

Rossendale Self-Build Register

Background

The Government wants to enable more people to build or commission their own home. The Self-Build and Custom Housebuilding Act 2015 requires the Council to keep a register of and have regard to people who are interested in self-build and custom-build housebuilding.

The term 'self-build' describes projects where someone directly organises the design and construction of their own home. They may organise the project, commission an architect or builder, or do some of the construction work themselves.

'Custom-build' usually describes a more 'hands-off approach' where a specialist developer co-ordinates the process for the people involved.

For the purposes of planning policy, self-build and custom-build share the same definition and are used interchangeably.

Rossendale's Council Self-Build Register

If you are interested in building or commissioning your own home, you'll need to fill in our Self-Build Register of Interest Form. This will help us establish if there is a demand locally, and to develop specific planning policies for the provision of self-build housing plots.

You'll need to meet the Government's criteria below and complete a separate form depending on whether you would like to register as an individual or as part of an association.

To meet the Government's criteria you'll need to be:

- aged 18 or over;
- a British citizen, a national of an EEA State other than the United Kingdom, or a national of Switzerland; and
- the property will be your main residence.

To register as an individual, please complete the Self-Build: Register of Interest, Individual Entry form.

To register as part of an association, please complete the 'Self-Build: Register of Interest, Group Entry' form.

If you are a couple or two members of one household who are jointly seeking to self-build, please either nominate one member of the couple or household to register as an individual or apply as a group.

At this stage, you are not making a commitment to self-build and you will still need to go through the normal planning application process – we are just trying to find out how much local demand there is for self-build housing.

The register will not be a public document and your personal information will be treated as confidential. We will only publish headline data from the register such as the type, location and overall demand for self-build.

Completed forms should be sent to the Council's Forward Planning team by email to forwardplanning@rossendalebc.gov.uk or post to:

Self-Build Register
Rossendale Borough Council
Forward Planning
The Business Centre
Futures Park
Bacup
OL13 0BB

Further information

If you have any queries about the registration form, or would like to know more, please contact the Forward Planning team by email at the address above or ring us on 01706 217777.

For further information on self-build housing, please visit 'The Self-Build Portal' at <http://www.selfbuildportal.org.uk/> .