

## Response ID ANON-8CC9-KDJS-3

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Individual

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Resident of Somerset West and Taunton

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### 4. New and affordable homes

**Question 3a: Should our housing requirement figure match the Government's minimum figure of 702 dwellings per year or should we have a higher figure?**

The housing requirement should be higher than 702 dwellings per year and determined by economic growth strategies, infrastructure improvements and unmet need from neighbouring planning authorities

**Please provide reasons for your answers (200 words max):**

**Question 3b: How should we proactively plan for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople pitches?**

**Please provide reasons for your answers (200 words max):**

I don't understand why you need to facilitate this at all. I would think it should be made more difficult for travellers to pitch on land, and there should be tighter laws against this.

**Question 3c: Should we require that all new housing developments include a percentage of new homes that are designed to be accessible, adaptable and wheelchair accessible?**

Require a proportion of dwellings to meet the category standard as set out in Building Regulations Part M.

**Please provide reasons for your answers (200 words max):**

Certainly yes, as these new build projects seem to wish to fit as many houses as possible into any area, there is no financial incentive to provide this, leaving the vulnerable in society with less and less options. Enforcing a percentage to be built under specific guidelines would massively benefit the community.

**Question 3d: How should we provide for custom self-build plots? Should we:**

Include a positive encouragement policy, including for community-led projects, and leave the housing market to deliver plots as and when demand arises; and/or, Identify and allocate specific sites for self-build plots in locations related to where people want to live according to our self-build register; and/or, Include a requirement for all housing development sites over a threshold to include a proportion of plots as self-build plots; and/or, Allow self-build plots on Rural Exception

sites provided that they are secured as affordable housing for ever

**Please provide reasons for your answers (200 words max):**

Providing more opportunities to small self build projects allows for more housing diversity than just large scale new build estates that dominate the modern housing market. There must be things in place that make it achievable for those that wish to self build.

**Question 3e: Do you have any comments on these policy approaches?**

**Please provide comments (250 words max):**