

Self-Build Expert - Site Assessment Checklist



Landscape	✓
Topography: slope - north / south facing	
Solar orientation	
Climate exposure	
Flood risk susceptibility	
Ecological features: habitat assessment	
Intrusion: visual / noise	
Trees: general tree cover / single mature trees	
Archaeology and historical features	
Geological features: rock outcrops, large rocks, etc.	
Water courses: streams, ponds, rivers, lakes, the sea	
Views and aspect: to and from site	
Wind: prevailing / non-prevailing and mitigation options	
Proximity to busy public road: noise, pollution, visual intrusion	
Physical aspects of site	
Ground conditions and suitability for construction / drainage	
Access from public roads	
Soil quality and potential for productive use	
Presence of adjacent public utilities: water, electricity, gas, sewage, telecoms	
Potential for micro renewables: solar, wind, hydro and ground source heat pump	
Potential for private services: potable water, power generation, sewage treatment	
Proximity to public transport and other services	
Frost and how this may be affected by topography and site features	