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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.

Proposed extension is on ground floor only with no windows facing the adjacent property.

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

Solar gain expected from roof lantern and large area of glazing facing South West.

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

Cavity wall insulation to new walls. All glazing to be double glazed to 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.

N/A

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

Existing building. Extension to be the same level as existing floor level.

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

N/A

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 to be installed.

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

No mature trees to be removed.

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

All landscaping to remain as existing

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.

All fencing to remain as existing

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.

Rear of property isolated from street with locked gate.

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

Work to be limited to 8 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday

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

Existing storage facilities to be maintained.

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