

## **Do you want to build your own home in Basingstoke and Deane?**

Hampshire Homes Hub are working with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council to carry out a survey of those interested in self and custom build.

One of the ways in which you can build your own home is through a collaborative self or custom build project.

**Collaborative self and custom build** is where a group of people join forces to build their own homes together on a larger site. By building together the group can share costs and support each other.

Collaborative self and custom build projects can deliver market sale homes, affordable sale homes and homes for affordable rent and they also offer a broad range of options for designing and/or building your home as part of a group.

**Hampshire Homes Hub are carrying out this survey to find out whether people interested in self and custom build may also be interested in working as a group.**

The information collected through this survey will help us identify like-minded people who could work together on a group self or custom build project. We hope to be able to form groups who can be supported throughout the process of building their own homes in Basingstoke and Deane. Hampshire Homes Hub offer a service to support groups throughout the life of their project.

**Please complete the survey at:**

[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BasingstokeandDeane](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BasingstokeandDeane)

**(The survey will be open between 1<sup>st</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September)**

We want to hear from anyone interested in self and custom build in Basingstoke and Deane, even if you are not interested in working as part of a group, or are unsure whether group/collaborative self and custom build is for you.

Please also share this link with anyone you know who may be interested in self or custom build in Basingstoke and Deane.

### **Collaborative self and custom build**

Embarking on a group self or custom build project is a great way to build a home and is one of the lowest cost routes. Group self-build typically saves 40% on plot costs and 10% on build costs.

A group self or custom build project can still give you the freedom to build a home that you want, whilst at the same time giving you the opportunity to work with others and build a community in the process.

Finding the right site for your home is not always easy but, group self-build can make site identification easier by purchasing a larger or trickier site with others.

There are a variety of collaborative self and custom build projects across the UK. We are really keen to start similar projects here in Basingstoke and Deane.

- Bristol Community Land Trust built their first self-build scheme at Fishponds Road back in 2016. This scheme provides affordable rent and discounted sale 'self-finish' homes for local people [www.bristolclt.co.uk/fishponds-rd](http://www.bristolclt.co.uk/fishponds-rd)
- Lancaster Co-housing provided 41 zero carbon homes for leasehold sale to members of the co-housing group. The homes were designed by the group through a series of workshops with their chosen architect. Future sales will be at open market value. [www.lancastercohousing.org.uk](http://www.lancastercohousing.org.uk)
- Bunker housing cooperative was started by two families on modest incomes wanting to 'help themselves' by building two family homes for affordable rent in Brighton. They are now expanding to provide more self-build homes at affordable rent for local families on modest incomes through the coop model. [www.bunkerhousingcoop.org](http://www.bunkerhousingcoop.org)
- Petersfield Community Land Trust are working on a self-build project and want to provide serviced self-build plots at a discount market price, prioritised for local people. As part of the planning application there will be a design code for the scheme which will set out the design parameters for the self-build plots. [www.reservoirlane.co.uk/](http://www.reservoirlane.co.uk/)

### **Hampshire Homes Hub**

Hampshire Homes Hub has been set up to help communities develop their ideas for meeting local housing need, and to bring these ideas to fruition. We work in partnership with councils across Hampshire, as well as the National Park Authorities and local housing associations. We have a team of Accredited Advisers with experience of getting homes built across the county. More information about Hampshire Homes Hub can be found at [www.hampshirehomeshub.co.uk](http://www.hampshirehomeshub.co.uk)

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