

QUESTION 6a: WHAT DO YOU CURRENTLY VALUE ABOUT SHENLEY

Comments Provided:

Community spirit. Doctors/Dentist. Post Office/Dry cleaning – Dee's shop in general! White Horse – hope for more restaurants in the village soon. Countryside/nice walks. Shenley Park.

The Friendly Village culture. Green, quiet, pretty. People all have a sense of community. Calm, no traffic.

The greenery, open areas, peace & quiet, views, village atmosphere, the White Horse pub, Shenley Park and Tea Room. Village activities (Apple Day), walking routes-scenic.

Access to the countryside. Local primary school.

Its 'leafy' village setting close to good transport links to London and rest of country without major traffic lights/congestion. Tennis Courts which I use as an employment subsidy to our family income! Also Shenley Primary supports my tennis coaching with their children.

Greenery and surrounding Green Belt. Easy access to motorways. Quiet area – no nuisance in evenings.

Village community. Park. Countryside walks. Quiet.

Community feeling. Beautiful area. Open facilities for all to use.

Community, Shenley Trust, Walled Garden, Tearooms (could be expanded maybe?). Black Lion is a historic landmark – will this be renovated?

Quiet atmosphere. Village feel. Low crime. Well behaved residents. The Shenley Park Tea rooms.

Village atmosphere. Green in every direction.

Peace and quiet and countryside.

I value Shenley as a village and would like it to remain a village. If people require a busier life then perhaps they should seek to find it elsewhere.

Surrounding countryside. Commuting opportunities.

The open spaces, convenience to local towns such as Radlett, St Albans and Watford.

Friendly community. Green fields.

The village character so close to London.

The Village and its history, hardly any crime, the area feels safe. The open space.

Peace & quiet. Country walks. Friendliness.

The Village has a family feel and is not too big. Any bigger and it would become just an ordinary town.

The peace and tranquillity of the area with access to walks and green fields but also the closeness to major roads and rail connections.

Quietness, range of good services (eg: shopping, local post office, pubs, play spaces and park facilities).

The green spaces. The cluster of shops and surgery at Andrew Close. Shenley Park.

Love the country atmosphere. Love the Shenley Park & Tea Rooms. Love the Pond and the various religious practices held there.

The countryside – location to towns and nearness to London, if needed, Radlett and Borehamwood and St Albans. The Quiet. Friendly people, clean air, clean environment, the pride in which people hold Shenley.

It retains its village atmosphere and very active Parish Council. A friendly place to live.

Friendly village and neighbours. Pretty semi-rural countryside. Art classes (Village Hall). Shenley Park & Tea room. Good restaurant (White Horse). Garage (Harringtons) Shenley Garage Ltd. Shops. Doctors. Dentist.

Shenley still has countryside and buildings that were there when I was born and still has my old school, and two pubs and the Village Hall and Post Office and playing field and Cage Pond and people that I have known through the years.

The open spaces. Not too much disturbance. Lowish crime rate.

The village `feel' that, unfortunately, is disappearing. Shenley Park/Tea Rooms. St Martin's Church. Village Pond. The White Horse.

We love the Park, the village atmosphere, the quiet, the amenities, the sense of community and the way different communities get on with each other.

The surrounding openness. The community spirit.

The reducing number of community groups who suffer due to the apathy of the younger and newer residents to get involved and provide little input, support or effort as they do not appear to be interested in Shenley or its community or maintaining its village status – The one shining light is the Fete Committee, great team.

Tranquility, peace, well kept except for large quantity of wrappers from food purchased at Tesco that are tossed to the ground. Also Tesco's every overflowing rubbish bins that seemed not to be emptied when rubbish is spilling out onto the pavement.

It is a lovely village. I value the fact that we are surrounded by fields and have a beautiful Park. People are mostly friendly. We are close to the M25 and A1. It is easy to get into London by train. We have a Doctors surgery/a dental practice (though not NHS), a pharmacy, Fish & chip/Chinese takeaway, Tesco's, Post Office and Shenley Store and a garage. The White Horse and Orchard Tea Rooms, SCAG outings and all the different events which help to bring the Community together. The Village Hall – not expensive to hire.

