

# A step-by-step process for finding a building plot for a self-build



Finding a building plot for self-build can seem like a daunting task, but you're not alone, every self-builder is in the same shoes. Our step-by-step process will help make your journey from page to plot more seamless:



**Explore** your potential new home town or village to identify suitable plots.



**Talk** to homeowners as they may have land they never considered as a potential source of revenue.



**Keep track** of the local authorities online registry of planning permission applications. Applicants may not necessarily be looking to build but may be looking to sell the plot.



**Be familiar** with local planning designations such as wildlife conservation areas, areas of outstanding natural beauty, national parks and green belt areas.



**Use Google Earth** to pinpoint any potential infill plots or larger gardens with room to build on.



**Rely on expert advice** from local estate agents who are tapped into the local property grapevine and have excellent contacts such as property developers and landowners.



**Make contact** with the owners of large estates in your target area. They could have buildings independent of the main residence with planning possibilities.



**Join a database** showing available plots. There are many of these available online, the majority of which are commercial and charge a fee for usage.