

**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.
The proposed boundary wall will not have any impact on neighbouring properties in terms of privacy or daylight / sunlight

2. Make best use of the sun's energy to reduce energy costs e.g. south facing living room windows.
This is not relevant to a boundary wall

3. Maximize other opportunities for energy saving, such as cavity wall insulation, double-glazing or loft insulation.
This is not deemed to be appropriate for a boundary wall

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

This is not deemed to be appropriate for a boundary wall

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

It may be possible to use recycled materials in the construction of the boundary wall

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

The gates will allow full access whilst also providing security.

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

No hard standing or parking areas will be impacted

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).

This is not deemed to be appropriate for a boundary wall

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

No trees, hedges or other natural features will be affected by the proposed development

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

The proposed wall will not involve any landscaping

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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.
The wall will be brick to match the neighbouring properties and provide security.

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.
The design will aid the security of the site

13. Minimize noise levels, and light and dust pollution during construction.
Construction will be carried out in a way which minimises disturbance

14. Considers the need for adequate storage for cycles and domestic recycling facilities.
There will be no impact on existing facilities

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>