



**SUSTAINABILITY CHECKLIST FOR HOUSEHOLDER  
APPLICATIONS**

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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.

The extension will be single storey. The only window that will look onto the adjoining property, will be fixed and contain obscured glass.

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

Three number roof lights provided to maximise the use of daylight.

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

Will be addressed as part of meeting part L2 building regs, also existing conservatory roof being replaced (perspex) to bring up will current stds

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

N/A

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

WINDOWS are being reused, garage door, velux windows, radiators, sanitary ware have all been bought already second hand

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

Will meet current part M building regs

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

N/A to development

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).

Dual flush cistern to be provided

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

N/A to development as none affected

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

N/A to development as it is replacing hard standing

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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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NA / to development as existing boundary fences will be retained
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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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Pitch roof provided at garage front to restrict access to new flat roof
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13. Minimize noise levels, and light and dust pollution during construction.
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Agreed - will be taken on board, and carried out against current legislation
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14. Considers the need for adequate storage for cycles and domestic recycling facilities.
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Garage being provided to address these issues.
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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>