



‘Matchmaking database’ will help link major housebuilders with specialist custom build developers and enabling consultants

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The Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) and the National Self Build Association (NaSBA) has set up a unique matchmaking database to help major housebuilders link up with specialist custom build developers and self build enabling consultants.

The new database is only open to the major housebuilders listed on the HCA’s Delivery Partner Panel, and they can only access it via a password.

The database has been established because a number of major HCA sites are being marketed that include a requirement for a proportion of the new homes to be made available via custom build.

Most of the major housebuilders are expected to seek out a specialist provider to work with to help them to deliver the custom build element of their schemes; however until now it has been difficult for them to identify suitable organisations to work with.

NaSBA Chair Ted Stevens explained: “There are a number of major HCA sites in the pipeline and often these include a requirement for perhaps 10 or 20 self or custom build homes. Most major housebuilders are expected to seek a partner to help deliver these homes. Some will want to work with a specialist custom build developer; while others may prefer to employ an ‘enabling consultant’ to help them work with a local group or community organisation that wants to deliver some self build homes. By accessing the database they can find detailed profiles of around 15 specialists who are NaSBA members, and they can identify the parts of the UK the various custom build developers or enabling consultants operate in.”

Housing Minister, Mark Prisk keenly supports the new matchmaking facility: “I welcome the new ‘Matchmaking Database’ as it will help larger volume housebuilders team up with specialist custom build developers and enablers to tackle larger sites.”

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