Dunno

Very old and very British and friendly.

Peace & quiet with open spaces. Access to larger retail outlets nearby.

The peace and quiet life. The lovely Park and surrounding countryside.

Clean spacious streets, and because most houses have garages or parking spaces, no parking along the roads: the many trees and greenery in the area, giving it a country aspect. The residents keep their properties in good and neat order – the gardens are well looked after, and tidy.

Living in a lovely, relatively safe area. Nice walks, friendly people whilst maintaining a `village feel'.

Not what it was years ago. Not enough shops. Nice village to live in.

Village atmosphere but little social opportunities.

Green space.

The village atmosphere/community. The green spaces. The village shop. The pubs.

A lovely family village where I feel safe. I love the way the school is right at the heart of the village. The pond is beautiful and the houses are lovely too.

The green space of Shenley Park and the community activities mean it's easy to get to know the residents.

Community feel, the people! Safety. Countryside with all the convenience of St Albans, trains to London, M25 etc. Park. Great quality private schools nearby.

The park and lovely countryside to walk around.

The Park, the greenery, the Orchard, the Tea Rooms, the country walks, some shops. The community. The

I like the fact that we have countryside on our doorstep. Beautiful walks. Very clean road, houses looked after. Friendly atmosphere.

Five minutes walk from open countryside, yet accessible to London and other major towns, road and rail links.

Quiet neighbourhood, village feel, the Park and pathways, natural beauty, community.

Safety of the area. Green Belt areas to socialise. Lovely place to bring up children.

Been able to leave my front door and be straight in the countryside for a walk.

Would not want to live anywhere else.

Lovely community. Beautiful Park & walks. Excellent local events – apple day etc. Friendly. We love living here!

The space, the green, the Orchard.

Open spaces, greenery, green belt, rural feeling with proximity to London.

Being a village.

The village atmosphere & green spaces.

The Park, the church, the school, the Post Office. The fact that we have good housing and crime rate low. The activities put on by various groups, clubs etc. The Walled Garden & the yearly fete.

Green spaces. Good footpath. Shenley Park is excellent.

The privilege of living in a village. Friendly people, lovely views. Sense of belonging. Good facilities.

Accessibility to countryside, yet close to shops (Radlett, London Colney). Quieter than say Radlett. More reasonable house prices (?!). Village community.

I really like the fact that Cow Banks Wood, Shenley Park & the surrounding fields are very near to where I live. I walk round these areas most days. Shenley is also very accessible to London & the M25. Also very near to M&S and Sainsburys at Colney Fields. I also like the local Tescos, doctors, surgery and chemist.

The country feel of the area.

Despite the village having grown substantially over the years it still retains a friendly feel and the sense of community.

Lovely open green spaces. Peaceful environment, not too much traffic.

I started filling in 5 but I do not wish to change anything.

That it still retains some of its village charm. Sadly all the shops have closed eg butchers, fruiterers. We need a Battler's Farm near Shenley but attracting individual businesses – not any more of the larger conglomerates. Also I value the walking area around Shenley – that is so hard to find these days.

The open space and country feel. I do not want to see more houses being built. It's a small village not a town! Shenley is a beautiful place to live. I want it to be kept that way.

Green spaces. Transport links to London & to motorways. Safety. Quiet.

Green spaces: essential to preserve park, green belt, footpaths etc for families, sport, ramblers, runners, mountain bikes, horse riders etc. Makes a huge difference to quality of life.

Village atmosphere & Green Belt.

The village atmosphere and community feeling. The beautiful countryside – it's perfect.

It has a village appeal.

Low crime. Quiet village.

Peace. Space.

Park/green spaces. Community/village atmosphere. Public foot paths/walks.

Village 'feel'. Green, rural surroundings. Lovely parkland. Cricket Centre.

Religious tolerance and friendliness.

Shenley is a relatively quiet peaceful village yet close to rail and road links and major shopping facilities.

Despite the influx of younger generation (which is welcome) it manages to retain its 'old village' feel.

Everything – surrounding by its Green Belt protections.

Rural position. 2. Facilities eg small shops nearby; larger shops at London Colney. 3. Convenient for travelling to London.

It is quiet & peaceful. We have a lovely park & café. It's like living in the country, but easy to get into Watford, St Albans, Mill Hill & Borehamwood. We also have our doctors nearby, & the shops are very handy, also the Post Office & a couple of pubs, a good restaurant (The White Horse) & a church for each religion (& synagogue). We also have a yearly Fete, a gardening show. Very villagey. An old people's home available.

Having lived in Radlett from 1959-2013 I find Shenley a more peaceful and quieter place in which to live.

Open spaces, local school, village hall, shops.

All the green spaces, most of all The Park and Walled Garden. Also the position, being near good transport, shops and most of all the peace here.

Community balance.

Lovely village – spoilt by traffic ignoring speed restrictions – especially Black Lion Hill. We live in Shenleybury Cottages and are aware of speeding cars, making it difficult to cross Rd to Bus Stop outside St Botolphs Church.

The community, peace & quiet, generally clean & green. Commutable to London but access to countryside.

The surrounding Green Belt, the peace, the people. I think the amount of facilities such as shops etc, is just right (for me anyway!). It is a village and we should not encourage anything bigger, with more traffic etc.

Transport links. Green spaces. Local footpaths. Allotments. Community spirit.

The Park.

The peaceful rural atmosphere.

Its friendliness, its beauty spots, it's fab for kids, parks are amazing. It's a wonderful place to live.

The village feel which needs to be vigorously defended as this is the main appeal.

Surrounded by green land making for pleasant walks and interesting wild life. The Fete. Accessibility to Radlett, St Albans and Watford for higher level services. Friendly village – like atmosphere. The character added to the Village by it's history and such features as the Cage (lock up) and the Cage Pond.

The woods, the Park, the serenity, the open spaces, the flora, the quietness, the cleanliness. The diversity of house design.

Well preserved village. Good community spirit.

The green spaces, friendly village community.

My wife and I value the country feel about Shenley. The Park is lovely. The people we meet are friendly. We feel safe in the area and the surrounding spaces and all the walks we enjoy.

Country side. Quietness. Friendly. Nice houses.

I like the typical English village and country side.

Love the greenery, love the community feel eg Halloween, Peter Rabbit in the Park. Really grateful for volunteers who cut grass near Tesco as hayfever was terrible.

The green areas, the well-kept nature of Porters Park, the Shenley Park & Pond. The Walled Garden & views.

We love the friendly community feel with lots of young families.

Quiet & safe.

Shenley Park, the walks, the Tea rooms, the shops, it is quiet & clean, we feel safe. It is in the countryside, we are close to main roads & train stations. Community activities ie Halloween at the Pond.

Low crime rates. Fairly peaceful. Easy parking. Easy to get Dr. appointments. Green.

The green spaces.

Community, Green Belt. Character of Village. Closeness to London. Walks and park land.

The fact that it is a village within the M25. The community feel and atmosphere.

Friendly village atmosphere. Feels like you're in the country but only 5 mins from Radlett and Borehamwood. The Doctors surgery. The Park and Tea rooms.

The green open area and open countryside.

Sense of community. Safety.

Village atmosphere. Friendly people who help each other who live in the village.

VILLAGE ASPECT. Keep it remote – (green fields surround).

It's rural aspect but it is losing it as more people move in and desire a more urban way of life.

Quiet/serene.

Green Belt. Community – diversity. Safety. Parks and playground.

Green areas with wide open spaces to walk the dog or play.

The friendly, multi faith community.

Community spirit. Mix of religions. Dog walkers. Green area.

The Park and the homeliness feeling.

I like that it is quite small.

Peace & Quiet. Safe for my family. Community atmosphere.

The countryside views. Peace and tranquillity. Easy access to M25.

