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Would you like to see and understand how your home could look and feel in three dimensions rather than trying to interpret architect's two dimensional plans? Would you like to be fully involved in the design process?

We've developed a new approach which means we spend quality time designing *with* you, not from a remote location designing *for* you. You can find out more about how we work over the next few pages.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'P' and 'P' followed by a flourish.

Peter Pritchard, RIBA.

Working together to realise your plans

Our focus is on you because it's your project, your family home – we really understand this and love the challenge of getting it right for you.

We've divided the process into five stages and, for each, you'll know the costs before you start.

External Design



Our External Design stage looks at the outside of your building and encourages early discussions with a Planning Officer so that the following stages move in the right direction.

Internal Design



At our Internal Design stage we'll spend more time together looking at how your space could be laid out. We'll do this on screen and try ideas together.

Planning



Every building project needs either Planning Permission or a Certificate of Lawful Development. Our Planning stage uses our experience to take you through that process.

Building Regulations

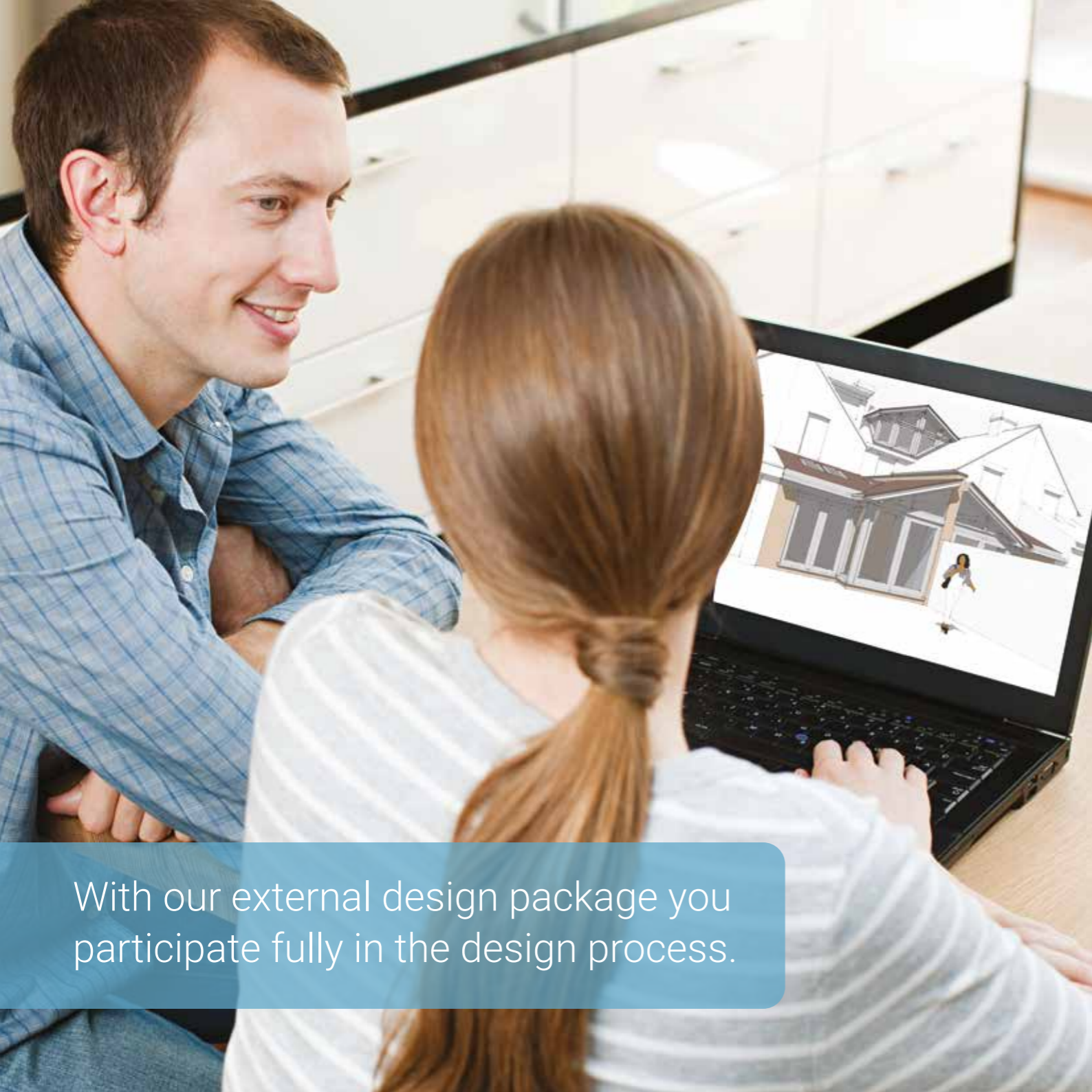


Our Building Regulations stage provides the correct drawings and information to have your building approved by Building Control and to enable building contractors to price the work accurately.

Site Support



Our Site Support stage means you have professional support in selecting a builder.



With our external design package you participate fully in the design process.

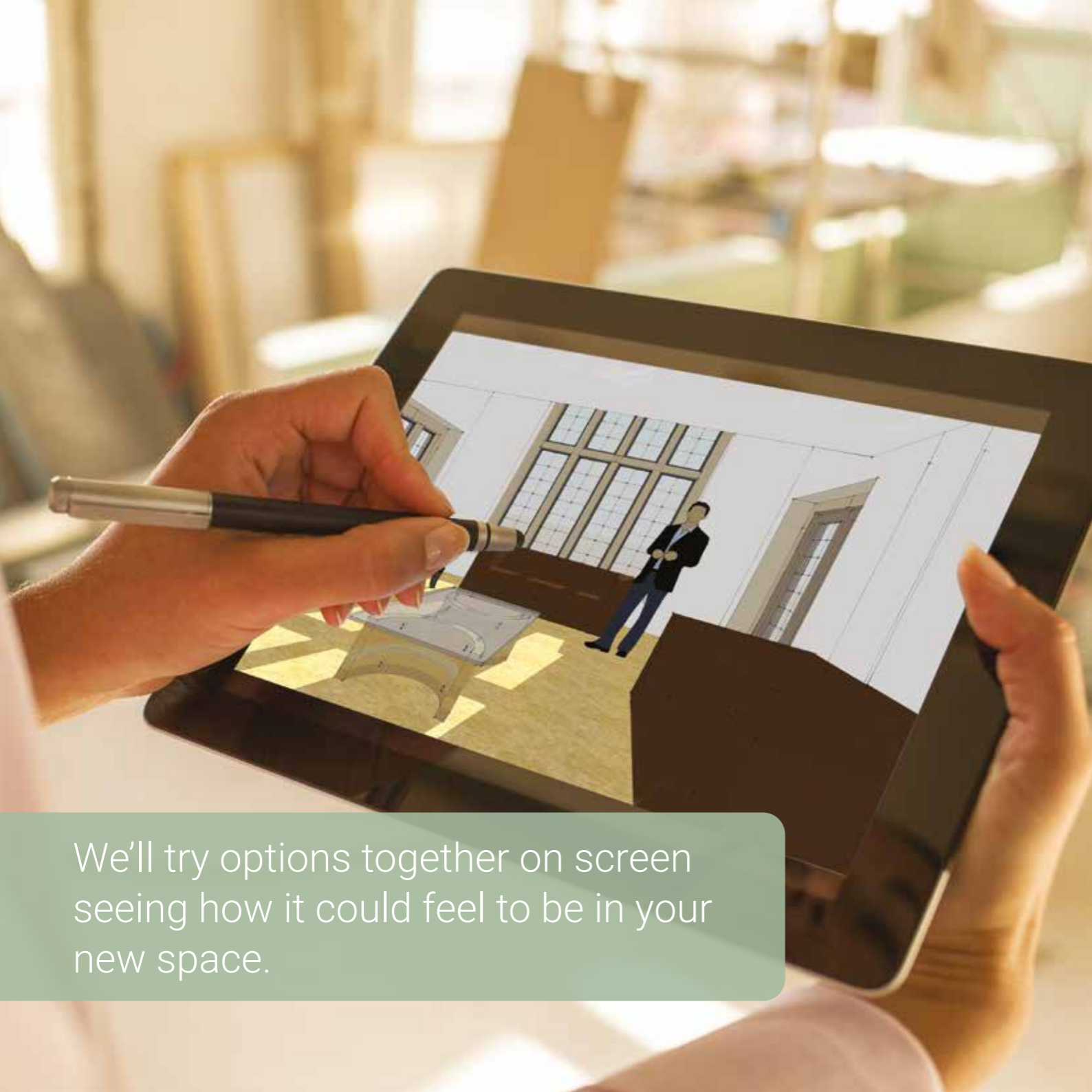
“How will my building look?”



External design

The local planning authority need to have a good idea what you want for the outside of your building, and the impact it might have on your neighbours. Our External Design stage gets your ideas in front of a Planning Officer quickly for initial advice.

With our approach you participate fully in the design process. We'll listen to your ideas for your project then sit together and create 3-dimensional visuals of your proposed building on screen. By modelling different ideas and options with you in your home, we work together to get the best result for how you live.



We'll try options together on screen seeing how it could feel to be in your new space.

"Where's all the clobber going to go?"



Internal design

Once you've had a positive early response from the planning authorities you can have the confidence to get on with the really important part - how the house functions around you. Of course it has to look great, but really needs to work well too.

We'll spend more time together so we can model options for laying out the space. By working together on screen you're 'experiencing' the space before it's built allowing us to get instant feedback and try out ideas 'on the fly'.



Whether you need planning permission or a certificate of lawful development we'll take the strain.

“Will I need planning permission?”

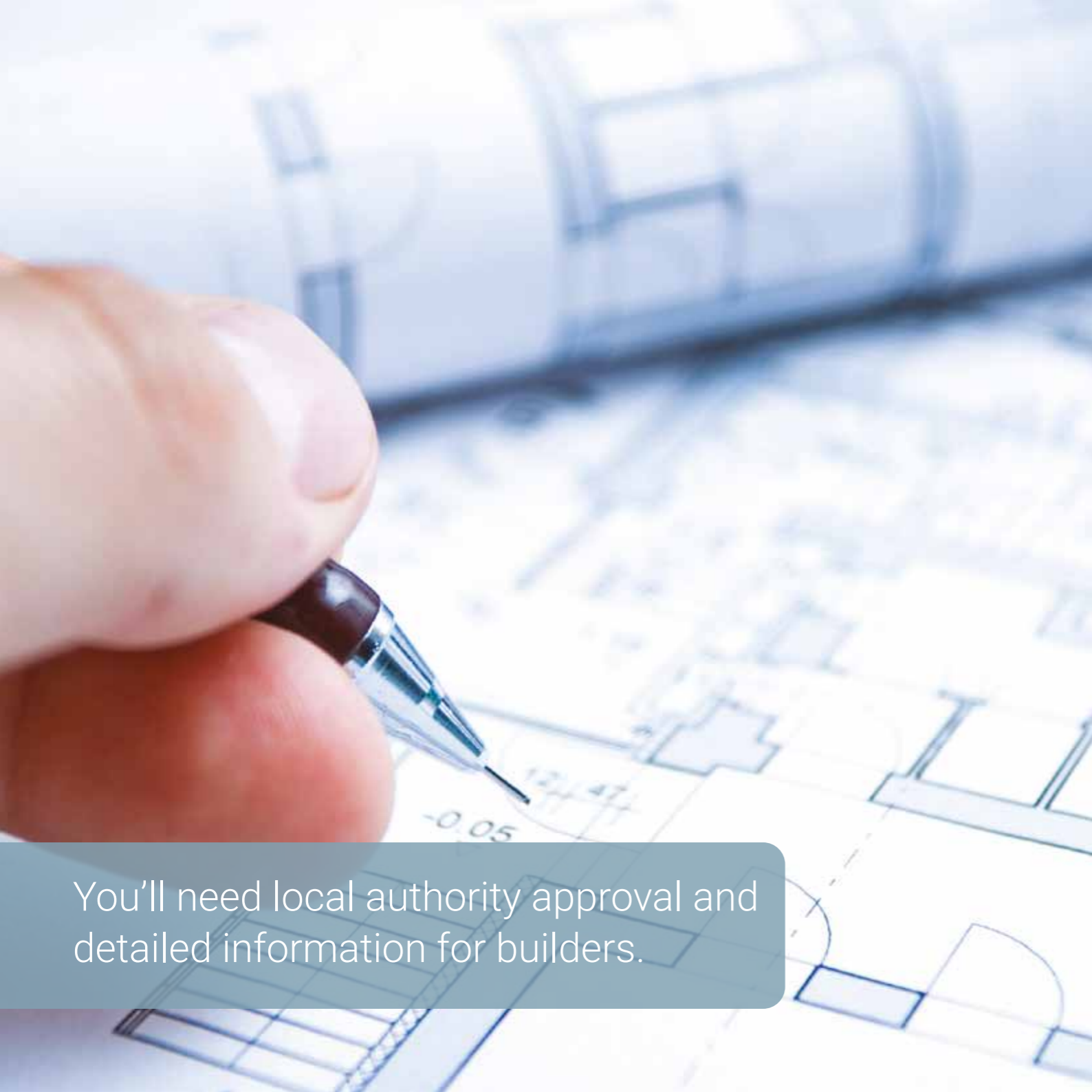


Planning

When sending drawings to the Local Authority for Planning Permission or Certificate of Lawful Development the drawings should be fully accurate and up to date.

Having been through the 3D design process our Planning stage takes your project forward, providing plans and elevations and application to the Local Authority.

The drawings produced at our Planning stage will also provide the level of detail to take forward to the Building Regulations stage.



You'll need local authority approval and detailed information for builders.

"What information will the builder need?"



Building Regulations

