourage independent retailers.	9/24/2018 6:10 PM
115	Good parking. I often shop in Tesco or Waterfields because parking is easier than in Watford centre	9/24/2018 5:15 PM
116	None really	9/24/2018 11:15 AM
117	The lack of space on buses for shopping trolleys, leaving the non-car shopper unable to buy more than they can carry.	9/23/2018 5:57 PM
118	Supermarket food shopping, occasional visits to department stores.	9/23/2018 3:48 PM
119	A variety of shops in attractive setting.	9/23/2018 2:17 PM
120	Opening hours, Choice	9/22/2018 11:12 PM
121	No empty units, better and affordable parking. Late night shopping and Restraunts.	9/20/2018 2:12 PM

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122	I live in Bushey and make a journey into Watford unless we have too due to congestion. I wouldn't cycle due to the amount of vehicles on the road and I wouldn't walk due to the pollution. If we ever do go in, we try and park at Tesco and walk.	9/19/2018 11:48 PM
123	easy access and choice	9/19/2018 1:36 PM
124	I don't like seeing empty shops	9/18/2018 8:40 PM
125	we need more shops we keep losing ours	9/18/2018 3:57 PM
126	To be able to buy fresh ingredients and reasonable priced goods	9/18/2018 2:50 PM
127	Access, many shops have small steps etc; which makes gaining access for the disabled all but impossible. As 26 above metal vehicles and human flesh do not mix.	9/18/2018 1:01 PM
128	Watford is a multi cultured town - we need to build on that and bring in the Vibrancy of different Cultural food shops (supermarket or eating places) make the High St more vibrant	9/18/2018 12:47 PM
129	Wide range of shops to meet my needs (and reduce my need to shop online), market is great but it could have a wider range of stalls (bread, delicatessen, farm produce, etc)	9/17/2018 11:29 PM
130	A variety of attractive shops that are not just for the rich but no more Poundland shops however. I think they look tatty.	9/17/2018 8:48 PM
131	we need more shops we keep losing our shops to hemel Hempstead it has a better town center than what we have there is no traffic going through it	9/17/2018 6:58 PM
132	Access - cheap and easy parking in car park facilities that have lifts that actually work. ...or, access by cheap and easy to use buses. Small shops should not be forced out of the High Street - but this is exactly what is happening when they can't compete next to the big brands and big bills for rents and rates. No more fast food outlets in the town centre or St Albans Road - it's unhealthy and unsightly. Greater diversity of shops and leisure facilities.	9/17/2018 2:00 PM
133	Plenty of choice.	9/17/2018 1:51 PM
134	Food shops locally and others such as occasional needs e.g. clothes, hardware within easy reach, i.e. in town centre.	9/17/2018 12:14 PM
135	Keeping the market alive.	9/16/2018 4:14 PM
136	Accessibility and variety	9/16/2018 2:39 PM
137	Lack of decent eating options.	9/16/2018 10:50 AM
138	Don't like shopping	9/15/2018 9:38 PM
139	A wider variety of shops than simply clothes shops. Places to sit being widely available.	9/15/2018 12:48 PM
140	Speed, having somewhere for parcels to be delivered.	9/15/2018 12:24 PM
141	Supermarket within walking distance.	9/14/2018 7:46 PM
142	A mix of chains and independent operators. A food market.	9/14/2018 2:11 PM
143	Traffic. Plus youths doing wheelie down high street is v frightening.	9/14/2018 1:24 PM
144	Ease of access.	9/14/2018 12:17 PM
145	None.	9/14/2018 11:18 AM
146	Variety. There are too many shops that all sell the same product. I want to see more independent stores rather than an endless sea of chain stores.	9/14/2018 11:13 AM
147	Not really interested in big chains	9/14/2018 1:11 AM
148	Don't use the shops much, large chains don't really interest me.	9/14/2018 12:43 AM
149	Watford shopping is excellent. Only thing I would say is nobody calls the shopping centre Intu. You can tell a newcomer by their answer to a simple question, what is the Harlequin? The name part of the character of the town. Intu is just a bland, could be anywhere name. Watford has enough chains already.	9/13/2018 9:26 PM
150	Being able to actually get into the shops/retail areas..	9/13/2018 6:40 PM
151	Atmosphere in the high street. Currently pedestrians are compressed onto tiny pavements and cars often are driven badly - loud stereos, speeding etc. There's currently a good range and mix of shops, but I'm concerned commercial rents are too high for smaller operators.	9/13/2018 4:43 PM
152	Parking is expensive. more free parking at certain times would be appreciated like they do at xmas	9/13/2018 3:56 PM
153	Too many charity shops in the Haigh St and not enough small individual non chain shops	9/13/2018 3:33 PM

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154	See above.	9/13/2018 2:43 PM
155	Attracting independent leisure businesses (restaurants, craft beer bars). It looks like the new Intu development will be a boon but will also increase the generic feel of Watford such that it will be populated with the same chains as so many other city centres	9/13/2018 2:10 PM
156	more independent shops, not just large retail chains.	9/13/2018 1:39 PM
157	A variety of well kept shops	9/13/2018 11:30 AM
158	Encourage people in with cheaper parking more people would be attracted and would stay longer.	9/13/2018 10:03 AM
159	All of it, we need good access to it all and uncluttered by buses and cars	9/12/2018 5:35 PM
160	Access Parking Cycle storage Unique shops and business's	9/12/2018 9:05 AM
161	Prefer to support independents or smaller chains. Don't like large shopping centres	9/12/2018 9:03 AM
162	Being able to get everything I need when I go to Intu. At the moment there's a very limited selection for children (toys, pushchairs, nursery furniture etc.), no maternity clothes, small selection for man clothes and for the home.	9/12/2018 8:14 AM
163	Mainly the fact that there is nothing unique about the retail experience in Watford. All the stores can be found in any other town. See if it's possible to establish regular craft, farmers markets etc along the High Street or Parade or in disused retail units.	9/11/2018 8:29 PM
164	Food Restaurants (not chains) Shops (not chainstores) Viable market	9/11/2018 7:44 PM
165	I don't have a preference	9/11/2018 12:06 PM
166	Unfortunately everyone is so busy internet shopping works best for us, no searching for hours to find something, it is there. To encourage people into Intu you could have free parking to pick up your parcels, once people are in they will look at other shops or eat a meal. Also it is awful paying for parking when you have already spent money at the shops, maybe free parking if you spend £50.	9/11/2018 9:38 AM
167	Thriving high street with mixed use for all demographics.	9/10/2018 10:19 PM
168	lets see what we have when the intu is finished	9/10/2018 4:28 PM
169	A variety of shops and not just the big companies.	9/10/2018 3:14 PM
170	Accessibility and choice.	9/10/2018 3:14 PM
171	Keeping the town centre attractive, vibrant and multi-use	9/10/2018 2:56 PM
172	See above-easy accessibility to shops and leisure facilities, especially as I have children growing up who we are encouraging to be independent and walk into Watford	9/10/2018 12:08 PM
173	Clothing and shoe shops, as looking at fabric and trying things on is still something you can't do as well on the internet. Smaller, independent shops which might offer something a bit different for gifts. I used to visit a shopping mall which had the usual suspects on the ground and first floors, but had a few very small units on the second floor selling specialised things like ballet clothing, art supplies, scented candles and imported hand crafted items like wooden chests and cheongsams. They were always my favourite part of the outing. In recent years, they have been largely squeezed out of central locations and have moved onto the internet.	9/10/2018 11:52 AM
174	Retaining a market in Watford, we are after all a market town Encouraging more small retailers to balance the dominance of the big name stores in Intu	9/10/2018 9:45 AM
175	Need less betting shops	9/9/2018 9:50 PM
176	I'm a guy. I only shop when need be.	9/9/2018 8:48 PM
177	A good selection of retailers, no more empty units!	9/9/2018 1:01 PM
178	None. As noted a few times with the m to convenient on line shopping I believe the need for large retail spaces has reached it p and will be go in to decline.	9/9/2018 9:33 AM
179	Fresh affordable food.	9/9/2018 1:28 AM
180	making it more visually firendly for those with visual impairment - eg yellow tread markings on internal stairs	9/8/2018 7:32 PM
181	ease of access by public transport. Quality and price of what is on offer	9/8/2018 5:31 PM
182	More variety of restaurants and stores that cater for families. The closure of Claus Olsen was a disappointment. Would like more of these kind of homewares stores. Also pleased to see Debenhams coming. More of these kind of general clothing stores (rather than fashion shops).	9/8/2018 5:18 PM

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183	Good choice of shops, availability of parking, flexible opening hours.	9/8/2018 2:45 PM
184	None	9/8/2018 1:55 PM
185	Parking is too expensive	9/8/2018 1:29 PM
186	Ensure each locality has access to a core retail range: A mini supermarket, ATM, Cafe and space to pickup internet orders (e.g. Amazon locker). More specialised retail and bank branches can be concentrated in larger but very accessible central locations.	9/8/2018 12:12 PM
187	Provide incentives for smaller independent shops - sick of the corporate takeover	9/8/2018 11:03 AM
188	Independent shops are very important to me. The market move has not, imo, been a success - too great a move to the cheap lunchtime crowd. I always think more can be done to support independent retailers and restaurants over brands. I see five guys etc moving in here and I really hope this doesn't squeeze out the little guys. The little guys - LP cafe, d20, Gibson's, for example are reasons why I think Watford is a good place to live.	9/8/2018 10:52 AM
189	The shops are disappearing to internet shop, rent and rates have to give retailers a chance	9/8/2018 8:20 AM
190	Comfortable /safe environment. Access via footpath cyclepaths, somewhere to lock bicycle.	9/8/2018 6:57 AM
191	Space and parking	9/8/2018 1:14 AM
192	Shopping which provides variety and affordable to all , with pleasant staff and good relaxed environment, with lots facility for children and elderly	9/8/2018 12:56 AM
193	Access to parking around St Albans road is difficult.	9/7/2018 11:50 PM
194	Ease of transport	9/7/2018 11:09 PM
195	It depresses me to see more and more empty shops allowing it to happen makes the vicious circle happen. More will close.	9/7/2018 10:52 PM
196	As above.	9/7/2018 10:09 PM
197	Diversity over landlord profits.	9/7/2018 8:08 PM
198	Make stores aware that courtesy is key	9/7/2018 7:56 PM
199	Less crowded	9/7/2018 7:00 PM
200	Too many pound shops at present. We need better quality stores, boutiques, restaurants etc	9/7/2018 6:53 PM
201	Variety of products available away from chain stores	9/7/2018 6:02 PM
202	Everything needs to be family friendly	9/7/2018 6:00 PM
203	Local, independent businesses encouraged.	9/7/2018 5:57 PM
204	Too many places to eat & bars which are not needed. There is enough choice already.	9/7/2018 5:26 PM
205	independents exist choice variety no empty units	9/7/2018 5:16 PM
206	Accessibility for ALL abilities to access ALL shops	9/7/2018 4:20 PM
207	Good local shops, restaurants, and takeaways as well as a vibrant town centre	9/7/2018 3:41 PM
208	Having good quality shops and a variety of unique shops.	9/7/2018 3:26 PM
209	Local Small Individual Not chains	9/7/2018 2:36 PM
210	Watford seems to be trying to be 'exclusive' and 'high end' which I assume is to try and attract people from outside of the area. However it still needs to have the shops that we need on a regular basis for daily staple items.	9/7/2018 2:25 PM
211	Easy Free Parking like Brent Cross	9/7/2018 2:16 PM
212	Keeping a market of some kind.	9/7/2018 1:54 PM

Q28 Do you have any suggestions as to how these issues could be addressed?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Area for pop up shops	10/20/2018 10:02 AM
2	Incentives for Watford entrepreneurs, long term rentals and pop-ups to fill gaps.	10/19/2018 11:48 PM
3	Decrease tax on smaller businesses and on pubs to increase their prevalence and chances of survival	10/19/2018 10:16 PM
4	why not build on all the carparks all the flats you want, to the height of the existing carparks and install a park and ride facility - this would move the traffic off the ring road freeing up the road give you land to build your apartments which you are desperate to build.	10/19/2018 8:59 PM
5	Give business rate reductions for 1st year to healthy restaurants and local (non chain) shops ?	10/19/2018 5:28 PM
6	Stricter enforcement.	10/19/2018 3:45 PM
7	Market stalls in the new intu centre for small businesses to sell their stuff? There is a large atrium area that would be suited to that.	10/19/2018 3:42 PM
8	Have some variety in food shops.	10/19/2018 3:31 PM
9	Whilst I support issues to reduce traffic, it is impractical to ban shoppers completely. This is true at busy times when we wish to encourage the local economy and shoppers can carry only a limited amount on public transport. In this context, it is difficult to understand how the Intu expansion was granted without a requirement for more parking spaces.	10/19/2018 3:01 PM
10	Make sure conversion to residential is difficult and business rates are structured to encourage small businesses.	10/19/2018 1:33 PM
11	reduce the retail rents so that more independent retailers can afford to sell in Watford, supporting the local economy and entrepreneurs	10/18/2018 10:27 PM
12	small shops suffer with people not being able to pull up and get items without having to worry about traffic wardens, having a 20 minuets parking bay outside local shops (Like you have in Queens Road) would help them Instead of the Pay and display at locations like St Albans road near Watford Junction	10/18/2018 9:46 PM
13	A level of rent and rates that would help smaller businesses to open shops in the centre.	10/18/2018 10:44 AM
14	See above - council need to be stronger about planning permissions and not allow developers to dictate their terms.	10/18/2018 8:05 AM
15	Lower parking fees. Think of the Disabled in the design stage of development.	10/17/2018 6:36 PM
16	Much of the area remains more car friendly than people friendly. There is little need for fast multi-lane roads around the centre, and ways of making more of the centre and the immediately surrounding area more pedestrian friendly should be explored. This is likely to involve the greater use of shared surface areas - to make the area feel safer and more comfortable and welcoming to shoppers and visitors, together with the reduction of unnecessary signage with greater greening where possible. The number of potential shoppers and users of the centre needs to increase to increase the vibrancy of the centre. This sits well with a policy of encouraging higher density and taller commercial and mixed-use developments in close proximity to the centre, and with good pedestrian and public transport links to the centre.	10/17/2018 6:02 PM
17	Watford should be encouraging online retailers to locate distribution centres here rather than building more unnecessary retail space when the retail sector is in long term decline.	10/17/2018 4:28 PM
18	Look at other good examples I have given - Reading Oracle and Brent Cross	10/17/2018 12:34 PM
19	See above	10/17/2018 12:13 PM
20	Do not put up the car parking charges	10/16/2018 10:39 AM
21	Incentives on business rates, planning policies	10/16/2018 9:55 AM
22	Rent incentives to restaurants and independent stores for the high street, let the chains be in intu.	10/15/2018 4:29 PM

