

## Information about the Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Register

### What is the Self-build and Custom housebuilding Register?

It is a requirement of the Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Act 2015 that Ryedale District Council keep, and publicise, a Register of individuals/couples and associations who are interesting in building their own home for their use their sole/main residence. They must be seeking 'serviced plots' which the Act defines as plots that are capable of having access onto the public highway, and have connections for electricity, water and waste water.

**Self-build** is where serviced plots are used by individuals/couples or associations directly organise the design and construction of their new home(s). This covers quite a wide range of projects. The most obvious example is a traditional 'DIY self-build' home, where the self-builder selects the design they want and then does much of the actual construction work themselves. But self-build also includes projects where the self-builder arranges for an architect/contractor to build their home for them; and those projects that are delivered by kit home companies (where the self-builder still has to find the plot, arrange for the slab to be installed and then has to organise the kit home company to build the property for them).

**Custom build** homes tend to be those where you work with a specialist developer to help deliver your own home. There are various companies which assist in securing such schemes.

### How will the Council use the information?

The purpose of the register is to allow the Council to establish the levels of demand in self-build and custom housebuilding projects which will inform the evidence base used to derive current and future housing needs in this area, and thus planning policy.

The mandatory information we must hold is names, addresses/contact details, date of birth and details of nationality for all individuals (including if they form a couple or an association) and if they are an association, the number of plots. You do not need to fill out the rest of the form; but if you can it will provide the Council with better information about the nature of the need for such types of plots. This can support development opportunities for self-build and custom housebuilding by increasing awareness among landowners, builders and developers of the level and nature of demand for self-build and custom housebuilding in the local area.

For those who are interested in self-build/custom housebuilding in the National Park, the National Park should be contacted as they hold their own register.

### Who is eligible to be entered on the register?

Applicants must meet all of the eligibility criteria for entry on the register. Each individual applicant and every member of an association of individuals that applies for entry on the register must be:

- aged 18 or older;
- a British citizen, a national of a EEA State other than the United Kingdom, or a national of Switzerland; and

- seeking (either alone or with others) to acquire a serviced plot of land in the relevant authority's area to build a house to occupy as that individual's sole or main residence.

When applying to be entered on a register, individuals who wish to register as an association must appoint a member or officer to act as the lead contact for the purposes of correspondence between the association and the Council.

### **Is my data publically available?**

No. The data is held by the Council, and is not displayed. No personal data will be provided to a third party. The Council will publish, in their annually-produced Authority Monitoring Report, headline data on the demand for self-build and custom housebuilding revealed by the register:

- the number of individuals and associations on their register;
- the number of serviced plots of land sought; and
- the preferences people on their register have indicated, such as general location within the authority's area, plot sizes and type of housing intended to be built, where this information has been provided by an applicant.

If any applicant wishes to be removed, or if any information needs to be amended, this can be undertaken by contacting the Council using the email address: [localplan@ryedale.gov.uk](mailto:localplan@ryedale.gov.uk)

This data will be held in accordance with Ryedale District Council's Data Protection Policy. Your personal details will not be passed on to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party. For further information please see [www.ryedale.gov.uk](http://www.ryedale.gov.uk)