

## Custom/self-Build Homes update

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Dear William,

Thank you for taking my call earlier this week. I am getting in touch with you to provide you with a brief update as to what we over recent months have been doing at CDC in relation to self-build/custom build homes.

We have:

- Submitted a bid for additional funding to the Local Government Association through the Housing Advisors Programme. This additional money was to be used to help us redesign the Custom/self-build workstream processes at Chichester and to enable us to hold seminars/briefings for the public and in particular for those currently listed on our Register. – Unfortunately we found out on Monday we were unsuccessful on our bid, however, we will over the coming months continue with a programme to redesign how we do things. The main outcomes being to ensure that the Register held is accurate and also to improve the effectiveness of its monitoring. We do also at this stage still intend to hold seminars/briefings for the public and those on the register in due course.
- We are currently undertaking a Health check in relation to Custom/Self Build and we are being assisted with this and assessed by the Right to Build Taskforce. – This it is anticipated will result in an action plan to move CDC towards Best Practice. I.e. it will be provide a foundation and help us shape a service redesign.
- We have been liaising with our planning policy colleagues to review the policy position and the policy wording in relation to custom/self-build for the Local Plan Review which it is hoped will be publicly consulted on early in the New Year. It is noted that you have previously provided some suggested wording, thank you for sharing your thoughts with us.
- We are also in the process of actively securing training for the Housing Delivery Team, Planning Policy Team and Development Management colleagues specifically in relation to Custom/self-Build in order to build knowledge and expertise in the Council so that a more joined up and consistent approach can be taken in relation to Self/Custom Build.
- We have begun to ask for serviced plots as part of our consultation responses to strategic/major planning applications as and when they come forward.

Kind Regards



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