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23	Encourage businesses to set up in Watford/the Harlequin	10/15/2018 12:41 PM
24	Yes encourage independent retailers/restaurants/coffee shops into the area.	10/15/2018 12:15 PM
25	More Police, less bars and nightclubs	10/14/2018 8:20 PM
26	Ask Mary Portas, or look at what happened in a Belgian (or was it Dutch) town where they saved the High Street. I can't remeber the details but it's worth digging around and seeing what happened there. Or checking our Twin Towns response to the problem.	10/14/2018 6:30 PM
27	Provide another multi-storey parking facility. Or if land is an issue, upgrade/build more levels on existing ones	10/14/2018 1:35 PM
28	Come on! Work it out.	10/13/2018 8:58 PM
29	No	10/13/2018 5:31 PM
30	I think Watford has excellent provision.	10/12/2018 8:14 AM
31	None at the moment	10/11/2018 8:34 PM
32	Bring the rents down, negotiable with other big brands to open shops. Like Adidas,Nike and KFC in town.	10/11/2018 11:30 AM
33	Reduced parking prices on Sundays. Cap parking costs at £5 per day. Reduce hourly rate.	10/10/2018 7:53 PM
34	Encourage local crafters/makers/businesses etc to rent the empty shop fronts at a reduced rate. It supports local business people and limits the decline of the high street, whilst making the town centre look more appealing. Similarly, making it easier to change the coding of the building purpose might support smaller businesses.	10/10/2018 6:42 PM
35	Pop-ups.	10/10/2018 11:48 AM
36	See above	10/9/2018 11:35 PM
37	n/a	10/9/2018 2:02 PM
38	Again, stop building so many residential properties around key areas like Bushey Arches that cannot sustain the extra traffic.	10/9/2018 12:14 PM
39	Discount rent for small / independent companies.	10/9/2018 11:00 AM
40	Get rid of the market stalls, lower the rent rates for shops, get rid of the nightclubs.	10/9/2018 10:08 AM
41	Dont allow any more fast food places unless there is something distinctive and unique about it	10/9/2018 12:03 AM
42	A 2nd back entrance to Watford junction station.	10/8/2018 10:44 PM
43	Need investment	10/8/2018 10:10 PM
44	Rate subsidies for small local businesses. Fines for unsustainable business behaviour - littering, use of eco materials, not volunteering to clean surrounding areas of the business	10/8/2018 8:59 PM
45	Better police patrol.	10/8/2018 8:40 PM
46	St Albans road needs serious regeneration, also need to think long and hard about the restaurant, bars and pubs that open on St Albans Road and in the town centre.	10/8/2018 6:02 PM
47	Please see answer to #26	10/8/2018 4:29 PM
48	rent free periods to encourage shops in.	10/7/2018 8:04 PM
49	I know that independent, small shops rather than the mighty chains struggle with paying the high fees imposed on them. They need support to survive. Watford has a considerable retired population a good proportion of which is financially comfortably off and they appreciate the facilities described above. I don't know how these problems could be effectively addressed, especially with the enormous power of popular culture.	10/7/2018 8:31 AM
50	Specific lanes for parking in intu, travel through Watford (often left with little option but to use the one way system) etc.	10/6/2018 2:52 PM
51	Stop building in the town centre.	10/6/2018 1:30 PM
52	As shops fail in Watford Town centre, as they probably will with the continued growth of internet shopping, create a decent area for the redevelopment of a market which encourages market traders to sell fresh produce and to provide useful services.	10/6/2018 9:01 AM
53	The landlords should reduce their rents, rather than the council reducing its rates.	10/5/2018 10:20 PM
54	Already being addressed with intu extension	10/5/2018 7:01 PM

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55	Let shops like wilkos etc have a more prominent presence. Shops like the entertainer have been forced out due to rent increases and more upmarket shops like jack wills are popping up. This isn't Westfield.	10/5/2018 6:44 PM
56	Move shops in doors and services out to the high street.	10/5/2018 4:33 AM
57	Provide way to collect parcels more easily and let more Amazon and Uber	10/4/2018 9:20 PM
58	Lower the rent? Get rid of the drunks	10/4/2018 6:43 PM
59	reasonable business rates and something else to come into town for - like the space by the pond or other events.	10/4/2018 4:39 PM
60	Market back along high street. Or tidy Up and clean up existing.	10/4/2018 6:18 AM
61	Some small units could be put outside Primark in queens road. Bit like the market.	10/3/2018 10:58 PM
62	Regular cleaning throughout the day and night.	10/2/2018 11:56 PM
63	Lower rents and not so many bars - better planning so everyone can enjoy the town day and night	10/2/2018 5:44 PM
64	More initiatives such as Farmer's Markets & other community centred activities.	10/1/2018 4:43 PM
65	See 26 above. No other local authority in the country forces pedestrian visitors to a local government office to use an underground tunnel from the town centre for access.	9/30/2018 5:45 PM
66	Not sure	9/30/2018 9:16 AM
67	Sensible planning decisions.	9/28/2018 6:54 PM
68	Put a warning of fine for cyclists who are using pavements. Put block or zig zag block on pavements to ensure cyclists are not using the pavements.	9/28/2018 3:14 PM
69	Decrease rent and buisness rates to allow full occupancy of independent shops, not just the large multi nationals	9/27/2018 5:57 AM
70	Not easy to address given the current state of most high streets. Efforts should be made to appeal to a more diverse population and not just families. When I moved to Watford in the early 1990s, the centre was more traditional and catered for all tastes. Shops in the current Intu Centre seem to come and go, presumably because the rents/ rates are too high.	9/26/2018 5:50 PM
71	Rate deals for new one off businesses. Have a Street market like Hitchin with permanent lockable units	9/26/2018 4:25 PM
72	Affordable rent yo encourage independant shops to set up	9/26/2018 6:39 AM
73	None	9/26/2018 6:32 AM
74	Make it free for 2 hours.	9/25/2018 11:02 AM
75	Less population More schools Better roads More hospitals Bigger parks	9/25/2018 8:33 AM
76	Allow more of a variety of shops, the Cheaper shops such as Wilkos and the entertainer (I'm told has closed due to rent increases) seem to be pushed further and further from INTU	9/24/2018 7:01 PM
77	Lower business rates for independents.	9/24/2018 6:10 PM
78	Have bus stops on the ring roads automatic bollards to stop traffic entering allow emergency tenders only.	9/24/2018 11:15 AM
79	(Self-evident)	9/23/2018 5:57 PM
80	No	9/23/2018 3:48 PM
81	Yes. Look back to go Watford used to be & start again.	9/23/2018 2:17 PM
82	Reduce cost of parking or make free after certain times of day.	9/20/2018 2:12 PM
83	Further parking outside the town centre would seem the best and most viable option, maybe park and ride.	9/19/2018 11:48 PM
84	Reduce the rent	9/18/2018 8:40 PM
85	no sorry but I don't like the harlequin centre	9/18/2018 3:57 PM
86	Keep rates to a minimum to encourage smaller traders	9/18/2018 2:50 PM
87	Only by a massive planning rethink.	9/18/2018 1:01 PM

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88	I've walked down the main High St, of Watford TC, and it bores me, I go to town buy what I want then exit asap - there is no interest or vibrancy in the Town Centre just a dullness almost lifeless, For a multi cultural town we need to encourage and create a multi vibrant town by encouraging people of non british backgrounds to open food shops etc on high street get it buzzing again	9/18/2018 12:47 PM
89	Rents need to be reduced to attract different retailers which might keep the centre alive.	9/17/2018 8:48 PM
90	Planning and not always yes to the highest bidder. It's not all about money.	9/17/2018 2:00 PM
91	Consider use no some of the current market site as storage for stalls that could be rolled out on to the high street.	9/16/2018 4:14 PM
92	No	9/15/2018 9:38 PM
93	Faster broadband speeds, more local secure delivery locations.	9/15/2018 12:24 PM
94	rent reduction for independent, smaller businesses to take high street shops. improve the market.	9/14/2018 2:11 PM
95	No wheelie on high street and to be enforced	9/14/2018 1:24 PM
96	Good planning.	9/14/2018 12:17 PM
97	Tell the CEO of Intu that the population will never buy the name. But seriously, Watford's shopping has been excellent ever since the Harlequin was built. Just keep the good work up.	9/13/2018 9:26 PM
98	Stop trying to "improve" the [REDACTED] place & make it more boutique like - it's heritage is a Market Town - put more effort INTO improving & returning the Market aspect to this previously proud Town!	9/13/2018 6:40 PM
99	Pedestrianise High Street. Survey delivery requirements to decide if 24 hour vehicle ban is in order or just allow deliveries midnight to 8am. Preferably 24 hour ban. Introduce "shareholder" scheme for commercial rates, e.g. council takes 5% share of profits in lieu of rent for small traders.	9/13/2018 4:43 PM
100	Encourage landlords with voids to be more creative-pop up shops , short term trials for new businesses If no longer viable as retail change use to residential to improve th3 town at night	9/13/2018 3:33 PM
101	Bring back the old market.	9/13/2018 2:43 PM
102	Preferential treatment to support independent and start up businesses, trying to attract more up to date chains (e.g. Brewdog, Craft Beer Co)	9/13/2018 2:10 PM
103	The council should have a specific criteria on how the Town, St Albans Rd Whippendell Rd etc etc shops should be kept, possibly with a 3,5,10 year plan on expectations to all shop keepers.	9/13/2018 11:30 AM
104	Increase rates for top rated housing. Increase taxation to raise necessary revenue	9/13/2018 10:03 AM
105	See answer 26	9/12/2018 5:35 PM
106	Again incentives for smaller unique business's	9/12/2018 9:05 AM
107	Reduce rent or make big retailers pay more on commercial buildings to offer more opportunities and support for entrepreneurs	9/12/2018 9:03 AM
108	More shops oriented to this kind of shopping	9/12/2018 8:14 AM
109	Yes - see above	9/11/2018 7:44 PM
110	See above question	9/11/2018 9:38 AM
111	Encourage smaller retailers by more favourable rents and council charges.	9/10/2018 3:14 PM
112	I walk to the Intu centre where the shops meet the majority of my needs. If I'm planning to buy something bulky, I drive. Access and choice are relatively good. I tend not to use retail units along the High St simply because they don't sell what I need. I use some restaurants along the High St but occasionally and infrequently.	9/10/2018 3:14 PM
113	An indoor craft fair a few times a year or an arcade of very small units/pop up units at affordable rents for small traders selling hand crafted or unusual items. I visited the new market hoping for something along those lines, but was disappointed to only find a nice yarn stall.	9/10/2018 11:52 AM
114	Move the market out of its present location and develop an open street market which could stretch from Clarendon Road right up to The Pond and the area beyond Work with Intu to change the configuration of Queens Road, so that it becomes a place for smaller 'boutique' size shops which front onto the street rather than the blank windows of Primark Upgrade Market Street in appearance and get rid of the buses Look into reducing business rates or other financial incentives for smaller shops, pop-ups and start-ups	9/10/2018 9:45 AM

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115	Council needs to do its job properly	9/9/2018 9:50 PM
116	N/a	9/9/2018 8:48 PM
117	Better planning/leasing approval	9/9/2018 1:01 PM
118	Keep rates and rents low as possible looking to other income like domestic rates to keep sites profitable and thus open as long as possible. See other comments for a little more detail.	9/9/2018 9:33 AM
119	More independent shops	9/9/2018 1:28 AM
120	Build more car park spaces on existing sites.	9/8/2018 5:18 PM
121	Reduce excess retail capacity and in turn the poor urban realm created through low occupancy. Increase the speed at which central shopping locations can be reached by reducing road traffic and improving rail links.	9/8/2018 12:12 PM
122	Allow small independent shops the use of some of the less wanted retail spaces for smaller rents	9/8/2018 11:03 AM
123	Tax benefits for independents? Incentives for landlords if the renter is an independent?	9/8/2018 10:52 AM
124	Reduce rent and rates until a business is fully established	9/8/2018 8:20 AM
125	Comfortable /safe environment. Access via footpath cyclepaths, somewhere to lock bicycle. Employ community police.	9/8/2018 6:57 AM
126	Not right now	9/8/2018 1:14 AM
127	The shops should not be congested and over stocked . The shops should be well spaced from each other .. ect	9/8/2018 12:56 AM
128	Specific buses from the stations to the shops	9/7/2018 11:09 PM
129	Seems that we can't talk about shop rent and rates.	9/7/2018 10:52 PM
130	Introduce additional rates for landlords based on rental brackets, the more they charge the more they are taxed, hopefully encouraging sustainability over profitability	9/7/2018 8:08 PM
131	No point in more shops if staff are scarce and rude. All Watford retail staff should be trained in English customer service	9/7/2018 7:56 PM
132	Improved signage, to be uniform height, as they used to be. Bringing back a quality appearance to the town	9/7/2018 6:53 PM
133	Reduce rent/rates for independent businesses	9/7/2018 6:02 PM
134	Rents, rates	9/7/2018 5:57 PM
135	Attract more middle range outlets that are affordable to the majority of people.	9/7/2018 5:26 PM
136	make it cheaper to have a shop encourage diversity - we have no korean restaurants or somewhere to play e sports parking charges could be lowered	9/7/2018 5:16 PM
137	Shop owners making isles slightly wider - access to Shops W/chair friendly	9/7/2018 4:20 PM
138	Reduce business rates limit how much freeholders can charge businesses	9/7/2018 3:41 PM
139	Maintaining the quality of facilities available and build on the restaurant/cafe culture to encourage shoppers.	9/7/2018 3:26 PM
140	Stop bringing in big chains	9/7/2018 2:36 PM
141	Reduced rent for shops that offer benefits to local residents.	9/7/2018 2:25 PM

Q29 Do you have any suggestions about how open spaces can be improved to encourage more people to use them in your area?

