



**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 extension is single storey, 3.0m deep on the common boundary, and 5.25m deep on the other side where the neighbouring property has a two storey rear extension, and will have no impact on the daylight, sunlight or privacy of those properties.

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

The proposed extension is single storey and faces south to maximise light and energy saving.

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

All new work will be carried out in accordance with current Building Regulation standards, thereby maximising any opportunity for energy saving.

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

Not proposed within current scheme.

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

There is no plan to use recycled or second hand materials in this instance.

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 accessed through the existing property which is already accessible.

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

There are no hard surfacing alterations propose within this scheme.

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).

Water efficient fittings and appliances will be used where possible.

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

No changes proposed.

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

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.

N/A

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.

Access to the rear of the property is restricted by the side gate. New doors and windows will be installed with suitable security locking devices.

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

The building contractor will be encouraged to minimise any disturbance or inconvenience during the building works.

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

Recycling storage space will be provided to the side of the property. Cycles etc. can be stored within the garden shed.

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>

Site Address:

Details of person responsible for completing the checklist:

Name:

Relationship to proposal:

e.g. applicant, agent, ecological consultant.

Date: