



Sustainability Statement for Minor Applications

Please complete the tick list below to indicate which sustainability standards your development complies with and provide details of how your development complies with them. Refer to the Sustainability Checklist and our web pages for further guidance.

Sustainability standards	Tick one	
	Yes	No
A Water use and flood risk		
1. Can you demonstrate that water consumption will be minimised?	X	
Answer: No provision of any facilities in the building that will consume water – no toilet or shower proposed.		
2. Do you include measures to conserve water through rainwater harvesting and/or water recycling?	X	
Answer: Rainwater can be collected via the guttering and stored in water butts for use within the garden of the property.		
3. Has flood risk been appropriately assessed and will you be implementing sustainable flood risk management?	X	
Answer: There is no flood risk as a result of the small scale proposal and there no flood risk management is required.		
B Biodiversity		
1. Have you considered whether your project will impact on ecological features of the site?		
Answer: A Ecology Assessment has been carried out – and concluded that the small scale development within the garden of a relatively new property will not have any impact on any ecological features, either within or adjoining the site.		
2. How have you mitigated all of the impacts?	X	

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3. How will you compensate for any residual impacts?	X	
Answer: The development is for a small scale, single storey ancillary building within the garden the existing dwelling, it is not anticipated there will be any residual impacts.		
4. Can you demonstrate that your development delivers a net gain in biodiversity on site and/or off-site?		X
Answer: Applications made by householders as defined within article 2 (1) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 are exempt from the Biodiversity Net Gain national requirements.		
5. Are your proposals for biodiversity net gain ecologically meaningful and do they contribute towards Oxfordshire's emerging Nature Recovery Network?		X
Answer: n/a to the proposals		
6. Does your proposal improve habitat connectivity and linkages to wildlife corridors, and does it incorporate wildlife features as part of a high-quality green infrastructure network?		X
Answer: Proposal is for a small-scale garden building within the rear garden of existing property. The existing networks that provide linkages between the domestic garden and the surrounding domestic gardens will be retained and not impacted by the proposals.		
7. Do your proposals include the planting of trees, woodland, scrub or orchard? 8. Have tree species been selected with consideration to climate change adaptation and mitigation?		X
Answer: No new planting is proposed.		
9. Have you considered how retained and newly created habitats will be managed in the long term and who will be responsible for this management?	X	
Answer: The private garden management and maintenance will remain unchanged.		
10. Are you including two or more wildlife enhancement features from the list?		X
Answer:		
C Green and active travel		

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	Yes	No
1. Do you provide adequate space for the sheltered, safe, secure and well-lit cycle storage on the site? 2. Within the design of a non-domestic development, have you provided a sufficient number of spaces to cycle storage?		
Answer: As the existing property is relatively new (under 5 years old) cycle storage was provided on site when the original development was carried out.		
3. What provisions have been made to encourage home working?		
Answer: n/a to the proposals.		
4. Do you provide infrastructure for the charging of electric vehicles, scooters and/or bikes?		
Answer: n/a to the proposals.		
D Aligning with net-zero carbon		
1. Have you designed the fabric of the building to standards of ultra-low energy demand?	X	
Answer:		
2. Has your project been designed to be fossil-fuel free?		X
Answer: Sustainable materials will be used, using local supplies where feasible, and the fabric insulation standards and construction specification for the proposed garden room will exceed the minimum required by Building Regulations.		
3. Has your project been designed to have a zero-operational carbon balance and deliver 100% of energy consumption using renewables?		
Answer: n/a to the proposals		
4. Have you considered the embodied carbon emissions of your project and taken steps to minimise these?		
Answer: n/a to the proposals		
5. Has thermal comfort and the risk of overheating been considered and have passive-design measures to mitigate for overheating risk been incorporated within the design?	X	

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Answer: Opening windows are provided to offer natural ventilation when the building is in use.		
E Sustainable construction, materials and waste		
1. Will the construction company be registered with the Considerate Construction Scheme?		X
Answer: The construction company has made the SME Climate Commitment – which is confirmed on their website: www.newgardenroomcompany.com		
2. Will you be developing a Site Waste Management Plan (SWMP) as a way of reducing and managing construction waste?		X
Answer: As the proposed development is small scale, with elements of the building constructed off site there will be minimal construction waste. Any that is produced will be sensitively disposed of.		
3. What are your targets for recycling construction waste / reducing waste going to landfill?		
Answer: Ongoing commitment to reduce the amount of construction waste.		
4. Are you taking steps to source construction materials that are local and sustainable?		
Answer: Our composite is FSC certified, so the wood used is from well managed and sustainable forests. The wood content is recycled eucalyptus wood flour. The plastic element is made entirely from recycled material and generates no new plastic. All materials will aim to be sourced from a 45 mile radius.		
5. Have you provided safe and convenient access for waste recycling?	X	
Answer: Where possible, any waste generated by the development will be recycled.		
F Voluntary sustainability standards		
1. Are you pursuing a Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) certification for your non-domestic development?		
Answer: n/a		
2. Are you pursuing another sustainability accreditation and / or recognised sustainability principles?	X	

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	Yes	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Answer: The SME Climate Commitment taken by the construction company seeks to: halve greenhouse gas emissions before 2030 and achieve net zero emission before 2050. 		