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1	Nothing springs to mind. One of Watford's successes in recent years is its management of open spaces.	10/21/2018 10:33 AM
2	I'm not sure what the solution is to the Cassiobury car park capacity is, but charging for it is unfair. It's not on bus routes, charging will exclude those under financial constraints from using it freely. Callowland Rec ground is a fantastic model.	10/19/2018 11:50 PM
3	Re introduce Play rangers Disincentivise littering	10/19/2018 11:34 PM
4	Better Toilet facilities	10/19/2018 10:22 PM
5	Preservation is key on this. Don't allow them to be built on at all	10/19/2018 10:17 PM
6	Maintaining clean, safe spaces will be attractive to people. Benches, playground, shaded areas for everyone to enjoy	10/19/2018 10:10 PM
7	Make a promise to the community to never develop on another allotment site! and protect existing gardens and parks. Apartment blocks are an unhealthy it's a proven fact owning a garden and growing things improves health and mental wellbeing.	10/19/2018 9:02 PM
8	Reinstate free pitches mowing and line painting and goalposts on open areas such as Watford Fields.	10/19/2018 5:30 PM
9	There is no path leading to the Green Gym in Callowland Park and the two table tennis tables are within the children's area. The path from Tesco Extra to Waterfields Recreation Ground is not well signposted.	10/19/2018 3:49 PM
10	No. All the parks near me seem well used.	10/19/2018 3:47 PM
11	My local open space seems quite well used already.	10/19/2018 3:43 PM
12	Keep free car parking for access to parks. Have free public transport going to the major parks. Tackle dog mess strictly, and use DNA registration for dog owners. Add some more sports facilities and more paths. Callowland Park - put table tennis tables outside children's playground for all to use. More table tennis tables in other parks. Improvement allotment management.	10/19/2018 3:35 PM
13	The larger ones would benefit from some limited parking areas. If people have young children, there is no point in the children being tired by the time they have walked to the open space.	10/19/2018 3:04 PM
14	Cassiobury Park is amazing, bringing in a charge to park will put me off spending long days there.	10/19/2018 1:39 PM
15	Road takes too much space, to park car, to have heavy and noisy traffic. lots of space can be save by ditching them, or at least reducing them. Then, there is space to build more park, playground, areas where the community can meet and share. It is impossible on a noisy road!	10/19/2018 11:45 AM
16	Keep them clean. Litter and dog mess is a real problem.	10/19/2018 2:00 AM
17	In Callowland Rec, and in all other parks if not already done, provide picnic tables and table tennis tables outside the boundary of the children's playground as well as within it, to make these facilities available to all. Also, provide public toilets in all parks.	10/19/2018 12:11 AM
18	Our local park is very well used but needs to be better maintained. I am constantly picking up litter, broken glass and pieces of plastic (my daughter is only 9 months old so puts everything in her mouth). Regular cleaning and inspections are necessary.	10/18/2018 11:02 PM
19	cut the grass in cassiobury park. it doesn't feel safe walking alone in the park	10/18/2018 10:28 PM
20	Hold more events in the parks to encourage people to visit them for the first time.	10/18/2018 9:47 PM
21	Patrols (especially evenings) to keep drug use away. Also clear up drug paraphernalia quickly. Reduce anti social behaviour.	10/18/2018 7:10 PM
22	More parks, in the summer hold more events like football, tennis, build a big beach.	10/18/2018 4:31 PM

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23	Not charging people to park in them would be a start. Better disabled access when events are taking place especially in Cassiobury Park as when it is wet, people in wheelchairs and mobility scooters have almost no chance of accessing the grass areas.	10/18/2018 12:57 PM
24	Develop a number of walkways to encourage people to follow laid-out routes, with indications of things to look out for (eg the boards in Cassiobury Park giving information about the house and the natural environment).	10/18/2018 10:46 AM
25	Make sure new developments actually work! (The pool at Cassiobury was closed many times after it's new opening!). Make them Wheelchair accessible (paths, play areas, events) More community events, Music festivals, Arts & Crafts, Street Food market.	10/17/2018 6:39 PM
26	There are good examples of local open spaces across Watford. Others are less welcoming, and would benefit from greater planting and careful management, with the provision of benches, and child play facilities.	10/17/2018 6:04 PM
27	Yes. Stop building on them. Bill Everett playing fields are almost gone. And the field behind Clarke Way is smaller. We need more trees to the appearances of what few open spaces there. This will improve our air quality and encourage birds and wildlife and improve mental health in reconnecting with nature. I hope WBC has no back door plans to claim any more allotment land?	10/17/2018 4:45 PM
28	Watford's green spaces are only used by a minority of people. A survey should be carried out to determine how many unique users really go to Cassiobury Park, etc. Why should the majority subsidise the leisure activities of a few?	10/17/2018 4:33 PM
29	Keep doing what you're doing - Watford parks are great!	10/17/2018 12:35 PM
30	More frequent visible Police presence.	10/17/2018 2:01 AM
31	Increase security. More organised activities.	10/16/2018 12:43 PM
32	Again many parks and green spaces have been improved - the number of Green Flags are proof of that. However schools should be encouraged to use them more and if there is not a Nature Walk [as H&S standards are not complied with] then the park should have one. 'Reintroduce 'poop bins'- the young dog walkers do not know that any bin can be used. More Health Walks or Work outs in those parks that don't have them Promotion of 'Friends of ..	10/16/2018 10:44 AM
33	Good maintenance, including litter removal so that areas do not appear threatening. Consider reintroduction of park attendants, funded by dowries from developers.	10/16/2018 9:57 AM
34	Ours is very well used by all ages, cricket club, bowls club, football pitches, running clubs and tracks, swimming pools. Catering to all ages is important. Personally I'd like to see facilities for dog walkers in these open spaces.	10/15/2018 8:42 PM
35	A cafe and toilets at Harwoods park	10/15/2018 5:08 PM
36	Apart from Cassiobury, people don't know all the parks. Toilet facilities available - callowlands and knutsford parks don't have any so families don't spend long there.	10/15/2018 4:31 PM
37	play rangers	10/15/2018 2:22 PM
38	Facilities, deterrent of vandals	10/15/2018 12:42 PM
39	I think the green spaces in Watford are good. The one near me appears to be well used which is good. I think people should be fined for dropping litter and leaving dog mess and make it obvious that this will happen if they offend.	10/15/2018 12:19 PM
40	Cassiobury Park seems very well attended to me; has so many improvements like the gyms, table tennis, tennis court, children's play areas, the hub, cha cha cafe, river Gade, canal. Lots of events throughout the year.	10/15/2018 1:08 AM
41	Good outside areas need to be maintained	10/14/2018 8:47 PM
42	Don't charge at Cassiobury. Realise that Cassiobury park is for all of Watford not just to supposed Elite within the estate	10/14/2018 8:22 PM
43	Police present to prevent anti social behaviour	10/14/2018 7:32 PM
44	Dont charge people to park to use them & stop building unnecessary structures on them	10/14/2018 7:28 PM
45	Mow the grass and vegetation that has been allowed to grow over large areas of Cassiobury Park which was a cost cutting exercise using preserving 'Nature' as an excuse. Children can't use the areas anymore, Weeds and stinging nettles have spread. Hyde Park and Regents Park are superb - no long grass there.	10/14/2018 6:34 PM
46	I think the open spaces in Watford are absolutely marvellous!! I use them regularly myself for fitness and dog walking and often bring friends who do not live local. The feedback from them is always how amazing our free facilities are. It makes me proud of Watford.	10/14/2018 1:37 PM

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47	One thing that is nice about green spaces is the opportunity to get away from the profound over-population of the borough. I'd rather not be too encouraging. However, as noted above, the flower beds around town are lovely and really brighten up the place. Open spaces become more crucial to local habitat as so many of our gardens are disappearing under new houses or, on a small but no less destructive scale, being made into solid driveways.	10/13/2018 9:00 PM
48	Encourage children's organised activities such as football or other sports on the open spaces	10/13/2018 6:43 PM
49	I think Watford is very good at refurbishing and making use of its green spaces so I'm not sure what else can be done.	10/13/2018 5:32 PM
50	I feel we have great open spaces and parks in watford	10/13/2018 8:34 AM
51	Delighted to see the consultation over improving Woodside. Football and cricket pitches are great, but the idea of attracting Moore people in with things like rope walks, a cafe etc are brilliant	10/12/2018 10:41 AM
52	More activities to promote sport and healthy lifestyles which also build a greater sense of community.	10/12/2018 8:15 AM
53	Provide more seating for resting/relaxing	10/11/2018 8:35 PM
54	In Waterfields recreation at the end nearest Tesco there is a storm water drain which leaks into the river Colne. The stench is quite noticeable leading me to assume that there is also raw sewage being discharged into the river. From time to time the water authority work on it, but it has never been fixed properly for at least 20 years. It would be nice to have that fixed but I doubt it will happen in my lifetime.	10/11/2018 6:25 PM
55	The open spaces are used well	10/11/2018 6:11 PM
56	Do we have any open spaces?! I can't think of many. We need to build more of them,something different with more facilities.	10/11/2018 11:31 AM
57	Better facilities for children. Dog parks. Cafes close or within parks.	10/10/2018 8:55 PM
58	More shade at paddling pools and play areas at Cassiobury Park. More parking by extending car park at Cassiobury. Car park extended further at king George's rec.	10/10/2018 7:55 PM
59	I applied to a local allotment through Veolia, expecting to face a huge waiting list. There was no waiting list - there are lots of empty lots available and no one knows! Veolia likely want this to stay this way so a case can be made for selling off this land. However, it has still taken weeks to get anywhere close to actually paying and arranging the use of the allotment lot - the system is old fashioned and not at all streamlined. People, especially those in flats, who would love some green space of their own, don't bother because they don't know it's available and the process is overly complicated. Make people more aware of their allotments! Also, create a Watford app highlighting accessible green spaces, with cycle paths, dog walking spaces, kids playgrounds etc. We recently found a park with a mountain bike area for practising jumps - we've lived here for 5 years and never seen this. I think the improvements to cassiobury and the sunday events at the bandstand have been an excellent way to increase activity there.	10/10/2018 6:46 PM
60	I think Watford has good open green spaces and they are always used well. Just please keep them!	10/10/2018 12:09 PM
61	Clean & tidy. Occasional events & information.	10/10/2018 11:11 AM
62	Watford seems to use its green spaces wisely. They are the lungs of the area where kids who have small or no gardens can run thus helping reduce obesity.	10/9/2018 11:38 PM
63	Encourage more free/ low cost community events - i.e. parkrun, team games. More seating areas/picnic benches	10/9/2018 8:35 PM
64	Police the dog walkers, so that they bag the deposit. Enforce litter control similarly, but also remove litter promptly so that the place looks attractive, which encourages folk to keep it so. Address any vandalism straight away. Large open spaces benefit from well run tea shops.	10/9/2018 2:12 PM
65	Fully Accessible and Inclusive play grounds.	10/9/2018 12:51 PM
66	Our open and green spaces in watford are great and these should be protected above all else as should green belt land. It keeps people fit, heathy and of good mind!	10/9/2018 12:15 PM
67	My local park is Cassiobury Park and Harwoods Recreation Ground. Both are well used and there isn't anything obvious needed to improve them.	10/9/2018 11:02 AM
68	Have "rangers patrolling to prevent antisocial behaviour.	10/9/2018 10:09 AM
69	A great deal has already been done and as a result many more people can be seen using the facilities. Just make sure they are never built on.	10/9/2018 9:47 AM

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70	My local park Callowland has been improved and has new playing area, which is nice. But I always said that would be good to have facilities there, like toilets and a café area. There is a building that is not in use that can be used for this and have like the ChaCha Café in Cassiobury. For me could become a great alternative to Cassiobury Park.	10/9/2018 2:41 AM
71	Local maps on the street, highlighting open spaces. More benches and more outdoor community events	10/9/2018 12:05 AM
72	Protect it, space already well used	10/8/2018 11:32 PM
73	I use them now	10/8/2018 10:11 PM
74	Lights and CCTV cameras to improve safety. Remove ASBOs and implement permanent bans from certain areas for unacceptable behaviour (drinking in public, drug dealing ...)	10/8/2018 9:02 PM
75	I am very happy with the local green spaces. The 5km runs are great.	10/8/2018 8:41 PM
76	More cafes/restaurants in the open spaces to attract people to visit.	10/8/2018 6:05 PM
77	Publicise the lesser used spaces in local publications and the Mayor's weekly newsletter.	10/8/2018 4:29 PM
78	Watford is doing this right!	10/7/2018 8:05 PM
79	Less rough sleepers in cassiobury Park	10/7/2018 5:58 PM
80	Lots of benches!!! I might donate one on my demise to my favourite park! Good wheelchair friendly paths and a 'disabled parking' facility would help, and a well maintained toilet suitable for all age groups with nappy changing facility. Would it be allowed to designate some space in some parks, particularly in high population density areas for schools,youth oriented groups such as woodcraft folk, scouts, schools etc to be able to grow plants, learning about horticulture and, the natural world and the food chain? This may attract families. In well frequented open spaces establishing va cafe with indoor seating may be attractive, for example the 'cafe in the park' at the Aquadrome, the cafe in St Albans park and many more. In fact they are so busy often they hardly cope. Having a young children's playground nearby also helps.... what about a fitness challenge course such as in Trent park?	10/7/2018 8:43 AM
81	Hold regular events in the free spaces such as outdoor yoga, nature walks, park runs, etc	10/7/2018 8:15 AM
82	Better lighting at morning and evening while walking would make people feel safer and not avoid. Maybe community policing could walk through some of the parks on a regular basis as people have mentioned unsavoury people hanging around and don't feel safe. Larger parks could encourage visitors and look into ecology and wildlife events/walks.	10/6/2018 2:56 PM
83	I think the situation is pretty good. I would like to see more space for allotments.	10/6/2018 1:33 PM
84	The council is doing a great job in improving our parks. Just keep up the good work in areas where the facilities are likely to be used. Continue to encourage volunteers and encourage people to be proud of our parks. It was really good to see large numbers of people using the parks over last summer.	10/6/2018 9:03 AM
85	Very proud of our local parks - cassiobury and harwoods road. Well done Watford council!	10/5/2018 8:48 PM
86	I feel the green spaces in Watford are lovely with the exception of the Colne river through Oxhey Park and Waterfields recreation ground - it could do with a clean up.	10/5/2018 7:03 PM
87	Just let people know they are there? Clear up drug paraphernalia on a regular basis (especially true of st johns playground). Ensure equipment in safe regularly (again st johns playground looks exhausted!).	10/5/2018 5:25 PM
88	No. I think they are generally excellent and as long as they continue to be well maintained and protected they are fine. Where there are major new developments such as Riverwell and soon the Junction station, there must be provision of green space there.	10/5/2018 5:11 PM
89	People need a reason to visit these places. For example, variety of restaurants/art gallery/museum./community rooms for hire. There is too much focus on Watford town centre which draws people away from green spaces.	10/5/2018 1:57 PM
90	Upgrade and evolve these areas. Focus on looking and maintains these areas rather than pouring concrete all over the place and building for buildings or housing	10/4/2018 11:54 PM
91	Marketed better so people know where they are. Run nature sessions/ forest school with kids Encourage sports/ yoga/ fitness trainers to hold sessions in them.	10/4/2018 11:47 PM
92	No	10/4/2018 9:20 PM
93	Not really - where I am the green space is really used well because it is a natural area has horses there and you feel you are in Richmond park. However, I do think there is an opportunity missed on the canals - what about canoeing or kayaking?	10/4/2018 6:45 PM

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94	Some lighting, at least on the footpaths, in Cassiobury Park would be a start. Tear down any "no ball games" signs on squares or odd patches of grass.	10/4/2018 4:40 PM
95	Better parking - most parks don't have any nearby parking	10/4/2018 12:59 PM
96	I recently got a parking to ticket in cassibury park car park, which is a free to use car park. The idea to install a ticket machine to print and display a ticket for a free car park is pure insanity. Removing barriers to enjoying the park is a must. Accessibility to the park is pretty good without the need for park restrictions	10/4/2018 7:58 AM
97	Safety increase police and park wardens Sun shelter in cassiobury park pools. Better staffing of the parking pools and tech knowledge of how to operate continuously not opening as staff did not know how to operate.	10/4/2018 6:20 AM
98	More rubbish / recycling bins and collections. Otherwise generally good	10/3/2018 11:00 PM
99	STOP building on them.	10/3/2018 5:03 PM
100	Watford has lots of lovely small parks and recreation grounds that need community support. It has Cassiobury Park the jewel in Watford's crown which has a Friends of Cassiobury Park Association but as with most areas that could do with the support it is often down to a few local residents working along side the hardworking Parks Department. How to encourage more to help out I don't know.	10/3/2018 12:00 AM
101	Make sure they are protected from developers. Improve signs for cycle lanes so it is clear what is a cycle lane and a pedestrian path where they are not allowed as it can be intimidating. Deal with the litter issues in all parks it seems to be out of control especially during the summer months. Our parks are great and need to be safe and appreciated by everyone.	10/2/2018 5:51 PM
102	Small open spaces rather than large ones in central locations. Discourage regular pot smokers and dog walkers in Estcourt Road pocket park.	10/1/2018 8:26 PM
103	Extend the provision of outdoor physical fitness facilities & improve the provision of affordable food outlets for open space users.	10/1/2018 4:45 PM
104	More outdoor equipment (fitness), cafe's in those areas where there are none with support for those type of business.	9/30/2018 9:58 PM
105	More benches to sit on, better playgrounds for children that are properly watched over so that when I take my children to the park it doesn't have broken glass, needles etc	9/30/2018 7:42 PM
106	Providing amenities other than children's playgrounds	9/30/2018 5:47 PM
107	Making more walking trails. Protecting any further buildings on green sites	9/30/2018 9:17 AM
108	Keep them clean and inviting. Use them for different types of entertainment	9/29/2018 7:51 AM
109	Coffee places and nice toilets in parks and stop wasting money on green flags	9/28/2018 10:45 PM
110	More parking availability.	9/28/2018 6:54 PM
111	Rebuild replica gates to the park	9/27/2018 11:51 PM
112	Better publicity for the activities that are taking place in them	9/27/2018 12:51 PM
113	Ensure opwn spaces and plau areas are patrolled to keep them safe ans clean	9/27/2018 5:58 AM
114	build houses near them so there are more people living near open spaces	9/26/2018 7:24 PM
115	Other than Cassiobury Park, it is getting harder and harder to find any open spaces. Perhaps stop building on them so that people can continue to enjoy them. My daughter enjoyed her horse riding lessons at Bucks Meadow. We have to travel to Chorleywood for riding lessons now. Great way to show Watford residents how much nicer the surrounding areas are.	9/26/2018 6:13 PM
116	I think we need less visitors to come to Cassiobury Park from outside the area, as it has become too busy. On bank holidays, the surrounding roads are gridlocked and it must be awful for the residents. Some of the visitors are antisocial and think it is okay to throw litter around and light BBQs. The park should be for local people mainly.	9/26/2018 5:53 PM
117	Seating Areas for all ages not just kids. Community or private cafes	9/26/2018 4:26 PM
118	They have been improved amazingly. A go ape site in Whippendell woods. Mountain bike trails also	9/26/2018 7:39 AM
119	If people not using them why not build on them	9/26/2018 7:24 AM
120	Make them safer and cleaner	9/26/2018 6:32 AM
121	We use all local green areas	9/25/2018 7:19 PM

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122	I love what's being down with cassiobury park, the bandstand events, the fitness classes, new pool etc. It would be great to have that available in other parks (not the pools). Encouraging local businesses to run small social events, festivals (food, crafts, etc). I appreciate it takes time and money to do but if it helps local businesses expand and get more promotion within the local community that would be amazing.	9/25/2018 1:50 PM
123	More toilet facilities in Cassiobury Park.	9/25/2018 12:38 PM
124	More fitness trails/ circuits in the parks. More safe places for bicycles. You could even supply 'boris bikes' with payment only via a card and then the card is charged every 15 minutes.	9/25/2018 11:05 AM
125	Less population More schools Better roads More hospitals Bigger parks	9/25/2018 8:33 AM
126	Better advertising of events eg music at the bandstand on Sunday's in the summer Free sports coaching facilities for youngsters to encourage them to be active	9/24/2018 11:25 PM
127	Don't build on them	9/24/2018 7:01 PM
128	More police patrols and cctv to catch the drug takers and vandalisers.	9/24/2018 6:10 PM
129	Better lighting. Park wardens.	9/24/2018 5:17 PM
130	Improve litter clearance - preferably by using "restorative justice labour" so it doesn't cost much.	9/23/2018 5:59 PM
131	No	9/23/2018 3:48 PM
132	Leave them stop mucking about and no more cafes	9/23/2018 3:28 PM
133	Stop building on them for starters.	9/23/2018 2:18 PM
134	More events in parks across the town.	9/23/2018 11:18 AM
135	More concerts and other outdoor events	9/21/2018 10:56 PM
136	allow them to be used for parties allowing music to be played and gazebos to be erected. allow mobile food to be given access to such areas used for open air concerts or dancing venues street/road/block of flat allotment plots	9/21/2018 12:38 PM
137	Local activities, clubs etc.. better promoted and affordable.	9/20/2018 2:12 PM
138	Turn off the internet! I find the open spaces near me quite usable. The only thing I would say is to ensure they remain!	9/19/2018 11:50 PM
139	Look after and maintain the allotments and parks. Kept the safe, secure and clean.	9/18/2018 8:42 PM
140	Encourage buses to travel to them	9/18/2018 2:51 PM
141	More less formal areas, use our greatest asset, Cassiobury Park more, expand and support the miniature railway more events in the bandstand, allowing local bands Tec of all genres to have free use. The miniature railway is a novelty but could be developed to provide a service to access the lower part of the park near the canal. The canal area should be improved to provide an attraction for all incorporating an educational element with an annex to the museum. Provide better cycle facilities in the park with even cycle hire.	9/18/2018 1:08 PM
142	Make them attractive - do activities for free (ie play tennis, badminton, basket/net ball courts) have a bmx/ skate board track, wildlife walk/sensory garden	9/18/2018 12:52 PM
143	as long as they are clean, well maintained and anti social behaviour is tackled then there shouldn't be any problems attracting more people into using them.	9/17/2018 11:31 PM
144	Well I heard that charges are going to be introduced to all the public tennis courts. Well they wont be used then!	9/17/2018 8:51 PM
145	The best public open space I know is the park in Grange Road, Bushey - it has no benches, no 'furniture' of any description and is owned and maintained by a collective of neighbours. There is too much intervention in some of our green spaces - not everyone wants to see sports equipment every 50 yards, or benches and bins that are surrounded by the left-overs of someone's picnic. As a dog-walker, I would like to see more natural areas that are left tidy, but unspoilt.	9/17/2018 2:02 PM
146	Up to date modern play equipment. Regularly cleaned with the removal of litter and graffiti. Safe	9/17/2018 1:52 PM
147	Generally no the open spaces are good. Look at opening up school open spaces, playgrounds and leisure facilities when schools are shut	9/16/2018 4:16 PM
148	Cafes and events in more of the green spaces. Cassiobury park is fantastic but not everyone is walking distance. A local facilitie for people of all ages would build community spirit	9/16/2018 2:41 PM
149	Parks need better lighting, they feel very unsafe after dark. Maybe need some designated walkways through scenic areas.	9/16/2018 10:54 AM

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150	Cycle paths	9/15/2018 9:38 PM
151	I agree with the proposals for the Woodside park and think it could be extended to other parks. Other than sports pitches I don't think lots of grass on its own has much appeal to people, apart from dog walkers maybe. Other things such as play \ exercise areas, a cafe or even just the park bench appear to be greatly more appealing for their comparative size. So I would look at these to encourage people and maybe earmark some of the cut grass areas to be left more wild.	9/15/2018 1:16 PM
152	More council backed activites in the area with greater advertisement of these. Cassiobury park has a lot but smaller scale ones at other parkland could be improved.	9/15/2018 12:49 PM
153	Project swift. Do you have a record of how many swifts nest in Watford? (I could find no information).Sightings need to be collected as numbers have halved over the past few years. Swift bricks are easy to include in new houses and many Councils are installing nest boxes. We need to live in harmony with nature. Bats and garden birds also need our help.	9/14/2018 7:58 PM
154	Continue as you are	9/14/2018 1:25 PM
155	More options for kids, and more security at these open spaces to prevent them becoming 'no go zones' for young children and the elderly.	9/14/2018 11:14 AM
156	Leave the green spaces alone, stop building on school playing fields and parks, leave sports pitches alone	9/14/2018 1:11 AM
157	as you are intent on building on every bit of open space question irrelevant	9/13/2018 10:24 PM
158	Keep doing what is currently been done. On a reasonably sunny day, Watford town centre is empty as everyone's at Cassiobury Park, because it's superb. New additions (changing rooms, bandstand etc) are all excellent. Maybe add walking trails like at Wendover Woods, or more sculptures to add to what's already there.	9/13/2018 9:29 PM
159	Stop Building On Them!! We NEVER needed the Cassiobury hub, we DONT need one at Woodside or anywhere else you keep planning them!	9/13/2018 6:41 PM
160	No	9/13/2018 5:23 PM
161	They are currently well used, but crime is a worry for some. Vandalism is also a big issue as is traveller incursion. Council should seek new powers to act AND by default should seek out orders for ALL council land in the borough when a trespass occurs. This would be legally permissible at present, but for some reason the orders are only sought on smaller boundaries, e.g. Watford Fields, or Oxhey Park instead of Public land within the Borough of Watford.	9/13/2018 4:45 PM
162	no they are great all of them	9/13/2018 3:57 PM
163	Tgis is an area the Council currently excel on	9/13/2018 3:34 PM
164	Try to stop developers building on them...	9/13/2018 2:44 PM
165	I recently enjoyed the Fishers Field reserve open day - similar functions to make local residents aware	9/13/2018 2:11 PM
166	I really like the way Cassiobury Park has been revitalised and I love going for walks through the woods. Please do not change them. The Park and the woods are the best thing about Watford and if you destroy them, you'll destroy so much.	9/13/2018 11:59 AM
167	Cassiobury Park, cycle lane and signage needs improving drastically	9/13/2018 11:31 AM
168	No improvements needed apart from more cycle paths.	9/13/2018 10:04 AM
169	They have all been improved beautifully over the past 2-3 years particularly Cassiobury Park, Leavesden Country Park, and Lea Farm Rec.	9/12/2018 5:38 PM
170	Open spaces are well maintained. However not all easily accessible with public transport..	9/12/2018 4:57 PM
171	More parking or bus in service More events Festivals (Family) Extra free sports facilities (Tennis etc)	9/12/2018 9:07 AM
172	Encourage people to clean up after themselves. Woodland walks. Trees and greenery in high street, front gardens for eateries rather than pavement	9/12/2018 9:05 AM
173	Barbecue areas, rent spaces for parties and family reunions (providing gazebo and outdoor light furniture).	9/12/2018 8:17 AM
174	Open spaces are packed at present Nothing wrong in what you have done to date but insufficient number Don't build for profit, build for the community	9/11/2018 7:45 PM
175	More security, going to the park especially a new one can be intimidating especially if you don't know where you are going. Well signposted parks are attractive, with maps.	9/11/2018 9:39 AM
176	Easier parking of bus connections	9/10/2018 4:28 PM

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177	More parking or transport to them, good maintenance and awareness of them.	9/10/2018 3:16 PM
178	Encourage schools to use them so children get used to the idea that it is good to be outside. Make them safe and tidy and maintain them to a good standard. Organise events for a wide range of people and interests.	9/10/2018 3:16 PM
179	WE are lucky to have lovely park and green space by us-i think Watford residents are extremely lucky with our green spaces and how well WBC manages and maintains these but they need to be protected!	9/10/2018 12:10 PM
180	I am lucky to have excellent open space provision in Woodside and would be very concerned at the prospect of losing it to development. The Woodside playing fields, Leavesden Country Park and Hill Farm Close open spaces are pleasant and well used, and the traffic-free green areas on the Sherwood Estate provide safe space for children to meet and play with each other, which leads to increased community cohesion. I would wish the same for other areas of Watford. Areas without play equipment appear to be less used by families and more likely to become used principally as dog-walking spaces. In my experience, a key factor in the use of open spaces is the amount of irresponsible dog ownership and fouling, and the sense of safety. If play equipment is clean and well maintained, the area is securely fenced so that children can't wander onto a road, and the ground isn't heavily fouled or dominated by free-roaming dogs it is well used.	9/10/2018 12:10 PM
181	The biggest challenge is access and parking. We need to look at better parking provision and consider things like shuttle bus services	9/10/2018 9:46 AM
182	Invest in maintenance, which is lacking at the moment Most parks are in a poor state	9/9/2018 9:51 PM
183	Bring back youth centres?	9/9/2018 8:49 PM
184	Cassiobury Park is lovely and it is one place in the town where I am proud to take visitors. There seem to be plenty of events going on and I like the new Hub. However to make even more of the park, please rebuild the park gates!	9/9/2018 1:36 PM
185	The play areas in Watford are excellent and suitable for a range of ages. Having green space is so important when you live in a flat with small children. The play areas by us are well used but it is essential that they are maintained and equipment replaced and updated as necessary. The see-saw has disappeared from Cassiobury park, for example, this should be replaced or repaired rather than just removed. Dog free areas in Cassiobury park where people can have a picnic (not just the children's play area). Activities for children using the green spaces rather than just the children centres/ libraries.	9/9/2018 1:17 PM
186	Maintain them better. Harwoods rec/adventure playground is regularly trashed. Broken glass, drug users, i even found tampons in the sand. Its disgusting. Theres also no toilet. It would be good to have a cash point in Cassiobury, at the Cha or daisys. The summer time especially is great with the bouncy castles and the trains. Events in cassiobury are great and its a lovely park.	9/9/2018 1:05 PM
187	Public awareness. Reasons to go to then like cafes	9/9/2018 9:34 AM
188	They are well used in my area	9/9/2018 1:29 AM
189	the area on radlett road rugby fields - the new paths by the colne river need to be better maintained as feels too dodgy to go along it - maybe some areas between it and the path by the fields. Have a fluorescent path - see link https://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=i&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=images&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwiOiMHuhazdAhUH2BoKHUHWB1cQjRx6BAGBEAU&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.meonuk.com%2Fbrisbane-glowing-paths&psig=AOvVaw1PUX-Jt6Dshk6C2vyl8dKB&ust=1536518032828424 would improve safety and people may use green spaces more when darkeg to jog	9/8/2018 7:35 PM
190	Making them feel safe. Cassiobury and Knutsford parks feel safe and welcoming but the park in Gammons lane - do you call that Callowland? is somewhere that I dont feel i could use as it felt so unsafe last time I visited. It was sad because the children were enjoying themselves but I could feel the atmosphere of menace from some of the older youth using the facilities.	9/8/2018 5:35 PM
191	Cleaner maybe redevelopment like the Callowland park which is very popular now.	9/8/2018 5:19 PM
192	Improve paths so that there are fewer tripping hazards, make it compulsory to keep dogs on the lead except for certain times of the day (early morning/evening) so that children can play without fear. Greater fines for not picking up dog poo. Park wardens to monitor this.	9/8/2018 2:49 PM
193	Community policing	9/8/2018 1:55 PM
194	Certain places have to be more pet friendly	9/8/2018 1:30 PM

