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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 extension is single storey with a flat roof and a good distance from neighbouring properties.

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

The extension has south facing windows

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

The properties windows will be tripple glazed.

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

Solar pannels could be installed on the new roof.

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

Bricks will be retained where possible

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

External doors will be adequat to fit prams & wheel chairs through.

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

NA

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).

All kitchen taps & appliances will be as energy efficient as possible.

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

All trees & hedges will not be disturbed or 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.

No change to landscaping

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.

Keep as existing

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.

Windows to be lockable in open or closed positions & french doors to have multi-point locking.

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

Site will be project managed & work carried out between 8am - 5pm

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

Current garage is adequate.

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>

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