The Village history. The friendliness of long term visitors & friends. Family around us. Green space and plenty to walk.

The Green Belt.

The peace and quiet if not interrupted by speeding cars down (Porters Park). Having really good neighbours. Please no humps.

That there is no affordable social housing!! That there is not better transport links! That Shenley is a QUIET village. We moved to Shenley for how it is now. We can bring Shenley into the 21st Century by increasing the broadband speeds, but we do not need to increase the population.

I value the green spaces – recreation grounds, the parks/apple orchards etc. More housing means encroaching on these valuable spaces – which I do not agree with.

The greenness. The Walled Garden. Shenley Park. Tea Rooms. I love Shenley.

Friendly community spirit; good communication of ongoing/future matters via Parish Council. Green environment and Park. Feel safe. But Parish Council website needs to be more informative to serve it's community. I value Amanda organising senior outings!

The greenery surrounding Shenley. The facilities: Doctors/Dentist/mini supermarket/Post Office/School/Churches/Pubs/Pharmacy/"Take Away" Restaurant/Park/ Tea Rooms/ Village Hall... Being accessible to M25/Radlett station. The cleanliness of the Village. Feeling safe.

Its small-size, community/village feel, open space, quiet, safe. Shenley Park, nice walks.

Village atmosphere, the park and green open spaces.

Great community groups – cubs, W.I. etc. Good value village hall to rent. Good local businesses. Good Churches & different religions together (I am not religious but appreciate the different groups).

Village atmosphere.

The Friendliness 2.The Green spaces 3. Helpful local shops and Post Office 4. Tranquility

The countryside available to us & the community – although sadly this has dwindled a lot due to the commuter nature of the village.

We enjoy the old village life style ie slow pace of life. We enjoy the walks around the area. Crime is low and feeling safe at night.

The quietness except for so many people having dogs, so unfortunately some owners do not keep the dogs “quiet” which can be annoying & forget to clean up dogs mess. 2. Safe for children. Except when some parents allow children to play out in the front of properties because all cul-de-sacs & not in gardens.

I value the sense of community and the quaint charm of the village. It feels like home and a place people come back to. It's green and has open spaces. The character and old buildings.

The village and community feel. The kind of housing and the aspect that the village provides with the Cage Pond and the services, useful although a `Marks and Spencers' or `little Waitrose' would be nice...!

Charming village with lots of character.

Open spaces. Shenley Park.

Heritage of village, friendly local community, safe, clean, countryside location.

Proximity to London. Cheaper housing than Radlett. Decent countryside considering inside M25. Shenley Park is a good feature.

it is a distinct village surrounded by Green Belt. It has all the facilities & features we need with plenty of green space. It has enough housing given the huge development of the hospital site. We don't need more housing.

it is still a village and has a reasonable amount of public open spaces.

Fresh air, green spaces, lovely walks. Council's efforts to be inclusive – all the activities they organise to foster a sense of community eg events at the Cage Pond, Lighting the beacon, Turning on the lights.

Green spaces. Local societies. Facilities.

Good access to motorway, London & country/Green belt.

I love the Park and field because it has so much space.

That there is a lot of green and you can easily relax. I like going out on my bike because there are loads of tracks and places to go. I feel very welcome when we moved to Shenley. I like all the events like Apple Day, Wassailing, the Lights Switch on, what they do with the Cage, the theatre show. The play grounds are cool.

The surrounding beautiful countryside. Low crime rate. Friendliness of inhabitants.

A peaceful environment. (ii) Shenley Park.

I value the wonderful green spaces that are available to enjoy. I have been greatly moved by the wonderful community events that have been put on throughout the year. I appreciated the opportunity to be able to have an allotment and a park (Harris Lane field) & place of beauty (pond) with walking distance.

The woods, the fields, the parks, the Walled Garden, The white Horse, the convenience stores, the doctors surgery and the chemist. The Village Hall & Churches. The allotments.

It still has a village feel and there is green space to walk nearby.

Green spaces & peaceful, quiet environment. Shenley Park.

Village school and community spirit.

I value the village feel. And I feel safe in Shenley. It's a beautiful place for my daughter to grow up in. I value the close knit community.

The fact that it is a village with a country feel. We moved out of London for that feel. It is very important to have the Post Office, a good doctors surgery and a convenient store (food, pharmacy etc). I love the footpaths, the spinney, parks and café. I love seeing all the wildlife too.

It's a small community village. Green fields.

I like its fields.

Village size.

The green space around us. The community spirit. Lots to do for all ages.

Village atmosphere. Not commercial in its appearance. Good Parish Council looking after our interests and organising popular gatherings & outings.

Location – Close to all major road links. Close to rail links. Rural but close to large towns Watford & St Albans. Relatively quiet.

Village community. Green space. Local events such as those at the cage and our annual Fete. Shenley is clean and tidy: valued by residents.

Village atmosphere.

Knowing, supporting and relying on my neighbours. Not being part of the Radlett 4x4 and beauty salon melee. Peace, quiet & green environment. Community village activities.

Until recently the clean air and open spaces – Shenley Park especially. We have lived here for over 23 years and it is only in the last year we have been polluted in our home by inconsiderate wood burner owners.

It's a village, keep it that way. Don't extend it. Keep the fields around us.

The community spirit.

Rural feel. It is a village NOT a town. Countryside surrounding it. Access to rail/roads without congestion.

The 'village feel' and friendly people.

The Park, Tearooms, walks around the Park/Shenley. Peaceful area. Local shops. Great neighbours.

The green spaces: yet still within easy reach of shops, rail links & motorways. I would like Shenley to retain its village feel.

Village Life

Quiet village lifestyle with plenty of green open space, a rare find so close to London.

The remaining green spaces which are severely under threat.

It's rural setting, whereby in a few minutes walk one can be in the country. The village atmosphere when I can visit shops, exchange greetings, etc with a large group of people by name.

Countryside within walking distance. Pub/restaurants within walking distance. Good bus service. Good community feel.

Village feel. Views of countryside. Community spirit.

Green space & quiet lovely village community. Love the cage/pond.

Greenery. Community. White Horse. GPs. Size. Events. Fields/walks.

I have been travelling through Shenley and seen many changes. While working in Shenley for the past 9 years over 30 houses have been built. I remember when there were about 15 shops. Nearly now all gone and the quaint village is now gone to what I look back on. It is still a nice village but for how much longer if you allow too many more houses to which brings more traffic and the need for more school places. Yes things do change and younger ones only see things as they are now. I feel sorry for the older ones, to see what they have lost, in the name of progress.

We who live in Shenley are so lucky, Shenley is a small friendly well kept village with all facilities close to hand. There is something for everyone of all ages. There are churches, schools, pubs, eating places, doctors surgery, dentist, local shops, Post Office etcetc all surrounded by beautiful grounds and scenery. Buses that take you to neighbouring bigger shops. Why would anyone want to ruin it by building on it, near it or extending it, this "very full" little village is beautifully and thoughtfully run by those who are obviously good and caring at this and do a very good job. I have lived here for 20 years now and am proud to do so.

Shenley used to be different in its social mix but over time its attractiveness is being compromised by expensive development – it could become a dormitory suburb. This is not what the Village is, and newcomers obviously feel that it's all green and pretty. The various voluntary organisations do well, likewise the religious communities, but as there has been a huge expansion from the hospital development then perhaps this is not so surprising. In 1973 it was very dependent upon the hospital for employment, with all the related social activity, but despite promises, little employment now exists and the value as a village has been eroded.

Village feel.

Green nature of village. Surrounding countryside & footpaths. Quiet.

The village atmosphere.

The community spirit. The Safety. The greenspace.

We moved here from South London because it was quiet, surrounded by Green Belt and a village. I am not happy about new build houses being squashed into small parcels of land. Also, there doesn't seem to be any consideration on the impact to infrastructure. It appears that additional accommodation is built but no additional services are added to correspond.

Community support.

The green spaces.