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195	The open spaces themselves are fine, the access to these on foot and by cycle is constrained by infrastructure. Colne Valley Linear Park accessibility could be improved by the proposed link between Colonial Way and St. Albans Road. Access to Cassiobury Park from the North by either foot or cycle is hampered by the town hall roundabout and underpass. Cycles are currently banned from the two underpasses which link the cycle routes. The 'official' route is a via significant diversion across two crossings and through the town centre to get to a point less than 100 metres away.	9/8/2018 12:24 PM
196	All well used - we just need more and developers should not be allowed to provide so little greenery in new developments	9/8/2018 11:04 AM
197	I think the big events initiative is great - more of this please. We've attended bandstand events and enjoyed them too. I think continuing these and building on them would be great.	9/8/2018 10:53 AM
198	Car parking is always an issue, you have to consider this as a provision, whether you like it or not families will drive to enjoy days out at open spaces.	9/8/2018 8:21 AM
199	Footpath accessibility. Tram systems. A running track please for my son who loves running.	9/8/2018 6:59 AM
200	Better maintenance. Encourage the public to help with organised events for clearing and cleaning of open public areas.	9/8/2018 1:15 AM
201	This open space should not be touched by housing developments Watford Council should not allow any housing development at any cost. Yes these parks and greenery attract people to enjoy Watford.	9/8/2018 1:00 AM
202	They are well used!	9/7/2018 11:09 PM
203	I think that Cassiobury Park is used well and imaginatively. Can any lessons learned from that area be shared with others?	9/7/2018 10:56 PM
204	More/improved outdoor gyms. Events like Wats On - great! More football/basketball courts. More outdoor table tennis tables. More playgrounds.	9/7/2018 10:11 PM
205	Better children's parks, gyms machines incorporated into the parks. Maybe staff to keep people feeling safe.	9/7/2018 8:54 PM
206	Parking or public transport	9/7/2018 8:09 PM
207	More running tracks. Curtailment of dogs in public spaces.	9/7/2018 7:57 PM
208	Put in cafes and better toilet facilities then it becomes more of a destination. Have parks that are better lit at night	9/7/2018 7:01 PM
209	Encourage more wildlife and wildlife tours.	9/7/2018 6:54 PM
210	More activities for older children	9/7/2018 6:08 PM
211	I'm happy with the space available at Cassiobury Park, it's frustrating that the water fountain is often not working and that there aren't more of them and toilet facilities	9/7/2018 6:03 PM
212	I think we already do a pretty good job, esp at Cassiobury Park	9/7/2018 6:01 PM
213	I actually think Watford Council has recently had a great track record at this. Children's parks are welcoming, green spaces not built over, outdoor gym equipment. The town isn't unkempt in this regard unlike many other towns	9/7/2018 5:59 PM
214	Organise local litter picking events. Get tougher on litter louts. Get really tough on people who spit chewing gum on the ground, warn them then fine them large amounts of money, on the spot.	9/7/2018 5:50 PM
215	Open spaces are fine it's the town which efforts should be concentrated on.	9/7/2018 5:27 PM
216	more plants of more variety. Just grass is a bit boring. Perhaps more water features - fountains, ponds, drinking facilities.	9/7/2018 5:18 PM
217	Already very good quality.	9/7/2018 4:43 PM
218	A fun Sensory area for People of all ages and Abilities can enjoy in all green areas not just Cassio park - playgrounds to incorporate W/chair users - not just Cassio park	9/7/2018 4:25 PM
219	No I live close to Harebreaks Rec, North Watford Playing Fields and Goodwood Rec all three good and have green flags between them they have playgrounds, tennis courts, grass, woodland, football pitches etc Could look at more natural long grass areas to encourage biodiversity rather than short grass deserts. More bee/butterfly planting.	9/7/2018 3:44 PM
220	The outside gyms and children's play areas are an important part of how people enjoy leisure time outside and dog walking is also much needed. Maintaining the open spaces and parks is vital as they are a real Jewel in Watford's crown, for example Cheslyn gardens.	9/7/2018 3:29 PM

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221	I love watford for its green space - it's the best thing about it. Just don't reduce the amount	9/7/2018 2:36 PM
222	More control over ensuring people pick up their dog poo. Better lighting to make the areas safer at night.	9/7/2018 2:26 PM
223	More awareness of them. I know people who didn't even know cassiobury Park existed!	9/7/2018 2:20 PM
224	Have more public events but we know that the [REDACTED] and to keep the areas clean at all time	9/7/2018 2:17 PM
225	Modern, low maintenance and promoted	9/7/2018 2:09 PM
226	NO. I think that we have sufficient now that the Park (Cassiobury) has been developed	9/7/2018 1:54 PM

Q30 Do you have any comments, concerns or thoughts about how any of the issues listed above could be addressed as part of the new Local Plan or which ones you think are most important?

Answered: 200 Skipped: 219

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Take them seriously and undertake positive actions rather than taking things no further than policy documents.	10/21/2018 10:34 AM
2	I would love to see Watford lead the way on green/renewable energy initiatives, bioversity. I think you also need to look at the sustainability of the town beach, given the impending sand crisis it seems inexcuseable.	10/19/2018 11:53 PM
3	Water provision with redevelopment	10/19/2018 11:34 PM
4	Improve flooding defences	10/19/2018 10:24 PM
5	Green belt is very important. We must preserve this before we destroy the entire countryside. This lends itself to climate change but even though I feel strongly about it, I do not see it facing Watford with a huge issue other than water lane! Renewable energy should be at the heart of every new building going up in the town. We need to make sure the shopping centre thrives with the new extension or this could be a costly mistake. Children should be taught more on the heritage of the town and local area so they too are invested in it.	10/19/2018 10:22 PM
6	Biodiversity, climate change, renewable energy: more green solutions, solar panels, water recycling, LED lights, permaculture, educating people about recycling and more recycling options (separate paper from metal and plastic, etc.). Heritage and conservation: use of those sites for cultural events	10/19/2018 10:13 PM
7	climate change, flooding, heritage and conservation, renewable energy, green belt, flooding are all equally as important	10/19/2018 9:04 PM
8	Seek high standards on SuDs and Energy efficiency and insist on overheating assessments as Watford is walking into a future crisis as overheating flats install Air con which will increase energy use and the urban heat island effect. Look to the London Plan for guidance and best practice ... developers have to comply one mile away over the London boundary and there is no reason they can't comply in Watford too .	10/19/2018 5:34 PM
9	Do not build on flood plains.	10/19/2018 3:51 PM
10	Remove poorly performing land from the green belt. Green belt shouldn't be protected just because it's green belt - not all parts of the green belt are equal! However, since green belt sites in Watford are likely to be poorly connected (I don't know them off the top of my head) it's imperative that good public transport is put in place Climate change and sustainability are very important. Watford must be resilient in the face of climate change.	10/19/2018 3:49 PM
11	Climate change must be tackled head on and in a radical manner. Renewable energy is an interesting one, could think about local energy initiatives such as community owned energy. All new builds must be BREAM outstanding and be long-term developments. It may be more expensive at the start but we must think of the long-term benefits in terms of climate change.	10/19/2018 3:45 PM
12	Encourage solar panels and energy efficiency construction. Help to improve energy efficiency of existing housing with grants. Flooding, need to avoid building on flood plain, allow the river to flood in safe places. Use sustainable urban drainage, porous hard surfaces. Rainwater harvesting should be mandatory on large commercial and retail buildings, and encourage homeowners to install it as well.	10/19/2018 3:39 PM
13	What green belt remains in this area should be preserved. I do not wish to live in a concrete jungle. This does not mean that there should be no development that improves a poorly used area or one that is not maintained. Sustainability and conservation are so important that if these items are addressed a number of other matters will be automatically dealt with.	10/19/2018 3:11 PM
14	Heritage is valuable as cultural context, but we do not live in a museum and Watford (unlike say St. Albans) is not an historic magnet. Green belt protection is critical to well being and should be recognised as such the balance are more of a national agenda	10/19/2018 10:09 AM

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15	Learn from the past. Don't rip up the heritage or do crazy things like build a 'ring' road through the middle of town! If more development is to happen, ensure the infrastructure (school places, doctors etc) is in place to support it.	10/19/2018 2:02 AM
16	Climate change, which could end human life altogether, can't be just listed as if it was equivalent to these other things! Encompasses all!	10/19/2018 12:13 AM
17	Please do not build on the green belt! Watford has so few open spaces compared to other Hertfordshire towns, as this survey notes. We can not afford to lose any more of these spaces. Please also maintain our heritage by preventing more back garden building in conservation areas. It is ridiculous that in Oxhey Village we can't prune a tree in our back garden or change the colour of our front door without special permission, but a property developer can build three new homes that are totally out of character with the area by destroying two beautiful back gardens.	10/18/2018 11:05 PM
18	design and sustainable construction are important.. get the basic structure well designed and the rest will follow	10/18/2018 10:29 PM
19	Make it mandatory to use all eco friendly options (lagging, windows, heating etc.). Better public transport to cut pollution. Keep traffic moving to cut pollution. High rise building with people in apartments will lead to more conflict between neighbours (noise etc.) as will limiting parking. Over Crowding will lead to more Mental Health problems. More Claustrophobia..... High Rise must have good lifts or people could be trapped in flats which are confined spaces. People living with children in flats will cause friction as there will be little space to get away safely. Health will be a major issue as children will not get to go into gardens to play in fresh air. Will increase obesity. Everyone benefits from getting out into fresh air, green and open spaces which is possible with a garden (even a small one).	10/18/2018 7:21 PM
20	The roads can't cope as when it rains really badly they start to flood. So have better flood defences in place. The design should keep in style with the rest of watford	10/18/2018 4:32 PM
21	Helping people to build their own properties could be a huge answer to solving part of the housing crisis. Heritage and conservation are important to me.	10/18/2018 12:59 PM
22	I am particularly concerned about Watford's heritage. Given the amount of development that has already taken place and will have to take place in future, I believe there is a danger that the town will become overrun with new build and that older buildings will be lost, so the town will end up looking just like Milton Keynes. We've lost too many old buildings already, and we don't want to lose any more.	10/18/2018 10:48 AM
23	Radlett Road, Water Lane, Lower High st have been known to flood. Old sewer systems cannot cope with the increase in population/homes. Renewable energy: Put solar panels on shops. More police presence around smaller shopping areas to promote safety.	10/17/2018 6:42 PM
24	They all to be addressed, so it is difficult and potentially misleading to order them in importance - as those down the list would appear unimportant... However, looking at Watford, from the list, the most pressing issues are: Growth issues such as: - Potential development sites - Design of taller buildings - Qualitative re-evaluation of the Green Belt All new development, higher-density development and taller buildings should be subject to considerations of: - sustainable construction and development - use of renewable energy - flood risk - encouraging biodiversity, where possible.	10/17/2018 6:13 PM
25	Not at the moment. But I do worry very much that Watford is disappearing under a sea of concrete with little or no concern for quality of life for humans and the destruction of habitat for our wildlife.	10/17/2018 4:47 PM
26	There are too many Conservation Areas in Watford. Watford with a history of little more than 100 years has a higher proportion of houses in Conservation Areas than St Albans with 2000 years. The concept of the Conservation Area has been devalued by its misuse in Watford.	10/17/2018 4:37 PM
27	Many of these are linked and need joined up thinking and planning - definitely need to be in National and Local plans - Climate change, Flooding, Green belt, Heritage and conservation, Renewable energy, Sustainable construction. BRE and RES are on the doorstep and we don't seem to be doing any of the things they develop!!	10/17/2018 12:37 PM
28	Areas that are important to me are Heritage and Conservation and renewable energy	10/17/2018 12:14 PM
29	Important to ensure a mix of housing in Central. Too many conversions of Victorian houses into HMO's / flats will result in an imbalance that will be harmful to the community. No more conversions or lawful developments should be allowed. Article 4 should be imposed in areas of Central where this has happened or be likely to happen. Without a community that cares about its neighbourhood, crime, drugs, domestic violence, slavery and anti social behaviour will increase.	10/17/2018 2:16 AM
30	Climate change is of major concern and greater use of renewable energy (ie solar panels) must be incorporated in any new planning permissions.	10/16/2018 12:46 PM

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31	Sustainable construction development. Within the Plan it mentions that some areas - namely Nascot and Park - with low density development should be considered for more developments. Many people move to these areas precisely for the reasons of it being a residential and family friendly area, in the main they are not commuters and spend a lot of time in the community so do not wish for the area to change. The sewers, drains and electricity supplies in these areas are old and will become more clogged if more houses are built. The schools and GP surgeries are full so unless new schools and surgeries are built then Watford will change too much.	10/16/2018 10:52 AM
32	Green Belt needs to be preserved, accessible green spaces particularly important for people in high density housing. Encourage homeowners to preserve existing gardens to address climate change and biodiversity. Possible enforce requirement to use grasscrete or similar if introducing parking spaces on their land	10/16/2018 10:01 AM
33	Climate change. ..sustainability	10/15/2018 5:08 PM
34	All development must be energy efficient. Developments should be different looking to other towns, or we all end up looking like Milton Keynes. Self build should be encouraged.	10/15/2018 4:34 PM
35	Biodiversity, heritage and conservation, renewable energy, local shopping centres, sustainable construction, flooding, green belt, design - these are all important issues and need to be taken on board.	10/15/2018 12:21 PM
36	Would like to see all new housing built sustainably and incorporate renewable energy technology.	10/15/2018 1:11 AM
37	Need to protect green belt when it's gone it's gone forever	10/14/2018 8:48 PM
38	Green Belt - needs to be protected more..	10/14/2018 7:29 PM
39	Don't allow high density developments without them having significant amount of Solar Panels installed (on the roof ?) Please don't build on the Green Belt . It would reduce quality of life and destroy open spaces forever. We have to leave some sort of Country for our grandchildren.	10/14/2018 6:40 PM
40	I do not really have enough knowledge on these subjects to comment	10/14/2018 1:38 PM
41	Housing and congestion are the most important issues, however people will always need a car so this should be provided for and building housing without parking is ridiculous.	10/14/2018 12:55 PM
42	If new houses are built, they should have to have solar panels and as much energy-saving kit as can be installed at the present. They must have green gardens and should come with covenants that limit the number of cars per household. The green belt is sacrosanct. And stop building on gardens!	10/13/2018 9:03 PM
43	All the above are important. With all the new building and concrete, flood prevention must be a priority. Keeping green belt where possible to retain the balance of the town/country.	10/13/2018 6:45 PM
44	All these things are important and I would expect eco building to be the norm these days.	10/13/2018 5:33 PM
45	Design - Council needs to ensure that pressure to increase density of housing on new developments - especially high rise - does not result in poor living conditions for the occupants Heritage and Conservation - Buildings in the The parts of the town designated Conservation Areas MUST be protected Locally Listed buildings should be protected more than they have in the past Thus planning permission should only be given if the new building significantly enhances the character of the area Renewable Energy - All new buildings should be required to incorporate renewable energy features Council could offer a small (5% ?) rebate on Council Tax as an incentive Local Shopping should be encouraged by the provision of short term (30 min) with free parking Vouchers having to be obtained from the shops in the vicinity	10/13/2018 11:46 AM
46	All developments should be sustainable with focus on renewable energy eg solar panels as standard using environmentally responsible constructors to limit climate/environmental impact. Also potential sites for development is important.	10/13/2018 8:37 AM
47	All important particularly renewable energy and climate change	10/12/2018 8:15 AM
48	Climate change., heritage and conservation, renewable energy and sustainable construction.	10/11/2018 9:18 PM
49	· Renewable energy - Encourage the use of it including public bus services	10/11/2018 8:39 PM
50	You could mandate that all planning permissions granted on land exceeding a certain size allocate a certain proportion to self build/custom build.	10/11/2018 6:31 PM
51	Design and retail.	10/11/2018 11:32 AM
52	Please protect our green belts they are so important to health and well being.	10/10/2018 8:55 PM

