

Self-build and Custom Build Statement

Submit this form with your planning application if your scheme is self-build or custom build

Please ensure you refer to the [**Apply for Planning Permission**](#) webpage to download the latest version of this form.

Introduction

Planning Practice Guidance sets out that when considering whether a home is a self-build or custom build home, relevant authorities must be satisfied that the initial owner of the home will have primary input into its final design and layout.

Self-build and custom housebuilding covers a wide spectrum, from projects where individuals are involved in building or managing the construction of their home from beginning to end, to projects where individuals commission their home, making key design and layout decisions, but the home is built ready for occupation ('turnkey').

Off-plan housing, homes purchased at the plan stage prior to construction and without input into the design and layout from the buyer, are not considered to meet the definition of self-build and custom housing.

Who should complete this form

All applicants proposing a self-build or custom build development should complete this form and include it when you submit your planning application.

The reason for completing this form is to provide the Council with information for monitoring self-build and custom build or you may be seeking an exemption from biodiversity net gain.

Further guidance

[Build your own home – Mid Sussex District Council](#)

[Planning Practice Guidance: Self-build and custom housebuilding](#)

Definitions of self-build and custom build

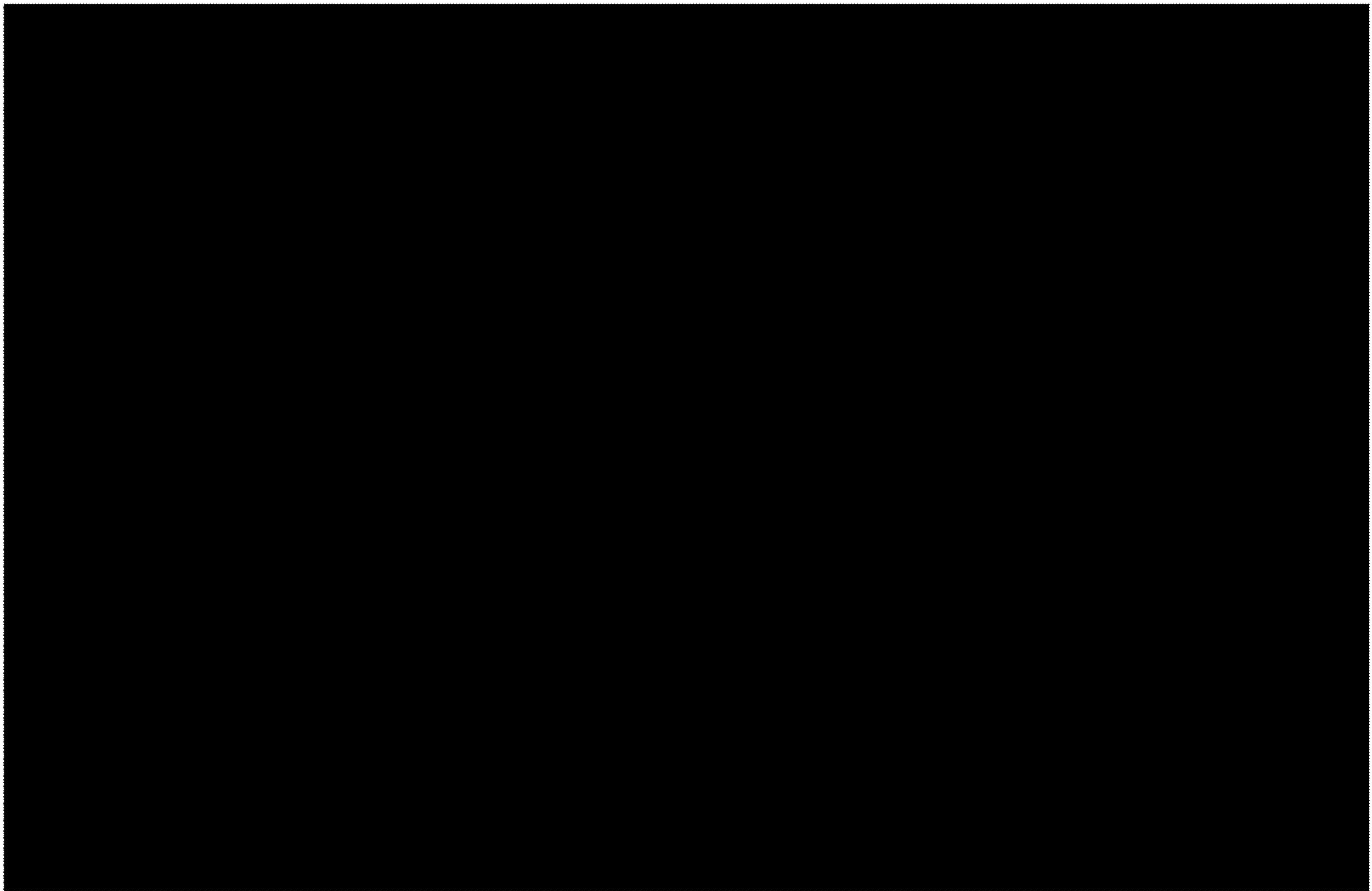
The [Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Act 2015](#) (as amended by the Housing and Planning Act 2016) defines self-build and custom build as:



The [National Planning Policy Framework](#) (NPPF; December 2023) includes this definition:



[NaCSBA's Self Build Portal](#) provides these definitions of self-build and custom build:



Date

11/06/2025

1. Site location

Address

Shell Brook, High Street, Ardingly, Haywards Heath

Description of the proposed development

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling.

2. Applicant details

Applicant name

Chris Brotherton

Company name

Address

C/O agent

E-mail address

Telephone number

3. Agent details

Agent name

Luke Austin

Company name

Whaleback

Address

91 Boundary Road, Hove, BN3 7GA

E-mail address

luke.austin@whaleback.co.uk

Telephone number

4. Is your scheme self-build or custom build?

- ☒ Self-build
- ☐ Custom-build

5. How many self-build or custom build plots are there in the proposed development?

Number of self-build plots

Number of custom build plots

6. How does your scheme meet the definition of self-build or custom build?

In answering this question, you may want to address the various parts of the definition(s) and explain who will live in the dwelling and their involvement in the scheme. You may also want to include how much input you will have into the design and layout of the scheme.

The development proposes the construction of a single dwelling commissioned by the applicant to be occupied by the applicant as their main residence.

7. As you have filled out this form saying that your scheme is self-build or custom build, we may need to amend the description of the planning application to say that it is for self-build or custom build.

Please tick this box to acknowledge this. ☒