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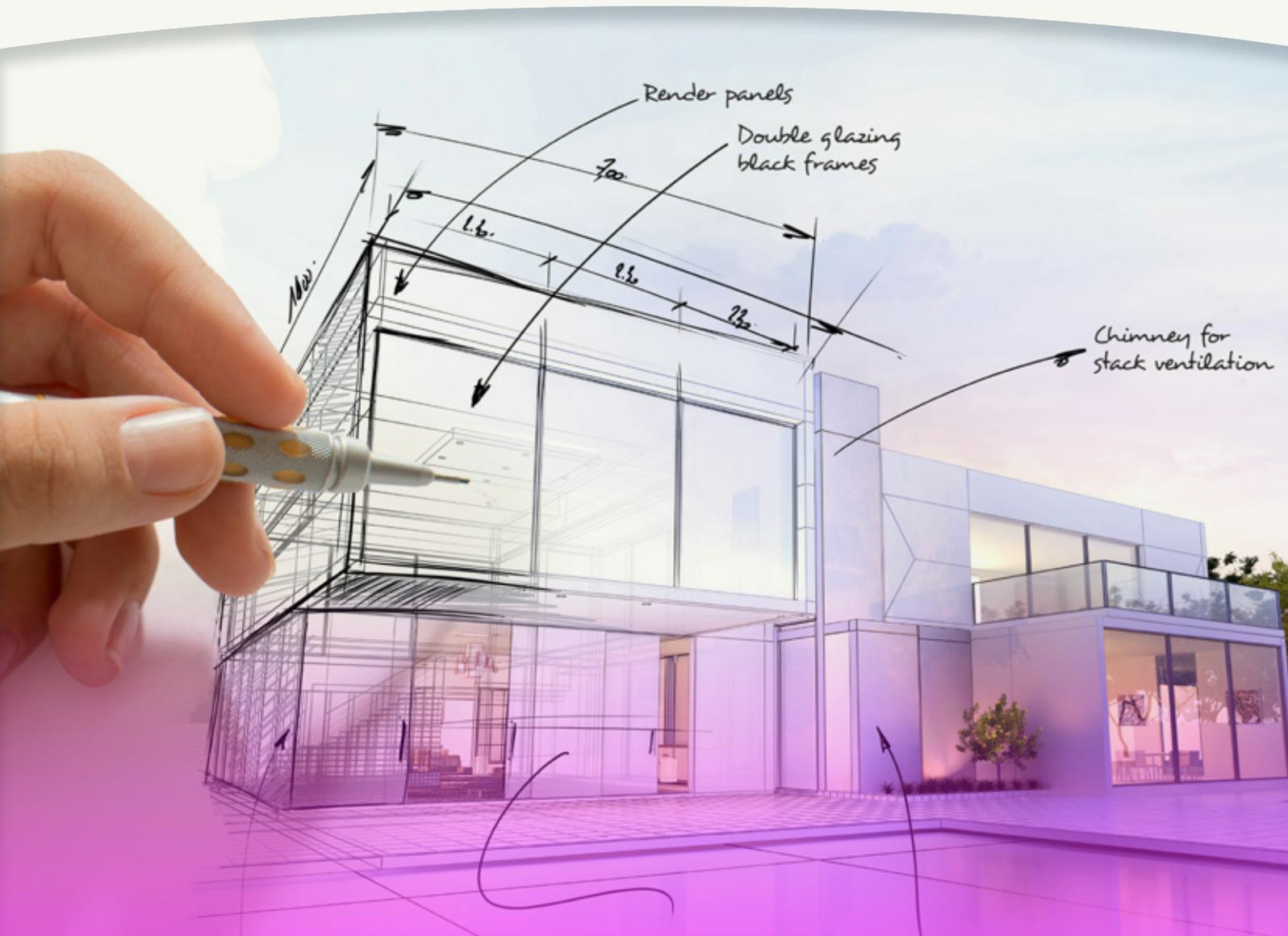
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## Overview

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The land guide price for each of the plots will range from £270,000 to £340,000 with the plot sizes ranging from 4,736 square feet to 6,910 square feet.

Karen Curtin, interim managing director for the Graven Hill Village Development Company said: "This is the first time we have released plots for sale through the sealed bid process so we are expecting a lot of interest. These plots are some of the most sought after on the 188 acre site as they are situated close to the hill and offer fantastic views of the woodland.

"Each of these seven plots has the capacity to house a property with up to six bedrooms, although the designs and layout will obviously be at the discretion of each of the self-builders. Over the next five weeks people who are interested in these plots need to submit their sealed bid with an overview of the home design to help us make a final decision."

Each of the sealed bid applications must include a home design which fits within the framework of the Plot Passport and design code, which will accompany information on the individual plots. These documents will stipulate the parameters within which homes can be built, such as the maximum height and acceptable building materials.

If compliant with the documents, planning consent will be granted within 28 days.

