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**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 extensions have been sited so as not to have any effect on neighbouring properties.

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

Not practical.

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

The extensions will be fully insulated to Building Regulations standards, and the existing loft will have the insulation improved to the same standard.

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

None to be used.

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

The existing roof tiles will be reused where possible, and matching secondhand tiles will also be used.

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

The new open-plan ground floor will provide better access to all areas.

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

The new parking area will be of gravel and completely permeable.

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).

A new more efficient heating system will be provided, and toilets will have dual controls.

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

Although the existing hedge will be removed at the front in order to provide the new vehicular access, additional planting areas will be provided to compensate for this.

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

Native species will be provided where possible.

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 siting extensions/buildings close to footpaths, avoid solid fences giving easy access for burglars.

Flat roofs to the extensions will be provided in accordance with the Council's policies.

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

This will be kept to a minimum.

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

Storage facilities for cycles will be provided at a later date.

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: