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**REGISTRATION OF INTEREST FOR SELF-BUILD AND CUSTOM-HOUSEBUILDING IN TAUNTON DEANE AND WEST SOMERSET**

Somerset West and Taunton Council is required to identify the demand that exists, and grant suitable permissions for, self-build or custom housebuilding (SCB) in their area.

**Background:**

We already hold evidence on the general need for open market and affordable housing, the kind you purchase or rent through Developers, Housing Associations or Estate Agents. To supplement that information we keep a register of individuals and associations who are seeking to acquire serviced SCB plots of land in our area. The data you provide will be used to inform housing strategies, planning policy, as well as decisions on planning applications, regeneration, and asset disposal.

**The Register of Interest in SCB:**

In order for the Councils to fully understand SCB demand, and enable us to plan effectively for it, please provide as much detailed information as possible in this form. We will confirm if you are eligible or not for entry on to the register, and the date any entry was made. The Register will be regularly updated, we may contact you to check if your requirements have changed (i.e. your SCB project is completed, you are undertaking a SCB in another area). If at any time you wish to be removed from the register please use the form 'Removal from SCB Register'.

**Data Protection:**

It is important you understand how your data will be used (see above) and that you give your permission for it to be used for this. If you have any concerns about the processes and use of your data please contact the Council.

Information is collected by Somerset West and Taunton as data controllers in accordance with the data protection principles in the DATA Protection Act 1998. We may be required to publicly disclose data received in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The data in the forms may also be used in discussions with consultees, consultants and third parties, but the contact information you provide will be detached and kept separate.

Signed:	_____	Date:	_____
Please print your name:			
<b>Please note that forms that are not signed and dated will not be accepted</b>			

**SECTION 2 – Personal information, Location for SCB and its use**  
 The Self-build and Custom Housebuilding (Register) Regulations 2016 requires individuals to give their name, address, date of birth, nationality and confirmation that they are seeking a plot(s) for SCB in the local planning authority (LPA) area(s).

<b>Your details</b>	
First Name	
Last Name	
Address	
Telephone number	
E-mail	
Date of Birth	
Nationality	

<b>Details of organisation, association or body you represent, if applicable</b>	
Name	
Remit	
Lead Contacts name and address	
Telephone number	
E-mail	
Each association members name, address, date of birth and nationality must be provided along with confirmation of the number of serviced plot(s) of land each are seeking (either alone or with others) to build a house to occupy as that individual's sole or main residence in the relevant authority's area.	

Note: Would you like to be kept informed about Planning Policy and/or SCB matters from the Council or third parties? If you do not wish to be contacted please tick the relevant box below:

Planning Policy      
 CSB matters      
 Details passed to third parties

**Where do you want to live? (i.e. name of parish, village or town and if it is a large place, if possible the street or area (i.e. near the train station))<sup>1</sup>**

Location 1	
Location 2	
Location 3	

**I am interested in, please tick**

Land or non-serviced individual plot	
Individual serviced plot (includes access road to a public highway; and connections for electricity, water and waste water)	
Individual serviced plot as part of larger SCB development provided by developer, landowner or local authority	
Community-led or collective self/custom-build (including: Community Land Trust, Co-housing project, Sweat Equity) <sup>2</sup>	
Not sure yet	

**What will your home be used for, please tick**

Sole or main residence (home you usually live at, spend majority of your time at, are registered at for tax and voting purposes)	
Second home (you live in for short periods; i.e. holiday home, weekend retreat)	
Rented out (i.e. holiday let, private rental)	

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<sup>1</sup> Note: Note the relevant policies in the adopted Taunton Deane Core Strategy, Site Allocations and Development Management Plan and West Somerset Local Plan. These plans provide detail about where the principal of residential development will be acceptable subject to other considerations. <https://www.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/planning-policy/>

<sup>2</sup> Note: Community Land Trust: non-profit, community-based organisations, who develop housing or other assets that meet the needs of the community. Co-housing: usually built and run by residents, with each household having a private home with additional shared buildings and outside space that allow community activities, eating together, etc. "Sweat Equity": system where a party's contribution to a project is in the form of effort, as opposed to financial equity (capital investment).

### SECTION 3 – Local Eligibility Conditions

The Self-build and Custom Housebuilding (Register) Regulations 2016 permits the LPA to ask additional questions of applicants to the SCB Register of Interest around links people have to the local area and affordability of SCB products.

**Local Connections Criteria:** Examples of a local connection are where you work, where your immediate or extended family live, where your children go to school, where there are essential services or facilities you need to access for diagnosed health conditions.

<b>Local Connections (list connection and its location, i.e. children at Trull Primary School, work in Milverton, care for family who live in Wilton)</b>	
Connection 1	
Connection 2	
Connection 3	

**Local Affordability Criteria:** it is helpful to know if individuals currently have sufficient resources for their SCB project, and whether you would be eligible for affordable housing.

<b>Is your gross household income under 60k? Please tick</b>			
Yes		No	

<b>Are you on Somerset Homefinder? Please tick</b>			
Yes		No	

<b>How many people in your household?</b>	
Adults (over 16)	
Children (under 16)	

<b>I am interested in. Please tick</b>			
Full ownership		Shared Equity <sup>3</sup>	

<sup>3</sup> Note: Shared equity is where you own a proportion of your home and the remainder is owned by a registered provider; such as a housing association.