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53	Supporting renewable energy would be great, especially in the city centre, as well as providing support for those in their homes. I think self build and custom build housing options are sorely needed - people want the opportunity. It would be great to take a stand on plastic as a city - demand that the bars, clubs and coffee shops stop using plastic straws for a start. Offer incentives for companies that make the effort to go more green. We have a huge night life culture in Watford - even if just the clubs and bars stopped serving plastic in their cocktails we would make a big dent.	10/10/2018 6:49 PM
54	Green belt - really needs to be protected. climate change - important full stop. heritage and conservation - where possible I think its important to try and keep Watford looking like the town it was, so many lovely buildings and where building new ones I really thinking architecture should be considered.	10/10/2018 12:11 PM
55	We should be leading on sustainable transport. We already have a pedestrianised high street, which gives us a big chance to encourage cycling with a cycle superhighway .	10/10/2018 11:50 AM
56	Watford has few green spaces, so those that exist should be protected. Better planning with adjacent authorities.	10/10/2018 11:13 AM
57	I get very upset by the hard work of some people (E.g. friends of Oxhey Park) only to have delinquents come along with a spray can and leave an ugly mess. Smokers who stubb there cigarettes out on the ground and leave them, litter louts who dont see rubbish bins, all anti social behaviour, maybe a few more uniformed persons walking around the town giving out penalty notices for the above, does not need to be an over worked police officer. Any revenue from fines used to maintain the service and not put into the general budget pot.	10/9/2018 11:47 PM
58	Love the work being done in Cassiobury Park to show the history of the park and local area - more like this would be fantastic.	10/9/2018 8:37 PM
59	Design: maybe there could be consultations and voting. Green belt: it will be hard to restrict new build to the town environs and maintain green belt integrity at the same time.	10/9/2018 2:17 PM
60	More recycling! Protect green belt land.	10/9/2018 12:16 PM
61	Build using environmental best-practices when building new developments. Consider aesthetic interest when approving planning applications.	10/9/2018 11:05 AM
62	Potential development sites - just stop building! We have become a commuter town. If there is no more space then there is no more space and people will need to move elsewhere.	10/9/2018 10:10 AM
63	My worry is that locally we are losing control because of incompetence at national level and as result local councils are held to ransom.	10/9/2018 9:47 AM
64	All green spaces, parks, woods etc should be protected. People should have to get permission to remove trees and hedges from their gardens. Building on any land increases flood risk	10/9/2018 12:08 AM
65	Don't think preserving old environment should be at expense of progress - new more effieient housing is positive.	10/8/2018 11:34 PM
66	Can't think of anything....oh wait.....A 2nd back entrance to Watford junction station.	10/8/2018 10:45 PM
67	Renewable energy	10/8/2018 10:12 PM
68	Climate change - one of the most important together with biodiversity, renewable energy, recycling and green spaces. Enough retailing space but not enough quality operators/business owners.	10/8/2018 9:04 PM
69	Most important: 1) Retail and local shopping centres 2)Climate change 3) Green belt 4) Renewable Energy 5) Heritage and conservation 6) Potential development sites- need to be carefully selected 7)Renewable energy 8)Sustainable construction	10/8/2018 6:07 PM
70	There is so much undeveloped land in neighbouring boroughs that the SWH strategic plan should be a main focus going forward. Working together to make best use of resources for the ever expanding population is key to achieving what we need and the balance of town and country we want to preserve for a better long term environment for future generations.	10/8/2018 4:29 PM
71	Renewable energy- council buildings should all have solar panels and further incentives than currently available for council funded organisations to install solar on their roofs. Self build-directory of land available for single dwellings that large developers will not touch.	10/7/2018 8:09 PM
72	Construction of new housing should be mostly dense with a care put into the aesthetic. Most new developments are bland and ugly (Leavesden, new housing in Garston). If new housing was nicer with green space it would be easier to accept it on green belt land.	10/7/2018 7:23 PM
73	I consider climate change, flooding, renewable energy to be (basic) top priorities but all the above issues matter a lot.	10/7/2018 8:46 AM

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74	I would like to see developers being rewarded for the use of sustainable building materials and using renewable energy sources such as solar or wind power in all new housing - we must start to take the issues that are affecting our planet seriously	10/7/2018 8:18 AM
75	I have been pleasantly surprised by the lib dems work throughout Watford. We seem to be getting past the view of us as living in "grotty watty" as one doctor accused is of living in. Money has been spent of improving facilities, green spaces such as passivity park and the areas that visitors to the area see (not high rise, grubby, over populated, boarded up areas). More thought could be put into environmentally friendly schemes. Solar, wind etc	10/6/2018 3:01 PM
76	- Emission zone in Central Watford. - Protect heritage sites - Renewables for new builds	10/6/2018 2:34 PM
77	I am deeply concerned about climate change and would welcome anything the council can do to improve the situation particularly with regard to home insulation and renewable energy. I think there is a case for generating energy locally.	10/6/2018 1:37 PM
78	Make landlords act much more responsibly in maintaining the external features of flats above shops in local shopping areas such as Goodwood Parade. A very good job was done in improving the pavement and parking facilities, but pressure needs to be brought to bear on landlords to improve the condition of buildings when these schemes are put in place.	10/6/2018 9:08 AM
79	The Tesco metro shop(with long opening hours) in what used to be the site of the college off Langley road has actually increased local congestion as many people just pop out to the shop when previously they would have much further to travel. So perhaps a nursery school, dentist or GP surgery would have a better community facility than retail.	10/5/2018 10:26 PM
80	As stated before the proposed housing developments - particularly with lack of parking in the areas of TK Maxx, Ascot Road and Thomas Sawyer way are of particular concern to me as the town does not have the infrastructure to support this. Safety of children walking to school particularly in the areas of Vicarage Road by the girls grammer and on Clarendon Road where the new St John's School is are of particular concern to me. A pedestrian crossing on the Vicarage road near the grammer school is needed. The amount of traffic crossing the pavement in order to access car parks on Clarendon road is another particular concern of mine.	10/5/2018 7:08 PM
81	Encourage 'green' shops that have no packaging etc. Ensure that all green areas (no matter how small) are planted with native, flowering plants. Encourage local business users to team with bee keepers to keep hives on roof (id love todo this but I've not kept bees yet!) Funding towards the new testla solar panel roof tiles. They're great, you can get victorian tile variety! ;) White/pale roads and concrete surfaces where possible to reflect the sun back. No plastic packaging incentive for residents or businesses. Plant and maintain Willow trees in high flood risk areas.	10/5/2018 5:30 PM
82	· Biodiversity- yes we must not let Watford become a tarmac/concrete wasteland · Climate change - developments should be carbon neutral with minimum emissions · Design - of a high quality with absolute priority being given to the quality of life for residents who will live in the new developments · Flooding - should be managed · Green belt - not as precious as many would have one believe and can be sacrificed as long as the other priorities are met. Also of marginal value as Watford does not have any Green belt! · Heritage and conservation - where buildings have true heritage value they must be preserved, but protecting a characterless building simply because its old is a luxury we cannot afford. · Potential development sites - brownfield first. Then low quality green areas. Then poor quality existing housing areas. · Renewable energy - yes! · Retail and local shopping centres - improve what we have, in particular local shopping parades and include similar facilities in new sachems. · Self build and custom build housing - a luxury we cannot afford · Sustainable construction - yes as long as it does not have a significant negative effect on houing costs.	10/5/2018 5:20 PM
83	Watford council has demonstrated disregard to all of the above apart from potential development sites, retail and shopping centres. Start listening to the residents who pay your wages and things might be better for everyone.	10/5/2018 1:58 PM
84	- concerns about climate change probably partly come in transport section and need to lessen dependence on cars; need for increasing provision of renewable energy comes within climate change too, and sustainable construction.	10/5/2018 11:21 AM
85	Sustainable construction design	10/5/2018 11:19 AM
86	All of the above should be considered	10/5/2018 9:46 AM
87	Stop building everywhere possible Start caring, tending and preserving to the green land Look after the schools Look after the historical elements and preserve the towns heritage Stop turning Watford into a giant slab of concrete Make Watford safer. More visable police.	10/4/2018 11:56 PM

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88	Flood planning is essential. Climate change is also interesting as this links to pollution which I'm very concerned about as the traffic continues to increase. Heritage and conservation is also key to protect buildings/areas from development companies, otherwise the town will lose its history as has already been the case in some places.	10/4/2018 11:52 PM
89	Self build micro housing	10/4/2018 9:21 PM
90	My ranking (importance being top and less so bottom) would be: 1. Green belt 2. Biodiversity 3. Heritage and conservation 4. Design 5. Flooding 6. Renewable energy	10/4/2018 6:48 PM
91	Heritage and conservation - old buildings are being lost (new to max offices) and new building which look dirty and an eye sore (roundabout by the town hall) after a few years are taking their place. The new shopping centre doesn't blend in to the old part at all. More design that considers heritage and what the town will look like in ten years time	10/4/2018 1:01 PM
92	Please please please please work to redevelop the pick up/drop off zone outside Watford Junction. I know that busses need access also, but every time I go past that station I get stuck in traffic while there is a football pitch sized empty space next to the station.	10/4/2018 8:01 AM
93	Green Belt should be protected unless it is for an environmental benefit e.g. park and ride. All new developments must be forced to include solar panels and trees. Front gardens should not be allowed to be fully cemented over to reduce rain run off.	10/3/2018 11:03 PM
94	I think the local plan covers everything, it is such a difficult task to achieve all the things residents, businesses and those in government want, you can only do your best. Please try to encourage diversity within Watford's population and don't allow money to dictate who can afford to live in Watford and who can't, diversity is what makes Watford unique within Hertfordshire.	10/3/2018 12:04 AM
95	Sustainable living for everyone - we all deserve to live in a decent environment	10/2/2018 5:52 PM
96	I fear Watford's Local Plan will adopt a piecemeal approach; rather than a more strategic approach. Before Watford's Leaders irresponsibly fulfil Government demands for increased provision of housing, it must resolve the related historic issues of: traffic congestion & inadequate parking provision aligned to high rise development. Before significantly increasing the level of leasehold ("fleecehold") home ownership; it is imperative the Leasehold Reforms are executed to prohibit leaseholders being exploited by unscrupulous managing agents. Nothing less than major development is required for difficult resolution of certain areas & these related issues in & around Watford Junction, North Watford & Aldenham Road / Bushey Arches areas of the town. Affordable housing for existing Watford Residents' children & commuter services improvement must be high on the Strategic Agenda to enable them to remain in the areas. Only then can Watford offer these various additional merits a foundation for sustainable improvement of Watford's environment.	10/1/2018 4:59 PM
97	Important Issues are: Biodiversity/ Climate Change Sustainable construction Self build and customer build (offsite)	9/30/2018 9:59 PM
98	No mention is made of the part which encouragement of Arts and Culture would make in creating a balanced, civilised and pleasant town in which to live.	9/30/2018 5:50 PM
99	No	9/30/2018 9:17 AM
100	All of the above need to be considered very carefully.	9/29/2018 7:53 AM
101	Overdevelopment and flooding surely have a connection	9/28/2018 6:55 PM
102	Some people are fly tipping, rubbish bins place are full so quickly.	9/28/2018 3:20 PM
103	Concentrate on respecting green belt lands.	9/27/2018 12:52 PM
104	.no	9/27/2018 5:58 AM
105	The so-called Green Belt needs to be re-examined and allow more flexibility to build on derelict area falsely classified as green belt. Prolonging the housing crisis and stopping young people being able to move out and start their independent lives.	9/26/2018 7:25 PM
106	Stop the high density housing, it will help address most of these issues.	9/26/2018 6:14 PM
107	I have heard that there are plans to redevelop The Range/ TK Max site on St Albans Road into flats. This would be disastrous for shops in St Albans Road, traffic, loss of useful shops and loss of jobs, so I hope this won't happen Also this survey should have been better publicised as I only found out about it by chance on Facebook and all residents should be able to give their views for such important issues.	9/26/2018 6:00 PM
108	The town is unbalanced between those that live near to the open spaces and tend to Have good private open spaces of their own. So take some of that and build on it. An award winning Park is a pretty useless facility to a family in a tower block who couldn't afford the bus fare there - even if there was a bus	9/26/2018 4:28 PM

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109	Comfortable housing. It's pointless building anything a person can't wait to escape from. Perhaps shared laundry services. It's horrible seeing laundry on those tiny balconies in blocks of flats. The overall appearance needs to be kept clean and tidy to promote 'wanting' to keep up appearances so people want to move to that area.	9/25/2018 7:20 PM
110	Re renewable energy I think there is a lot of scope for Solar PV, ground course heat pumps and air to air heat pumps. With new developments consider having these integrated during the course of building. With the older housing stock with solid walls, consider assisting owners and occupiers with external insulation.	9/25/2018 4:34 PM
111	I think the design and construction could be looked at. There are companies that create 'flat pack' houses that go up quick, are safe and durable. It could be worth looking at this avenue to reduce the cost of build, which could be passed onto the buyer. Renewable energy should always be considered, solar panels etc can only be beneficial in the long term	9/25/2018 2:01 PM
112	Leave all green belt and open spaces alone. ONLY redevelop areas that Really need it... ie meriden estate and make the area safer and also ONLY develop onto areas where buildings already stand. ie ... run down buildings/ empty office blocks..	9/25/2018 11:07 AM
113	Less population More schools Better roads More hospitals Bigger parks	9/25/2018 8:33 AM
114	It is imperative that we keep our green belt areas for quality of life, fresh air, protection of nature & education of our youngsters.	9/24/2018 11:26 PM
115	Design	9/24/2018 6:10 PM
116	Preservation of Green Belt land is the top priority. It's why so many people moved to live in the area and to lose it would be tragic. Ensure that all new developments have enough car spaces. Currently, developers provide only the minimum which clutters up surrounding roads with the residents cars.	9/24/2018 6:01 PM
117	Need to keep our green spaces and not allow them to be used for housing. Make new builds as energy efficient as possible.	9/24/2018 5:53 PM
118		9/23/2018 6:01 PM
119	No	9/23/2018 3:49 PM
120	Water is scarce and the special local rivers are dying because of over extraction. This must be prevented from further. Tax water use.	9/23/2018 3:29 PM
121	Stop building on flood plains & being surprised when they flood i.e. Water Lane the clues are all there.	9/23/2018 2:20 PM
122	We need a new cemetery to meet the needs of our diverse town. Work with Three Rivers to use land where it is available.	9/23/2018 11:20 AM
123	It is important that Watford does not lose sight of its Heritage and takes every step to keep buildings that reflect this well cared for.	9/21/2018 7:21 PM
124	More 'green structures' to be allowed More shading built Make your own sandbags Allow more solar structures / roof tiling for example	9/21/2018 12:40 PM
125	Design is the key. If you can create an efficient effective model for housing then the other pieces can be incorporated to some extent.	9/19/2018 11:53 PM
126	They are all important	9/18/2018 8:42 PM
127	I know alot of our rivers could do with a good clean up, which could help re flooding, would like to see new builds echo surrounding more and be more environmentally friendly, Parks & Greenbelt areas having some nature areas create some interest for wildlife	9/18/2018 1:02 PM
128	Conservation and enhancement of the environment, of which the natural environment is a key aspect, is one of the three key overarching objectives of sustainable development. NPPF states that the purpose of the planning system is to deliver sustainable development. In order for the Watford Local Plan to deliver this, it must have clear policies on how Biodiversity will be conserved and enhanced - as directed by NPPF. HMWT has advised many local and neighbourhood plans in the region and has developed a series of policies (which have been approved by the inspector at public inquiry) which can be used to deliver this. Below are some examples of these policies which can be specifically adapted for the Watford Local Plan. If more information or advice is required HMWT is happy to help with the drafting of these policies. Local Plan Policies for Biodiversity Conserving and enhancing the natural environment Nature conservation is an integral part of the planning system and as such needs to be taken into consideration in any development. Ensuring that future generations can enjoy the district's rich geological and biological inheritance as well as the wider experience that a healthy, functioning natural environment can provide means that we must continue to improve the protection and management of what we have today. To assist with this, the most important areas in the district	9/18/2018 12:28 PM

