

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. Minimise any impact on the daylight, sunlight and privacy enjoyed by any neighbouring property.

The overall height of the extension has been kept to the minimum.

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

Proposed French Doors and large windows have been placed on the south face of the extension to receive maximum sun light.

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

All proposed doors & windows are to be "A" Rated UPVC, wall cavities are to be fully insulated and meet current building regulations.

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

N/A

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

second-hand materials will be used where possible during construction.

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

The proposed extension will be on the same level as the existing house.

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

The front drive area that leads to the house entrance is currently graveled, this is intended to remain that way to help with surface natural water drainage.

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).

rainwater butts will be connected to rainwater down pipes.

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

N/A, existing trees, hedges and other natural features will not be harmed.

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

Bird and Bug boxes will be strategically placed within the rear garden area in order 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.

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.

N/A

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

Construction works will only take place from Monday to Friday 09:00 to 17:00.

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

Cycle storage will be located in either the front or rear garden areas, domestic recycling facilities will be located in the front garden.

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