



**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.

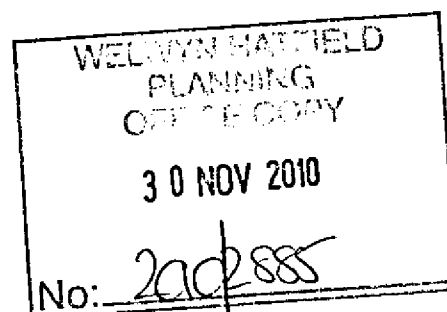
THE PROPOSED FOOTPRINT IS NO FURTHER BEYOND THE EXISTING LINE OF THE BUILDING. THE NEIGHBOURING PROPERTIES ARE LARGER + EXTEND BEYOND OUR PROPOSAL.

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

MAXIMISING THE USE OF REFLIGHTS + LARGE SOUTH FACING WINDOWS.

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

ALL NEW ELEMENTS WILL ACHIEVE THE REQUIRED THERMAL LIMITS. EXISTING WALLS WILL BE UPGRADED. EXISTING WINDOWS WILL BE UPGRADED TO DOUBLE GLAZED UNITS + NEW ROLLEX FITTED.



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

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

WHERE POSSIBLE SECOND HAND ROOF TILES WILL BE SOURCED FOR THE NEW ROOF.

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

THE GROUND FLOOR ~~IS~~ HAS BEEN OPENED UP WITH LARGER DOORS + WIDER HALLWAY + A BIGGER STAIRCASE WILL BE INSTALLED.

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

YES. GRAVEL ~~IS~~ HARDSTANDING TO FRONT.

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).

NEW BATHROOMS WILL HAVE WATER EFFICIENT FIXTURES.

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

NO TREES OR HEDGES ARE TO BE REMOVED.

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

NO CHANGE TO EXISTING PLANTING

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.

SHRUBS PLANTED NEXT TO OR FENCE .

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.

DETACHED PROPERTY SET BACK FROM MAIN ROAD  
CROWN ROOFS TO EXTENSIONS LARGE GATE TO PREVENT  
ACCESS TO REAR

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

USE OF HOARDING + HAND TOOLS WHERE  
APPROPRIATE .

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

CYCLE STORAGE WITHIN GARAGE .

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>