

No.	Received from	Question	Accepted	Response
1.	Mr Simon Haggart	How do you ensure that the individuals and their motives, who are on the 'Self- Build' register, are bone-fide and not just developers, their friends and family, artificially inflating the numbers, to create a need which doesn't exist and therefore compelling the LPA to approve applications which otherwise would be rejected in accordance with normal policy?		<p>To be eligible to join the self-build and custom housebuilding register, an individual (or association of individuals) must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Aged 18 or over</li> <li>- A British citizen, a national of an EEA state or Switzerland</li> <li>- Be seeking to acquire a serviced plot of land for their own self-build and custom housebuilding project.</li> </ul> <p>Anybody applying to be added to the register is required to sign the following declaration:</p> <p><i>I hereby confirm that I am seeking to acquire a serviced plot of land within North West Leicestershire District Council's boundary to build a house to occupy as my <u>sole</u> or <u>main</u> residence.</i></p> <p><i>Should it be found that false information has been provided this will invalidate your entry on the North West Leicestershire Self-Build and Custom Housebuilding Register.</i></p> <p>This approach is consistent with that of other authorities and provides the necessary assurances required.</p>
2.	Claire Palmer	Why are you even considering any derogation to normal planning policy for self and custom builds as they are, at the end of the day, just the same as any other residential houses - and any derogation from normal policy provides loopholes and incentivises		<p>The Council is under a legal duty to grant sufficient planning permissions for self and custom build housing to address the demand as evidenced by the register. The proposed policy seeks to address this in a number of ways, including through the provision of plots as part of proposed housing allocations.</p> <p>A key purpose of any policy is to provide a degree of certainty for all users of the planning system. Therefore, the proposed</p>

		abuse of process?	<p>policy sets out how the Council will respond in certain circumstances, including where a proposal is outside of the Limits to Development. This reflects the fact that in reality, plots are less likely to come forward within the Limits to Development with an occupation restriction as the principle of general market housing is acceptable in such locations. As a result, the current (and future) demand is unlikely to be met exclusively on sites that are within the Limits to Development (whether allocated or not).</p> <p>Part 3 of the proposed policy provides the Council with a degree of control in such circumstances and seeks to restrict the locations where development would be considered acceptable. If part 3 of the policy was to be excluded the Council would not have such a degree of control and resisting development anywhere outside of the Limits to Development would be more difficult.</p> <p>The proposed policy is considered to represent a pragmatic approach to this issue.</p> <p>Ultimately the Council will need to demonstrate to an Inspector at the Local Plan Examination that its proposed approach is 'sound' and it is considered that the proposed policy is more likely to be supported by an Inspector at Examination than a restrictive policy.</p>
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