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are identified on the Policies Map. These include sites of international, national and local importance. The sites are correct at the time of publication of the District Plan but may be subject to change through future reviews. The Council will continue to work with the Hertfordshire Environmental Records Centre as the primary resource for ecological data in the County. Applicants will be expected to seek the advice of the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust, the Hertfordshire Environmental Records Centre, Hertfordshire Ecology at the County Council, Natural England, and other relevant local nature partnerships where appropriate, where proposals affect or have the potential to affect the natural environment and nature conservation assets, including valued landscapes, geological conservation interests and soils. Distinctions will be made between the hierarchy of international, national and locally designated sites so that protection is commensurate with their status and appropriate weight will be given to their importance and the contribution they make to wider ecological networks. It is however, important that opportunities are taken to enhance biodiversity wherever possible, especially in urban areas, as even non-designated environments contribute significantly to the success of the wider ecological network. The NPPF requires local planning authorities to apply a mitigation hierarchy of avoidance, mitigation and compensation, with distinctions made between international, national and locally designated sites. In the context of the natural environment this means that policies should seek to create net gains in biodiversity, to avoid adverse impacts by considering alternative options, to use mitigation measures where avoidance is not possible and as a last resort to use compensatory measures. Where these measures cannot be achieved, the NPPF makes it clear that permission should be refused. In order to objectively assess net ecological impacts and therefore achieve net gains in biodiversity, as required by NPPF, it is vital that a fair robust mechanism for measuring these impacts is applied. To ensure they are consistently quantified, applications must be accompanied by a Biodiversity Impact Assessment using a locally approved version of the DEFRA Biodiversity Impact Assessment Metric. The application of this metric (and as updated) will be required for all development with negative impacts on biodiversity. It is vitally important that a consistent, acceptable standard of supporting ecological information is supplied with planning applications. In order to ensure this, it will be expected that ecological information is presented in accordance with the British Standard on Planning and Biodiversity – BS 42020 2013 Biodiversity – Code of practice for planning and development Policy: Determining planning applications affecting designated sites of biodiversity interest International, National and Locally Designated Nature Conservation Sites

- 1 Development proposals, land use or activity (either individually or in combination with other developments) which are likely to have a detrimental impact which adversely affects the integrity of a designated site, will not be permitted unless it can be demonstrated that there are reasons material considerations which clearly outweigh the need to safeguard the nature conservation value of the site, and any broader impacts on the international, national, or local network of nature conservation assets.
- 2 Evidence will be required in the form of up-to-date ecological surveys undertaken by a competent ecologist prior to the submission of an application. The type of evidence required will be commensurate to the scale and location of the development, the likely impact on biodiversity and the legal protection or other status of a site. Where insufficient data is provided, permission will be refused.
- 3 Where a site of International or National designation for nature conservation importance is adversely affected by the proposals, permission will be refused unless the District Council is satisfied that: (a) There are imperative reasons of overriding public interest, which could be of a social or economic nature, sufficient to override the harm to the site; or (b) There are imperative reasons of overriding public interest relating to human health, public safety or benefits of primary importance to the environment; and in either case: (c) There are no satisfactory alternatives to the proposal.
- 4 Proposals should avoid impacts on sites of nature conservation value and wherever possible, alternative options which reduce or eliminate such impacts should be pursued. Where adverse impacts are unavoidable, measures to mitigate the impact should be sought, commensurate to the importance of the site in terms of its status in the hierarchy and the contribution it makes to wider ecological networks.
- 5 Where adequate mitigation measures are not possible, compensatory measures may be appropriate. Such compensatory schemes should seek to achieve a measurable net gain for nature and the Council will consider the use of conditions and/or planning obligations to secure appropriate mitigation/compensation commensurate to the type and scale of development. Compensatory measures can be situated on or off the development site. The availability of compensatory measures will be a material consideration in the determination of development proposals.
- 6 If mitigation or compensation is unavoidable, ecological impacts on habitats must be quantified by utilising a locally approved version of the DEFRA Biodiversity Impact Assessment Metric. Development must demonstrate a net gain in ecological units. Ecological compensation may be delivered on or off site.
- 7 Ecological information must be supplied by suitably qualified and experienced individuals in accordance with BS 42020 2013 (as updated).

Policy: Determining planning applications affecting sites or features of biodiversity interest (non-designated)

- 1 All proposals should achieve a net gain in biodiversity where it is feasible and proportionate to do so, as measured by using and taking into account a locally approved version of the DEFRA Biodiversity Impact Assessment Metric, and avoid harm to, or the loss of features that contribute to the local and wider ecological network.
- 2 Proposals will be expected to apply the mitigation hierarchy of avoidance, mitigation and compensation, as set out in the NPPF, and integrate ecologically beneficial planting and

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landscaping into the overall design. Species and Habitats The planning system has a central role to play through resisting development proposals that may irreversibly damage important species or habitats, by enhancing biodiversity through incorporating mitigation and enhancements and by securing long-term favourable management of biodiversity rich sites. Biodiversity describes the number and variety of species of plants and animals within a habitat and also the diversity of habitats within an ecosystem. Biodiversity has economic importance, adds to our quality of life and contributes to local distinctiveness as well as securing Ecosystem Services such as pollination, hydrology and pest control for example. Whilst protecting priority species and habitats (as listed under Section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006) is important, if biodiversity is to be genuinely enhanced, the conservation of all wildlife and habitats needs to be at the centre of development and planning decision making. It must be recognised that Biodiversity does not only exist on priority habitat sites. Lower quality habitats contribute significantly to the biodiversity of an area. Indeed the vast majority of biodiversity in this country is dependent on non-priority habitat. Through the use of the locally approved Biodiversity Metric, the ecological value of these habitats can be quantified and properly reflected in the planning process. Their value in planning terms will be less than that of priority habitat and commensurate with the contribution they make to the wider ecosystem, as informed by the calculator. A list of Species and Habitats of Principle Importance, as published in Section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, can be viewed in the form of a spread-sheet at: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/natural-england Government legislation exists which places legal obligations on Local Planning Authorities and landowners with regards to the protection and enhancement of European Sites, protected species and Sites of Special Scientific Interest. More information can be viewed on the Government's document website at: www.gov.uk The Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust website also contains a useful list of relevant environmental law at: www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk While there are no longer national habitat or species targets, the Hertfordshire Biodiversity Action Plan (2006) identifies those habitats and species which are a priority for conservation and is a valuable source of information on the county's natural assets. The Hertfordshire Local Nature Partnership (LNP), working in conjunction with Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust, Hertfordshire County Council and Natural England have recently published an up-to-date report on Hertfordshire's habitats which identifies areas where new habitats should be created to support the wider ecological network. The LNP has also produced a suite of guiding principles to assist with planning for the natural environment. The Council will expect proposals to be prepared in line with these documents. The Local Nature Partnership guidance can be viewed at: www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/local-nature-partnership The Hertfordshire Biodiversity Action Plan (2006) can be viewed and downloaded from the Hertfordshire Environmental Forum at: www.hef.org.uk/nature/biodiversity_vision/ Development should be planned to avoid habitat loss and fragmentation, and opportunities should be sought to improve ecological connectivity, including through the creation, restoration and enhancement of linking habitats and 'stepping stones' through the landscape. Any development should minimise impacts on biodiversity and provide measurable net gains for nature where possible. This involves safeguarding and enhancing biodiversity already present, providing new areas of habitat appropriate to the ecology of the area and integrating biodiversity within new development. Simple features such as integrated bat and bird boxes within the fabric of new buildings can be very effective in ensuring a continued supply of roosting opportunities for urban wildlife. Encouragement will be given to proposals which improve the biodiversity value of sites and to the establishment of local nature reserves where the nature conservation and landscape interest of the site will be protected and enhanced. Where there is a 'reasonable likelihood' of the presence of European or Nationally Protected Species, surveys must be completed and avoidance/ mitigation/ compensation measures agreed before permission can be granted. Surveys cannot be conditioned except in exceptional circumstances because if decisions are made without this information, all material considerations cannot have been addressed in reaching a position. Where there is evidence of European Protected Species (EPS) such as bats, great crested newts, dormice or otters, the Council will apply the following three derogation tests as required by the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (or as updated): The activity must be for imperative reasons of overriding public interest or for public health and safety; There must be no satisfactory alternative; and Favourable conservation status of the species must be maintained. Where damage to a species or habitat is unavoidable, development should be designed to conserve as much of the original habitat as possible and retain and protect wildlife corridors. It should seek to avoid damage to, or adverse effects upon, existing biodiversity (species and habitats) through appropriate site design. There may be potential opportunities to provide new benefits for wildlife, for example by habitat creation or enhancement, whether or not significant harm to species or habitats is anticipated. Examples of how enhancements could be achieved include: Planting native trees and species rich shrubs and hedgerows of local provenance Creation of orchards, wildflower grasslands and nature reserves Connecting existing habitats and enhancing migratory routes with additional planting (including green roofs and walls and hedgerows) Creation of ponds Provision of integrated roosting opportunities for bats and birds River or stream restoration Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems Planning obligations and conditions may be used to secure agreed measures such as mitigation or compensation. Mitigation measures could involve some of the following: Timing the

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development of sites to avoid the breeding seasons or hibernation periods for species present
Creating buffer zones between sensitive areas and development areas to reduce disturbance to habitats
Ensuring that development is designed to enable the movement of wildlife to continue
Compensation which in most cases should be a last resort, involves creating new replacement habitats either on-site or off-site in the form of biodiversity offsetting. However, compensation for a lost habitat will not make an unacceptable development acceptable. Biodiversity offsetting is not designed to be applied to priority habitats. The waterside environment is particularly rich providing habitat in its own right as well as critical connectivity through the landscape. The value of a waterway is significantly enhanced if it is buffered by complimentary habitat. In accordance with Environment Agency directives, development will be expected to conserve and enhance the aquatic environment and where possible restore the negative impact of previous development – e.g. the naturalisation of canalised or culverted water courses canalisation or culverting of rivers or streams. Policy: Species and Habitats 1 Development should always seek to enhance biodiversity and to create opportunities for wildlife. Proposals must demonstrate how the development improves the biodiversity value of the site and surrounding environment. Evidence will be required in the form of up-to-date ecological surveys undertaken by a competent ecologist prior to the submission of an application. The Biodiversity value of a site pre and post development will be determined by applying a locally approved Biodiversity Metric where appropriate. Submitted information must be consistent with BS 42020 2013. Where insufficient data is provided, permission will be refused. 2 Proposals should detail how required mitigation, compensation or enhancement measures physical features will be maintained in the long term. 3 Development which would result in the loss or significant damage to trees, hedgerows or ancient woodland sites will not be permitted. The Council will seek their reinforcement by additional planting of native species whenever appropriate. Protective buffers of complementary habitat will be expected to adjoin these features, sufficient to protect against root damage and improvement of their long term condition. A minimum buffer zone of 10m (or greater if required) is considered appropriate, and 15m for ancient woodland. 4 Proposals will be expected to protect and enhance locally important biodiversity sites and other notable ecological features of conservation value. 5 Proposals should avoid impacting on Species and Habitats of Principle Importance as published under section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (or as subsequently amended). 6 Where adverse impacts are unavoidable, exceptional circumstances exist that outweighs any harm or damage to a species or habitat appropriate mitigation and compensation measures must be employed, commensurate to the importance, the legal protection or other status of the species or habitat. The Council will impose conditions / planning obligations which seek to: (a) Facilitate the survival of existing populations as well as encouraging the establishment of new populations; (b) Reduce disturbance to a minimum; (c) Provide adequate alternative habitats to sustain at least the current levels of populations. 7. Development adjoining rivers or streams must provide a minimum of an 8m buffer of complimentary habitat between the built environment and the watercourse. Details must be supplied of ongoing ecologically beneficial management of buffer habitats. Where possible, opportunities should be taken to restore degraded aquatic environments to a more semi natural condition. 8. Integrated bird and bat boxes will be expected in all development bordering public green space and beneficial habitat. Networks of biodiversity and Green Infrastructure The protection and enhancement of biodiversity assets is dependant on robust networks of Green Infrastructure which facilitate movement and genetic exchange. Green Infrastructure is expected to positively contribute to the conservation, restoration, re-creation and enhancement of networks of biodiversity on a landscape scale. The size and location of G.I. is expected to be suitable for the function it is intended to fulfil. Where required, G.I. should ensure permeability for wildlife through development and provide sufficient beneficial habitat to support target species, independent of its connective function. Monitoring of GI and habitat creation to ensure that it develops in accordance with its stated intention will be expected. If it is not achieving satisfactory condition within stipulated timeframes, remedial measures will be required. Mechanisms to achieve this must be outlined in development proposals. Provision of green infrastructure should be guided by the Hertfordshire Ecological Network Mapping dataset to ensure that it is strategically located and consistent with the habitat priorities for the location. Buffering of watercourses is important to protect the aquatic environment from pollution and disturbance, and to create movement and habitat corridors for wildlife. Development will not be permitted within 8m of the top of a bank of a watercourse as a minimum, but a 15m buffer is preferable. Lighting within and around development is expected to respect the ecological functionality of movement corridors. Certain species of invertebrate and mammal are highly sensitive to inappropriate lighting. In these circumstances surveys are expected to determine where these movement corridors are and measures put forward that demonstrate how these will be protected and enhanced. Bat populations are particularly sensitive to development that severs or disturbs movement corridors. Where appropriate, flight corridors should be identified and protected or enhanced to ensure the ecological functionality of bat populations. Examples of suitable measures include green bridges, underpasses or tunnels that are situated on the exact traditional routes of bat populations and free from disturbance. Landscaping design can have a significant beneficial effect on wildlife. Landscaping schemes will be expected to maximise opportunities for wildlife. The Council expects the selection of native, ecologically appropriate species in such schemes, of local

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provenance where possible. Tree planting schemes where the primary purpose is to provided ecological enhancement should maximise diversity of species. Species selected should be suitable to the soil conditions and be comprised of appropriate vegetation communities consistent with National Vegetation Classification communities (NVC). Naturalistic tree planting should not be in straight lines. The establishment and management regimes of naturalistic planting schemes are critical to their success. These must be stipulated in development proposals together with mechanisms to monitor and address any deficiencies in the fulfilment of their stated objective. Policy: Networks of Green Infrastructure 1. In considering development proposals the Council will expect Green Infrastructure to provide permeability for wildlife through and around development. GI should be connective and functional as wildlife habitat in its own right not just as a link between habitats. The width of wildlife corridors should be proportionate to the requirements of target species. 2. In considering landscaping schemes the Council will expect that appropriate native species are used whenever possible and that benefits to biodiversity are maximised. 3. In considering development proposals that negatively impact upon nocturnal movement corridors the Council expects that these corridors are identified, protected and enhanced to ensure continued ecological functionality of bat populations. Ecological survey standards The provision of quality ecological information is critical in determining the impacts of development and securing meaningful ecological gains. Survey and mitigation measures must therefore conform to the following principles: Ecological information must be provided by suitably qualified personnel. Details of qualifications and experience must be provided with all ecological reports. Ecological surveys must answer the following questions; what features are present, what is the ecological value of these features, how will these features be affected by the development proposals, how can these impacts be avoided, mitigated or compensated so that there is a measurable net gain to biodiversity. Survey methodology and reporting must conform with nationally accepted standards. All surveys and reporting must be conducted in accordance with British Standard 42020: Biodiversity – Code of practice for planning and development. In certain circumstances divergence from these standards may be acceptable but this must be agreed with appropriate officers at the Council before commencement. Unauthorised deviation from these survey standards will not be accepted. Appropriate environmental records searches are expected in support of planning applications. When submitting ecological information the Council expects that records searches, consistent with the rules of the professional body governing ecological consultants (CIEEM), are supplied to enable adequate ecological assessment. Where European Protected Species (EPS) mitigation licenses are required, answers to the 3 tests of the license must be supplied for consideration by the Council. Failure to do so will result in applications being refused as the council will be unable to meet its obligations under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. Policy: Ecological Survey Standards 1. In considering ecological information in support of planning applications the Council expects that surveys are undertaken by suitably qualified personnel and are consistent with nationally accepted standards i.e. British Standard 42020: Biodiversity – Code of practice for planning and development.

129	Well if we are going to build lots of new dwellings then they need to be built well with some green spaces and more community halls.	9/17/2018 8:54 PM
130	Design sympathetically to the area in question and do not allow designers who do not live in Watford create mayhem for those that do. Sort out the drains at the bottom of Water Lane - they still flood every year. Don't build on green belt land - soon there will none left and then we really will live in a concrete jungle. Preserve our listed buildings - these are what makes Watford special. Locate new build estates out of town where possible and increase public transport to service them. All new builds should have renewable energy in mind. Greater encouragement and bonuses should be offered to those in older housing to convert to renewable energy. All new builds should include a strong focus on sustainable living.	9/17/2018 2:06 PM
131	i realise it is subjective but some real eyesores have been build recently. The charter place redevelopment from the outside is just as ugly as the old one. Can this be addressed by some kind of design guidelines?	9/16/2018 4:19 PM
132	I think climate change and renewable energy are very important areas. I'm sure the others are important but they're very technical topics.	9/16/2018 10:58 AM
133	All of these are important in a town as wealthy as watford	9/15/2018 9:39 PM
134	I think the 'green' issues are most important. As the council is in charge of a lot of things that can have an effect on the local environment they are in a better position to tackle these with systemic changes than anybody else in the town.	9/15/2018 1:24 PM
135	The Green Belt should not be considered untouchable as a great deal of it is low quality land that could be developed to include high quality urban green space rather than simply preservation for the sake of it. More homes should be built with exacting energy standards and council run renewable efforts should also be introduced.	9/15/2018 12:50 PM
136	Renewable energy needs to be promoted as much as possible. Start a solar panel scheme like Leicester City Council. Green belt should be protected at all costs how can you have biodiversity without it? It enhances ecological resilience to climate change. It's all connected so let us reconnect.	9/14/2018 8:08 PM

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137	Climate change is the most important, renewable energy and sustainable construction.	9/14/2018 7:26 PM
138	Important issues are biodiversity, climate change, green belt, heritage and conservation, renewable energy.	9/14/2018 5:23 PM
139	Ensure that buses in the town centre turn their engines OFF when they are stationary in the town centre as many are currently waiting there for up to ten minutes with the engines running.	9/14/2018 11:19 AM
140	Water and sewage. There are no new sources of water the town can draw upon. We are overusing what is available already. How can any of these issues be considered without addressing water and sewage problems first?	9/14/2018 1:15 AM
141	you must be having a laugh there will be no room left if you have your way for any of the above	9/13/2018 10:25 PM
142	How do we all charge the electric cars we are all going to have by the 2030's? There's a lot of terraced homes and most people in Callowland, West Watford and Nascot Village aren't able to park outside their houses. The current system of charging vehicles simply won't work in those areas. Even people like me who use public transport and walk, have a car for journeys not possible by those. And lastly, heritage gives somewhere character. Character bonds people to an area. Bonded people are a community. A strong community becomes the character and that wheel continues. Happier people support local companies more, take an interest in local politics, and as a result crime reduces. All positive things. A town with an identity is a town people feel proud of. I was born here in 1981, the town has never found the pride it deserves.	9/13/2018 9:38 PM
143	Heritage & Conservation. Green Belt. Potential Development Sites.	9/13/2018 6:44 PM
144	I've covered the most imports ones in this response.	9/13/2018 4:46 PM
145	In my view the main issue with housing especially flats and high rise is DESIGN within a scheme. We have too many ugly buildings . The Council should somehow push for better design. Maybe institute design awards both positive and negative- best building of the year ugliest of the year. I would be happy to be on a panel of residents	9/13/2018 3:37 PM
146	Cut immigration, refuse to accept government quotas, or at least lobby against them. Build outwards rather than upwards. More trees please!!	9/13/2018 2:45 PM
147	Nothing to add that I haven't already said, other than anything that we can do to keep Watford's feel with good design. After the Grenfell Tower fire, I don't think high rise blocks are popular and Watford's skyline could be ruined by more tall building central developments, which will inevitably need supporting infrastructure and/or parking space. Without improvements, the additional density will increase the strain on existing infrastructure to its detriment	9/13/2018 2:15 PM
148	With climate change, I would like to make mention of the building I live in. It has been built to spec that keeps the building nice and warm during the winter but during the summer, is so hot, it's unbearable. During the days where the outside temperature was 30 or higher, the flat was always at 40-45. This is not safe. The building has also been built with stupid windows that only open about two inches at the bottom. This does not allow for any air to come in or for any air to escape. I understand that there are health and safety regulations but this type of building is dangerous without air con.	9/13/2018 12:02 PM
149	Existing Council, affordable homes should be upgraded to greener energy efficiency.	9/13/2018 11:33 AM
150	Look at all vacant industrial units and offices. If they are empty for a specified time they should be considered for affordable housing.	9/13/2018 10:06 AM
151	The new homes being built should have very high levels of energy efficiency and the use of solar power should be maximised in the borough.	9/12/2018 9:49 PM
152	If you can please encourage more new butchers, baker, green grocers etc to take up shops instead of all the take aways.	9/12/2018 5:40 PM
153	It would be welcome to see some better quality design and finish on new developments; sustainable building materials/methods and energy efficiency also - have the impression much construction around the town has been built fairly cheaply...more profit for the builder, obviously, but buildings detract from the look of the town.	9/12/2018 5:05 PM
154	All are important and all should be considered Heritage should be pushed, Park Gates rebuilt, make it a draw for the town So much to say on each one here.	9/12/2018 9:10 AM
155	Sustainable eco friendly construction, renewable energy, conservation should be priorities	9/12/2018 9:06 AM
156	All above important Conserve what little heritage is left Develop sites with thought for the community and not just for profit Building a town that attracts people is better in the long term than a mass build of flats to try and dampen property prices Encourage the young and provide for their needs - they will become your next generation of family Good & thoughtful design Concentrate on the unique not the mass market Make Watford a place people want to live in not just the cheapest place to live COMMUNITY !!!	9/11/2018 7:51 PM

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157	No	9/11/2018 12:06 PM
158	I think climate change is important and recycling. We have quite a good recycling system in a Watford but I think it could be better.	9/11/2018 9:40 AM
159	No	9/10/2018 4:29 PM
160	Such a diverse lot of issues very difficult to address them all, they need to be address as they are approached in each case.	9/10/2018 3:18 PM
161	They all sound equally important but not in isolation. The local plan must be integrated and inclusive.	9/10/2018 3:18 PM
162	I strongly believe in the need for the green belt and for people to be able to reach nature from where they live, even if where they live is an urban environment. The amount of new development needed should not destroy the quality of the surrounding environment for existing and new residents and make Watford a grey, urban, desert. Making more intensive use of land would be preferable.	9/10/2018 12:16 PM
163	All are hugely important but perhaps GReen belt, heritage and conservation	9/10/2018 12:11 PM
164	I would like Watford to become known for the high design quality of its new developments, so it becomes an aspirational urban destination, rather than just another crammed suburb of London. We could initiate a design awards scheme for new developments. We should be doing more to insist on renewable energy use on all new developments. Very few new buildings make use of the opportunities their roofs and walls offer for solar energy, or for greening the environment. We need to protect our important heritage assets as we have so few of them. Self build - yes please!	9/10/2018 9:50 AM
165	Should ALL be considered as part of all planning / building decisions.	9/9/2018 9:52 PM
166	Sustainable construction, renewable energy.	9/9/2018 12:24 PM
167	Flooding and extreme weather events should be planned for. They appear more frequent than 100 year events. The heritage in Watford is scarce due to poor planning of the 1960 and 1970 as well much earlier. What we have should be protected and used in imaginative and considerate ways. This is expensive compared to be building but is critical to give Watford its heritage and historical context. The council owned parts be rented out to organstation and businesses prepared to invest to maintain the. The old maternity hospital / workhouse, could be a good modern trendy office space with investment for example	9/9/2018 9:43 AM
168	All of them	9/9/2018 1:29 AM
169	you need to do more to green the town and streets- eg green walls - hanging baskets etc makes a massive differnece and people feel calmer	9/8/2018 7:36 PM
170	Keep open spaces and gardens, encourage use of public transport, use good design that is energy efficient and accessable for all from pram using parents to older or disabled people in wheelchairs. We need to hold on to our heritage or we will nolonger be a place with anything to distinguish us from anywhere else.We need to think hard before we build and make sure things are well and sustainably built to last (unlike the swimming pool in the lower high st)	9/8/2018 5:40 PM
171	Flooding appears to be problem in certain areas in Watford (Bushey arches, Water Lane) which has a knock on effect on traffic. More emphasis on redeveloping existing sites is preferable than building on green areas..	9/8/2018 5:23 PM
172	Climate change & renewable energy modes important	9/8/2018 2:50 PM
173	Reduce traffic	9/8/2018 1:56 PM
174	Over development is ruining this town - in recent months my local car mechanic and plant nursery have been ousted due to land being sold for development. Additionally the noise for [REDACTED] being built behind my home and beside a care home for the elderly(including people with dementia)is becoming unbearable. As stated earlier, Watford council have given no consideration to its growing elderly population- we don't want to be stuck in apartments - most home owning elderly want a smaller home, preferably on one level.	9/8/2018 11:10 AM
175	Environmental issues in general are important to me. I live in a conservation area, and continuing that ethos is also important, however on balance environmental issues probably trump everything given the state we are in. I think it's shame that the Intu redevelopment did not have an explicit requirement to use renewable energy, for example, solar panels in the roof would have been a good start!	9/8/2018 10:56 AM
176	Housing is more important than retail and commerce.	9/8/2018 8:39 AM
177	No real concerns other than over crowding will require all the above to be considered and that's the way we are heading	9/8/2018 8:23 AM

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178	You're closing the stable door after the horse has bolted. Use Pavegen, they create energy from footfall.	9/8/2018 7:01 AM
179	It is impossible for Watford to build 770 homes every year . In order to build 770 home, watford will need schools , hospital ect . I think government has been unfair to put such a pressure on watford.	9/8/2018 1:03 AM
180	Design - keep new builds as traditional looking as possible. Green belt - must be preserved at all costs Potential development sites - need to be considered as far away from town centre as possible Developing sustainable villages would be interesting.	9/7/2018 11:54 PM
181	Whats biodiversity?!	9/7/2018 11:10 PM
182	Watford council have to accept that it can't fix everything. It needs to do a small number very well. Explain why you have chosen those issues. Gradually add others as finance permits. Nobody expects you to fix everything at the same time.	9/7/2018 11:00 PM
183	A town of aging Victorian houses that need improvement to better insulate and prevent wasted energy. Encourage this with incentives as well as incentives for renewable energies ie PVs in new developments. Central heat networks being considered for new development areas? Don't allow poor design and aesthetics in a rush to build, learn from mistakes of past council/planning decisions and think long term.	9/7/2018 10:17 PM
184	Leave the Green Belt alone.	9/7/2018 8:55 PM
185	Creating useful green spaces, prioritising function over form, e.g. Using space to grow food and rear animals rather than flowerbeds	9/7/2018 8:10 PM
186	Councillors should stop trying to dabble in planning. There are at least half a dozen sites in Watford that have been poorer for councillor meddling. Developers have limited budgets for sites and continuous nitpicking means sites get only basic aesthetics once appeal costs are deducted.	9/7/2018 8:00 PM
187	Important to preserve green belt and open spaces, including woodland. Oxhey golf club and Bushey country club have closed, perhaps these areas could be developed for other recreational use.	9/7/2018 7:50 PM
188	Encourage incentive to use more environmentally products including solar panels, electric cars Self build houses should be encouraged to stop developers just building big blocks. Watford should encourage contemporary design but not at the cost of bulk samey developments, create individuality and eco friendly building and shopping centres	9/7/2018 7:05 PM
189	Green belt Heritage and conservation. Biodiversity & Wildlife	9/7/2018 6:55 PM
190	Potential development sites. Sustainable construction. Self build and custom build housing - if there was a more open planning department who were willing to see the bigger picture there could be some really interesting architecture in Watford.	9/7/2018 6:10 PM
191	Watford is a fast paced, densely populated town. Green spaces to counteract this are important for mental health.	9/7/2018 6:01 PM
192	This survey is too long, I am losing the will to live.	9/7/2018 5:51 PM
193	If consideration could be given to any future developments to be sympathetically designed lto retain some of Watford old charcater before it is completely lost.	9/7/2018 5:31 PM
194	Don't seem to be using any renewable energy or any that is promoted. The old protected building at the bottom of the high street has been left for years without redevelopment.	9/7/2018 5:19 PM
195	Greenbelt areas NOT to be built on till every possible brownfield or redevelopment sites have been used. Design must reflect surrounding areas as much as possible - underground parking if flats, space for 2 cars if housing & off the road deliveries if shops For any tree removed in case of building site one must be planted near by Underground drainage MUST be fit for purpose to prevent flooding - nearby streams kept clear. New shops, houses & flats must have solar panels installed	9/7/2018 4:37 PM
196	Biodiversity mentioned under parks Climate change - plant trees Flooding - take into account when building new homes, stop people hard surfacing front gardens for parking Heritage and conservation - protect listed buildings, improve museum with HLF funding Renewable energy - allow solar panels, wind turbines etc in Watford possibly in parks as well?	9/7/2018 3:47 PM
197	Encouraging solar panels on housing and flats.	9/7/2018 3:31 PM
198	Heritage and conservation, green belt and climate change are very important for me.	9/7/2018 2:20 PM
199	Not at the moment	9/7/2018 2:10 PM

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200	Renewable energy/sustainable construction should be conditioned on new developments. Conserving, heritage, design should not be compromised within the borough just to meet housing needs.	9/7/2018 1:54 PM
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