**What is the maximum amount you have saved and could definitely afford to pay as a deposit or for the whole build without borrowing additional finance (including sale of existing dwelling)? Please tick**

Prefer not to say		Under £5k	
£5k – £9.9k		£10k - £24.9k	
£25k - £49.9k		£50k - £74.9k	
£75k - £99.9		£100k - £149.9	
£150k – £199.9k		£200k - £249.9	
£250k – £299.9k		£300k plus	

**Indicate the maximum mortgage amount you could realistically access from a bank or building society. Please tick**

Prefer not to say		Under £50k	
£50k – £99.9k		£100k - £149.9k	
£150k - £199.9k		£200k - £299.9k	
£300k - £399.9		£400k plus	

**What is the maximum monthly rent or mortgage amount you could realistically pay? Please tick**

Prefer not to say		Under £400	
£400 - £499		£500 - £599	
£600 - £699		£700 - £799	
£800 - £999		£1,000 - £1,249	
£1,250 - £1,499		£1,500 - £1,749	
£1,750 - £1,999		£2,000 plus	

## SECTION 4 – Additional Information

It is helpful for us to understand in more detail the type, tenure and timescales of CSB projects so this can influence our planning and housing policies as well as inform our planning application, regeneration and asset management decisions.

My current housing type is			
House		Flat/Maisonette	
Bedsit		Room in shared house	

I am currently in			
Owner occupier (with mortgage)		Owner occupier (no mortgage)	
Private rented		Affordable Provider rented	
Share ownership		Tied accommodation (to employment, i.e. forestry)	
Local Authority rented		Living rent free i.e. with parents, friends or family	
No fixed abode			

Indicate your level of interest in a self and custom build, please tick	
Definitely interested – I have the finances and land identified.	
Very interested – would definitely like to do it if I can afford it and/or can find suitable land.	
Quite interested – would consider doing it if affordable and depending on what is involved.	
Slightly interested – like the idea but unsure if affordable of if I have the time.	

Subject to a site bring available, I could be ready to take part in a self/custom-build project in. Please tick			
Within 1 year		1-2 years	
2-3 years		3-4 years	
4-5 years		More than 6 years	

**Type of project:** helps us to understand the different types of CSB required.

<b>I would consider</b>	
Flat/maisonette	
Terrace	
Semi-detached	
Detached	
Other – specify (i.e. gypsy or traveler pitch/plot or live/work unit)	

<b>If as part of a “group” project, please specify number of dwellings project you would consider being part of</b>			
Individual home		2-4 home site	
5-9 home site		10+ home site	

<b>I would like the following number of bedrooms, please tick</b>			
1bed		2bed	
3bed		4bed	
5bed		6bed plus	

<b>I would prefer, please tick</b>			
Just a home (no outdoor space)		Just a home (shared outdoor space)	
Home with small garden or balcony		Home with a large garden	
Home with significant outside space		Home and an allotment	
Small holding		Home with a flat or annex	

<b>Parking spaces I would require. Please tick all appropriate</b>			
No parking spaces		Space for bicycles	
Space for motorcycles		Space for 1 car	
Space for 2 cars		Space for 3 cars	
Space for 4+ cars		Space for caravan or camper van	
On street parking		Driveway/garage parking	

**Involvement in the project:** helps us to understand the different types of CSB projects and your reason(s) for undertaking this type of project.

<b>I am interested in, please tick</b>	
Self-build; managing whole building process yourself, even if you get a contractor to do some of the specialist work i.e. electrics	
Supported Self-build; you pay a site manager, developer or landowner to oversee the project but you do some or all of the work i.e. digging foundations, bricklaying or plastering yourself	
Self-finish; you buy a part built home (shell with services) and fit-out or finish off the internal works yourself, i.e. fit the kitchen or bathroom, painting and decorating	
Design only; you design your home and get architects, surveyors, builders, decorators do everything else	
Affordable housing with regulated provider, such as a Housing Association or Community Land Trust	
Other (please provide details)	

<b>What is your main reason for wanting to self/custom-build, please tick</b>	
Cost (unable to afford to buy a home)	
Cost (low running costs)	
Location of choice	
Potential profit	

Individual/bespoke home for your needs	
Sense of community with neighbours	
Environmental performance	
Quality and specification	
Other (please provide details)	

<b>What skills have you and which you can use on the project, please tick</b>	
DIY skills for digging foundations, service trenches, etc.	
DIY skills for bricklaying, rendering, roofing, etc.	
DIY skills for fitting windows, doors, etc.	
DIY skills for plastering, putting up internal partitions, etc.	
DIY skills for installing services (i.e. plumbing, electrics, etc.)	
DIY skills for fitting kitchens, bathrooms, etc.	
DIY skills for decorating (i.e. painting, papering, etc.)	
Registered tradesman (electrician, plumber, builder, etc.)	
Other (please provide details)	

Thank you for completing this form. Please send it to [planning@somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk](mailto:planning@somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk) or by post to: Somerset West & Taunton Council, PO Box 866, Taunton TA1 9GS

In accordance with The Self-build and Custom Housebuilding (Register) Regulations 2016: The Council will within 28 days of the date that the application was received determine an application for entry in the register. We will notify the applicant (individual or association lead contact) of that decision and, if it is declined, give reasons within 28 days of the decision.