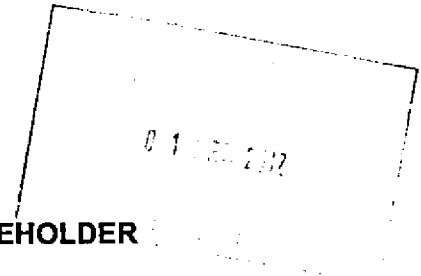


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SUSTAINABILITY CHECKLIST FOR HOUSEHOLDER APPLICATIONS

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 neighbouring property.
THE PROPOSAL WILL NOT IMPACT ON THEIR DAYLIGHT, SUNLIGHT OR PRIVACY. NEIGHBOUR IS SHIELDED BY MATURE TREES ALREADY.
2. Make best use of the sun's energy to reduce energy costs e.g. south facing living room windows.
THE PROPOSAL DOES NOT INVOLVE ANY ADDITIONAL WINDOWS.
3. Maximize other opportunities for energy saving, such as cavity wall insulation, double-glazing or loft insulation.
THE PROPOSED WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT TO CURRENT BUILDING REGULATION REQUIREMENTS.

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

THE PROPOSAL IS NOT SUITABLE FOR SOLAR PANELS.

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

WHERE POSSIBLE SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS WILL BE USED.

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

~~BE~~ ACCESS TO THE BUILDING WILL NOT BE REDUCED AND THE NEW PORCH WILL BE 'OPEN'.

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

N/A. NO HARDSTANDING PROPOSED.

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).

NO WATER RELATED FIXTURES OR APPLIANCES ARE INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSAL.
RAINWATER BUTTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE USED TO THE REAR OF THE PROPERTY WHERE APPROPRIATE.

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

EXISTING NATURAL FEATURES AND TREES WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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 MATURE TREES WILL BE UNCHANGED.

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.

BOUNDARYS UNCHANGED .

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.

NO FLAT ROOF PROPOSED. SECURITY MEASURES REMAIN AS EXISTING .

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

CONTRACTOR WILL ADHERE TO MINIMISING NOISE AND USING DUST SUPPRESSANTS WHERE APPLICABLE .

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

ALREADY PROVIDED FOR .

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>