In order to provide drawings which can be passed by Building Control you must give detailed information showing how you will be constructing your new building. This includes building materials, insulation, drainage and much more – our Building Regulations stage takes care of all this.

For builders to provide an accurate price they also need to see detailed drawings and construction notes showing exactly what they'll be building. This is all included in our Building Regulations stage along with preparing the Building Regulations application and answering any questions.



We can help you choose the right builder, arrange contracts and help your project run smoothly.

“How can I get the best builder for my project?”



Site support

Do you want help choosing the right builder? Do you want help with the contract between you and the builder?

Our Site Support stage allows us to work as a troubleshooter on your project, helping it to run smoothly.

We can support you by preparing and managing the Tender/pricing process, advising on builder selection and preparing contract documents between you and your builder.

If you need full contract administration services these can be facilitated through one of our construction partner organisations.



We'll work together to arrive at a range of solutions, helping you make informed decisions.

"How can we create more light and space?"

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A different approach

Our different approach means we spend quality time designing with you, not from a remote location designing for you.

This approach means the process is simplified. We can find out what you need quickly, and work together to arrive at a range of solutions, helping you make informed decisions.

So if you feel you have no storage, the kids are tripping over each other in the hall, you don't have enough light or your living space is just too small for modern life, we can help.

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Let's work together

We'd love to work with you to transform your home.

If you'd like to chat to us about your ideas or if you have any questions we'd be delighted to help – just get in touch by email or phone.

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