



Is self build for me?

Self or custom builders can be any of the following:

1. Anyone wanting to have a truly ecological, green, sustainable house
2. Anyone with access to sufficient recyclable materials to make a substantial contribution
3. Those who are retired, or nearing retirement, with savings / equity / business interests, and don't need a mortgage for funding
4. Anyone with savings / equity / business interests, and may only need a small mortgage or personal loan to top up funding
5. Successful business people with funds and/or experience and contacts in building and construction, as above
6. House owners with a large garden or orchard, with access, and able to get Planning consent
7. Children of house owners with a potential garden plot
8. Building contractors with relevant skills, who have funds and can find land
9. Building contractors with relevant skills, who can be part of a self build group
10. Youngish, employed people, (including the low-waged) needing a house, and are willing to work hard to self build, either in a group or individually
11. People wanting to work from home, who need a work/live unit, which could be a workshop / office / studio / function room etc.
12. Personal pension holders who can invest the pension in a land purchase, and buy back the pension from the increase in equity from the development, and keep the house to live in
13. Eco warriors with a drive to live sustainably, possibly off grid
14. Students, including architectural students, with ambition to design and build for themselves
15. Landowners who have sites that can provide themselves a retirement/ future proofed home
16. Landowners who have sites that can provide themselves an income from selling or letting the land for housing, and realise it may be possible to fulfil a LPA's obligations towards people on the self build register
17. Property investors, who can finally afford their own dream house
18. Property investors, who see that facilitating self builders on land they control is a useful route to providing good quality housing and an income
19. Families who need a specifically designed house to accommodate a family member with any of a wide range of disabilities
20. Families who need an individually designed granny annexe

21. People who want to live in a group setting, with neighbours who are all building their own homes in the same place at the same time
22. People wanting a future in an exceptionally community minded co-housing environment, with mutual support
23. People who have lived and worked abroad, and know how good self and custom building is for providing the most suitable housing
24. People wanting a house that is unique to them; unusual, quirky, individual, awe-inspiring...
25. Farmers with land, or farm buildings, seeking to expand and diversify their income options
26. Landowners wanting to give something back to their local community, e.g. affordable housing / optional community building
27. Families generally in badly designed accommodation which does not work for them, or is a problem to maintain
28. Anyone inspired by the many various TV series about house building
29. Anyone with a major structural project, where it's more cost effective to build a new house than to repair or extend, possibly supported by an insurance payment
30. First adopters of new construction materials and other technologies, wanting a cutting-edge house
31. In a flood-prone location - constructing a flood proofed house, including replacing a previously flood-damaged property
32. Anyone needing to protect trees and tree roots, needing an individual house design with suitable foundations
33. People wanting to be self sustainable on their own small-holding
34. Someone keeping animals needing constant on-site care and attention, some of which may qualify for an agricultural tie
35. Anyone wanting a 'smart home', with hard-wired technologies to support their lifestyle
36. Those who achieve planning consent under Paragraph 79 (formerly paragraph 55) of the 2018 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) relating to building new isolated homes in the open countryside

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