

SUSTAINABILITY CHECKLIST FOR HOUSEHOLDER APPLICATIONS

WELWYN HATFIELD
PLANNING

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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 PROPOSED EXTENSION IS TO THE ROADSIDE OF THE PROPERTY AND WILL NOT AFFECT THE NEIGHBOUR

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

WINDOWS HAVE BEEN POSITIONED TO MAKE BEST USE OF THE SUN'S ENERGY WHERE POSSIBLE

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

THE EXTENSION WILL BE CAVITY WALL AND DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS. INSULATION WILL BE TO CURRENT BUILDING REGULATION REQUIREMENTS

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

USE OF SOLAR PANELS WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE FUTURE BUT NOT APPROPRIATE FOR THE PROPOSED EXTENSION

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

RECYCLED OR RECLAIMED 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 PLANS ALLOW INCREASED GROUND FLOOR AREA AND ACCESSIBILITY VIA THE NEW EXTENSION OR THE NEW REAR DOORS

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

EXISTING GRAVEL DRIVE AND PARKING AREA ARE UNCHANGED

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 SHOWERS AND CISTERNS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR THE NEW BATHROOM, AS WELL AS THE USE OF A RAIN WATER BUTT TO THE NEW ROOF.

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

TREES, HEDGES WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSALS

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

NEW GRASS, TREES AND HEDGES AND POSSIBLY A WATER FEATURE IN THE FUTURE TO INCREASE BIODIVERSITY (REMOVAL OF CURRENT CONCRETE GARDEN)

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.

EXISTING TIMBER FENCE WILL REMAIN AND CLIMBING PLANTS ADDED IF APPROPRIATE

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 NEW EXTENSION WILL DECREASE THE EXTERNAL
ACCESS TO THE REAR OF THE PROPERTIES. THERE
ARE NO FLAT ROOFS IN THE PROPOSAL

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

AUDIBLE NOISE DURING CONSTRUCTION WILL BE
MINIMISED AND KEPT BETWEEN THE HOURS OF
8AM AND 6PM, DUST SUPPRESSANTS WILL BE USED
WHERE APPROPRIATE

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

CYCLES CAN BE STORED TO THE REAR OF THE PROPERTY
AND DOMESTIC RECYCLING WILL CONTINUE TO BE
STORED TO THE REAR AND MADE AVAILABLE
FOR COUNCIL COLLECTION.

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