



**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 neighbouring property.
PROPOSAL IS TO BE BUILT AWAY FROM NEIGHBOURING PROPERTIES.
2. Make best use of the sun's energy to reduce energy costs e.g. south facing living room windows.
PROPOSAL EXTENSION TO LIVING SPACE TO MAXIMISE SUN'S ENERGY BY GLAZING ON NORTH, EAST & WEST ELEVATIONS
3. Maximize other opportunities for energy saving, such as cavity wall insulation, double-glazing or loft insulation.
CAVITY WALL INSULATION, DRAUGHT PROOFING, DOUBLE GLAZING.

4. Use other sources of energy e.g. solar panels.

SOLAR GAIN VIA GLAZED WINDOWS
AND DOORS TO MAIN LIVING AREA

5. Use renewable recycled or second-hand materials during construction.

RE CYCLED MASONRY ON SITE TO BE USED
AS HARDWARE, RE-CLAIMED TIMBER WHERE
POSSIBLE

6. Design the building/extension so it is accessible for people with all levels of mobility, in particular people with disabilities, prams.

PROPOSALS TO COMPLY WITH PART M
CLEAR ACCESS IS MAINTAINED TO FRONT
ENTRANCE

7. Use permeable materials for hard standings or parking areas to reduce surface water run-off and evaporation.

NO WORKS PROPOSED TO DRIVE AREA,
DRIVE WAY ALREADY HAS EXISTING
AGRE

8. Install water-efficient fixtures and appliances to conserve water (e.g. special showers, taps, cisterns) and equipment to recycle water (e.g. rainwater butts).

RAINWATER RE-USE SYSTEM TO BE
PROPOSED VIA RAINWATER BUTTS

9. Preserve existing trees, hedges and other natural features.

EXISTING TREES AND PLANTS TO BE
RETAINED

10. Use landscaping and natural features externally which will increase biodiversity e.g. planting native species, or species attracting wildlife and including water features.

EXISTING LANDSCAPED GARDEN WITH
NATIVE SPECIES

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.

RECENTLY LANDSCAPED GARDEN AREA, USING PLANTING & HEDGES TO SOFTEN & INCREASE BIODIVERSITY

12. Design the extension or building to include crime prevention measures e.g. avoid accessible flat roofs, avoid siting extensions/buildings close to footpaths, avoid solid fences giving easy access for burglars.

EXTENSION AWAY FROM MAIN PUBLIC AREAS, EXTENSION WITH FTCA ROOFING.

13. Minimize noise levels, and light and dust pollution during construction.

ANY DUST TO BE DAMPENED AS REQ'D
NO PROPOSED USE OF GENERATORS &
WORKING WITHIN L.A. TIME REQUIREMENTS

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

DOMESTIC RECYCLING AND GARDEN COMPOST AREA TO BE PROPOSED IN GARDEN AREA.

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>