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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 design on the proposed extension has been taken in to consideration for light issues to neighboring properties.

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

Yes windows have been designed on the south facing to reduce energy costs.

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

Cavity wall design will be added and double glazing will be added.

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

No solar panels will be added.

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

Yes second hand material will be used such as bricks etc.

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

The extension will be accessible for wheelchair use.

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

Yes permeable materials will be used to reduce surface run off.

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).

Yes special taps and cisterns will be used to reduce water consumption.

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

Yes there will be no cutting of trees and hedges.

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

more plants will be planted to attract wildlife.

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.

Yes Hedges will be added to soften the look of the 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.

Yes this has been taken into consideration.

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

Yes this will be done with on and during construction.

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

Yes storage will be placed in summer house at rear of garden.

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>