



# Blackburn with Darwen Self and Custom Build Register

## What is the purpose of the register?

The Government wants to enable more people to build or commission their own home; they have an aspiration to double the size of the self-build market. This register will provide an indication of the demand for self/custom build in Blackburn with Darwen and allow the Council to work to develop a range of suitable sites for development in this way.

## What is self build and custom build?

Self-build usually means that you are directly involved in organising the design and construction of your new home. Custom build usually means working with a specialist developer to help you deliver your home. There may be some overlap between the two – for example some custom build developers offer the option of a serviced plot where you can design and build your own home as part of a larger scheme.

## Why register?

If you are registered the Council will let you know if/when they have a suitable site in their ownership that meets your requirements. The questions are designed to give the Council a clear picture of your wishes and the type of site that would meet your requirements. You will be asked to enter some detailed information about your current circumstances as well as details including the size, location, timescale and design of the home you would like to build. We also need to understand how the financial side of the development will work so we need some details from you about what you can afford. Your particular situation will not count for or against you. Being honest in your answers will help us understand your wishes and the best way to address them. If you are unsure about how to answer any questions please do not worry just choose the answer that seems the 'best fit' or say 'unsure'.

## Privacy

Your personal information will be treated as confidential. We will only publish details of the type, location and overall demand for self build that we find from the survey.

## Your Details

**Q1 Title:**

**Q2 First Name:**

**Q3 Last Name:**

**Q4 Group/Organisation if appropriate**

**Q5 Contact Telephone Number:**

**Q6 Email:**

**Q7 Confirm Email:**

**Q8 Contact Address Line 1:**

**Q9 Contact Address Line 2:**

**Q10 Contact Town/ City:**

**Q11 Contact Postcode:**

**Q12 Age:**

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35-44 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65+   |

**Q13 Nationality:**

**Q14 If you do not live here, what is your connection to Blackburn with Darwen?**

- Lived in Blackburn with Darwen before
- Employed in Blackburn with Darwen
- Have relatives in Blackburn with Darwen
- Retiring to Blackburn with Darwen
- Other

Please give details about your selection:

**Q15 What is your level of interest in a custom build?**

- Very interested - would definitely like to do it if I can afford it
- Quite interested - would consider doing it if affordable and depending on what is involved
- Slightly interested - like the idea but unsure if it is affordable or I have the time or energy

**Q16 What has so far prevented you building your own home?**

- Availability of a site
- Access to finance
- Availability of suitable builder
- Other, please explain

**Q17**

- Please tick this box to confirm that the home you are intending to build will be your main residence.**

**Q18 Please indicate up to 3 Parishes or settlements in which you would be interested in self building.**

- Blackburn
- Belmont
- Chapeltown
- Darwen
- Huddlesden
- Edgworth
- Pleasington
- Tockholes

**Q19 What is your annual family income?**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to disclose/ don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> £30,000 - £49,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than £5,000                   | <input type="checkbox"/> £50,000 - £69,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> £5,000 - £9,999                    | <input type="checkbox"/> £70,000 - £99,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> £10,000 - £19,999                  | <input type="checkbox"/> £100,000 or more  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> £20,000 - £29,999                  |  |

**Q20 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?**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to disclose/ don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> £75,000 - £99,999   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than £5,000                   | <input type="checkbox"/> £100,000 - £149,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> £5,000 - £9,999                    | <input type="checkbox"/> £150,000 - £199,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> £10,000 - £24,999                  | <input type="checkbox"/> £200,000 or more    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> £25,000 - £49,999                  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> £50,000 - £74,999                  |  |

**Q21 Please indicate the maximum mortgage amount you could realistically access from a bank or building society.**

- Prefer not to disclose/ don't know
- Less than £50,000
- £50,000 - £99,999
- £100,000 - £149,999
- £150,000 - £199,999
- £200,000 - £299,999
- £300,000 or more

**Q22 What type of scheme are you interested in?**

- Single plot
- Plot on a larger scheme
- Community/ collective self-build

**Q23 What type of plot are you interested in?**

- A plot only - no servicing or planning approval
- A serviced plot with outline planning approval
- A serviced plot with full planning approval
- Full DIY self build - Designed and fully built by yourself
- Part self build - Designed and partly built by yourself
- Design-only self build - Your design built by a contractor
- Full group build - Your groups design built by a group
- Design-only group build - your groups design built by a contractor
- Undecided
- Other, please explain:

**Q24 What type of property are you interested in building?**

- Terraced
- Semi-detached
- Detached
- Bungalow

**Q25 Which of the following options would you require?**

- Just a home (only shared outside space)
- Home and a small garden or balcony
- Home and a large garden

**Q26 Which of the following parking options would you require?**

- No parking space required
- Space for one car
- Space for two cars
- Space for caravan

**Q27 How many people are in your household?**

Adults:

Children under 16:

**Q28 How many bedrooms would you require?**

- 1       2       3       4       5       6 +

**Q29 What is your current accommodation?**

- Flat/apartment  
 Terraced house  
 Semi detached house  
 Detached house  
 Bungalow  
 Other  
 Other, please explain

**Q30 How long would it take you to start on site if a plot became available?**

- Under 6 months  
 6-12 months  
 12-18 months  
 18-24 months  
 Over 24 months

**Q31 If you have any queries/comments about this registration please put them in the box below.**

Thank you for completing the registration form. Please return to:

Planning – Strategy Group  
Department of Growth and Prosperity  
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council  
Town Hall  
Blackburn  
BB1 7DY

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