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SUSTAINABILITY CHECKLIST FOR HOUSEHOLDER APPLICATIONS

The overall aim of the District Plan for Welwyn Hatfield is to make development more sustainable in order to improve people's quality of life. This checklist has been drawn up to identify the things that could make householder development more sustainable. The intention is that this should be completed and returned with your planning application form. It will then be used by the Council in assessing whether your proposal is acceptable.

However, this checklist only covers sustainability issues. There will be other matters which the Council will need to consider, such as design, which are set out in the District Plan and in this document. In designing your extensions, buildings or alterations you should refer to the relevant policies and standards.

Applicants should be aware that if their house is a listed building or in a Conservation Area, some or all of the criteria may not be appropriate to their application. In such cases you should contact a Planning Officer at the Council to discuss the checklist.

Please state how your proposal addresses the following criteria:

1. Minimize any impact on the daylight, sunlight and privacy enjoyed by any neighboring property.

The proposal should not impact this.

2. Make best use of the sun's energy to reduce energy costs e.g. south facing living room windows.

There will be a small reduction of glass in the property which will reduce energy costs.

3. Maximize other opportunities for energy saving, such as cavity wall insulation, double-glazing or loft insulation.

There is no wall cavity so cavity wall insulation is not possible. Double glazing is not suitable to retain the appearance of this listed property. Loft insulation does not impact this proposal.

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11. Use hedges rather than brick and concrete walls or fences as a means of enclosure, or soften the look of existing walls/fences with climbing plants.
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This is not applicable for this proposal.

12. Design the extension or building to include crime prevention measures e.g. avoid accessible flat roofs, avoid situating extensions/buildings close to footpaths, avoid solid fences giving easy access for burglars.
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This proposal is not for an extension.
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13. Minimize noise levels, and light and dust pollution during construction.
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Noise, light and dust pollution should be negligible.

14. Considers the need for adequate storage for cycles and domestic recycling facilities.

This is not applicable for this proposal.

The completed checklist should be returned with your completed planning application. Further guidance on sustainable development can be found at <http://www.hertsdirect.org/scholearn/aboutstatesch/assetsteward/Sustainability>