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Self Build Homes Perth by [Kim Valerio](#)

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If you are considering starting a self-build home project, cost can be one of the major drivers that influence your decision. Another can be location. Self-build homes projects in Perth or anywhere in Scotland can prove to be more reasonably priced than in other parts of the UK and can offer a semi-rural setting that is still within reach of a major town.

Scotland as a whole has a strong self-build culture despite having the lowest home ownership levels in the UK and can offer some wonderful scenery. Many local authorities will offer encouragement to self-build homes projects that are well designed, of a good quality and that are energy efficient.

Deciding to build your own home can come about for a number of reasons. Although cost and location are major factors the biggest driver is the ability to design your own layout.

## Understanding Layout

A more open plan style of living is becoming more and more popular as we move away from small clutter rooms and seek large spaces that seem to bring the outdoors in as they are flooded with natural light.

This is when the skills and expertise of an architect becomes invaluable.

To have these vast open spaces and still be able to build upwards requires structural planning and knowledge. Engaging an architect before you get carried away can save problems in the future.

## Planning Permission

An architect can also be worth their weight in gold when it comes to submitting your planning application. Around 27% of self-builders will find that trying to obtain planning permission is one of the most significant barriers they face during their self-build project.

Dealing with a local planning office is one of the many skills that an architect can bring to your self-build home project. Architects often will have experience dealing with local planning and will have expert knowledge and understanding of the finer points of the planning process. This expertise can save the self-builder time and money.

So if you are keen to design your dream home and start the ball rolling on your self-build homes project in Perth or anywhere throughout Scotland then engaging an architect should be one of your first steps.

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