



**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 neighboring property.
L50 RIGHT-OF-LIGHT ANGLES OBSERVED. PROPERTIES ALL DETACHED REAR BALCONY RECESSED TO MINIMIZE OVERLOOKING
2. Make best use of the sun's energy to reduce energy costs e.g. south facing living room windows.
BIG WINDOWS FACE S/E
3. Maximize other opportunities for energy saving, such as cavity wall insulation, double-glazing or loft insulation.
ALL OF ABOVE INCLUDED, - 75mm FILLER CAVITY. ALL EXIS. S.G. WINDOWS NOW UPGRADED TO D.G.

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

NONE

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

USE RECYCLED TIMBER JOISTS & BLOCKS

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

REAR DOORS WILL PROVIDE WHEELCHAIR ACCESS

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

FOR FRONT <sup>GARDEN</sup> PARKING BAYS USE GRASS  
-BLOCKS (IE CONC THAT ALLOWS GRASS TO GROW THRO')

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).

FIT RAINWATER BUTTS, LINK FOR USE AS TOILET FLUSH.

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

ALL TREES HEDGES TO REMAIN

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

GARDEN TO REMAIN WELL-ESTABLISHED & DIVERSE.

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.

SHORT - SECTION OF NEW FENCE TO HAVE  
IVE CLIMBER.

12. Design the extension or building to include crime prevention measures e.g. avoid accessible flat roofs, avoid siting extensions/buildings close to footpaths, avoid solid fences giving easy access for burglars.

WILL HAVE INTRUDER ALARM SYSTEM

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

DAYLIGHT HOURS ONLY, NO DEMOLITION SO  
LESS NOISE & DUST.

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

SHED FOR BIKES + RECYCLING BIN  
AREA

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>