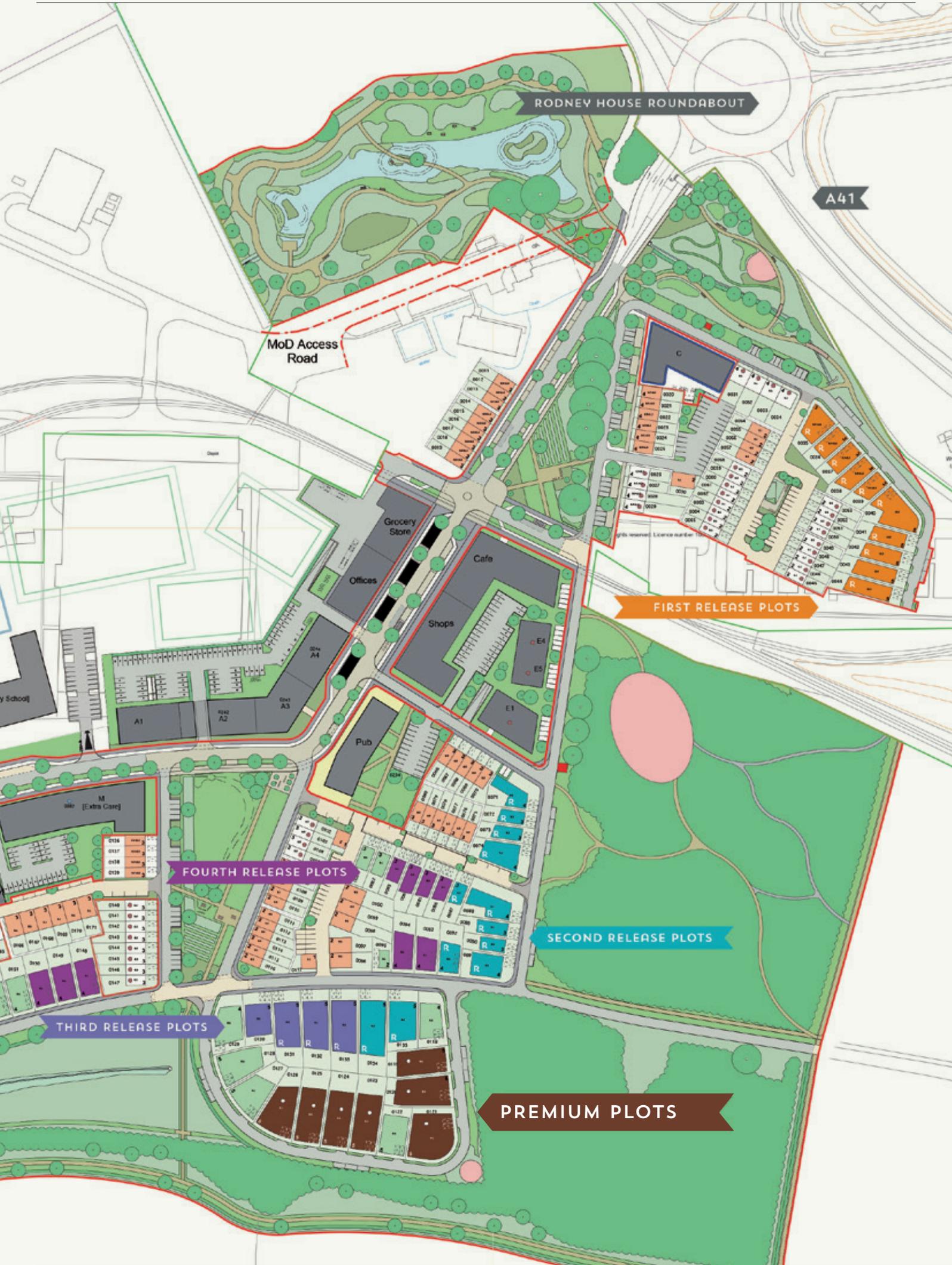
The applications will also need to include confirmation of funding, the ability to proceed and a cost plan.

Interested parties can bid up to three on their preferred plots and if successful, they will have the opportunity to design and build their own home either independently or through the appointment of a private construction team.

All submissions must be made in their entirety by no later than **5pm on 24 February** to Graven Hill Village Development Company, Room 49, Bodicote House, White Post Road, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA.

Anyone wishing to contact a member of the sales team can do so weekdays between 9am and 5pm by calling 01295 753700. For more information or to view details of the available plots visit [www.gravenhill.co.uk](http://www.gravenhill.co.uk)





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FIRST RELEASE PLOTS

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SECOND RELEASE PLOTS

THIRD RELEASE PLOTS

PREMIUM PLOTS

# Build up ideas with exclusive Graven Hill offer



For a one-off payment of just £19.99, people can receive 12 issues of the monthly Build It magazine and two free tickets, worth £24, to any Build It Live exhibition in 2017.

**P**eople interested in building their own home at Graven Hill in Bicester can sign up for an exclusive offer with Build It magazine.

For a one-off payment of just £19.99, people can receive 12 issues of the monthly Build It magazine and two free tickets, worth £24, to the next Build It Live Bicester show.

The offer is being launched by Build It magazine in partnership with the Graven Hill Village Development Company which is responsible for delivering the UK's largest self-build scheme of up to 1,900 homes in Bicester.

Karen Curtin, interim managing director of the Graven Hill Village Development Company, said: "Following on from the success of the first Build It Live event in Bicester last year, we have once again teamed up with Build It magazine to offer this fantastic promotion. The Graven Hill project will be the largest of its kind in

the UK and Build It are a leading self-build publication so by coming together we can offer people the inspiration and advice to help people make their dreams become a reality."

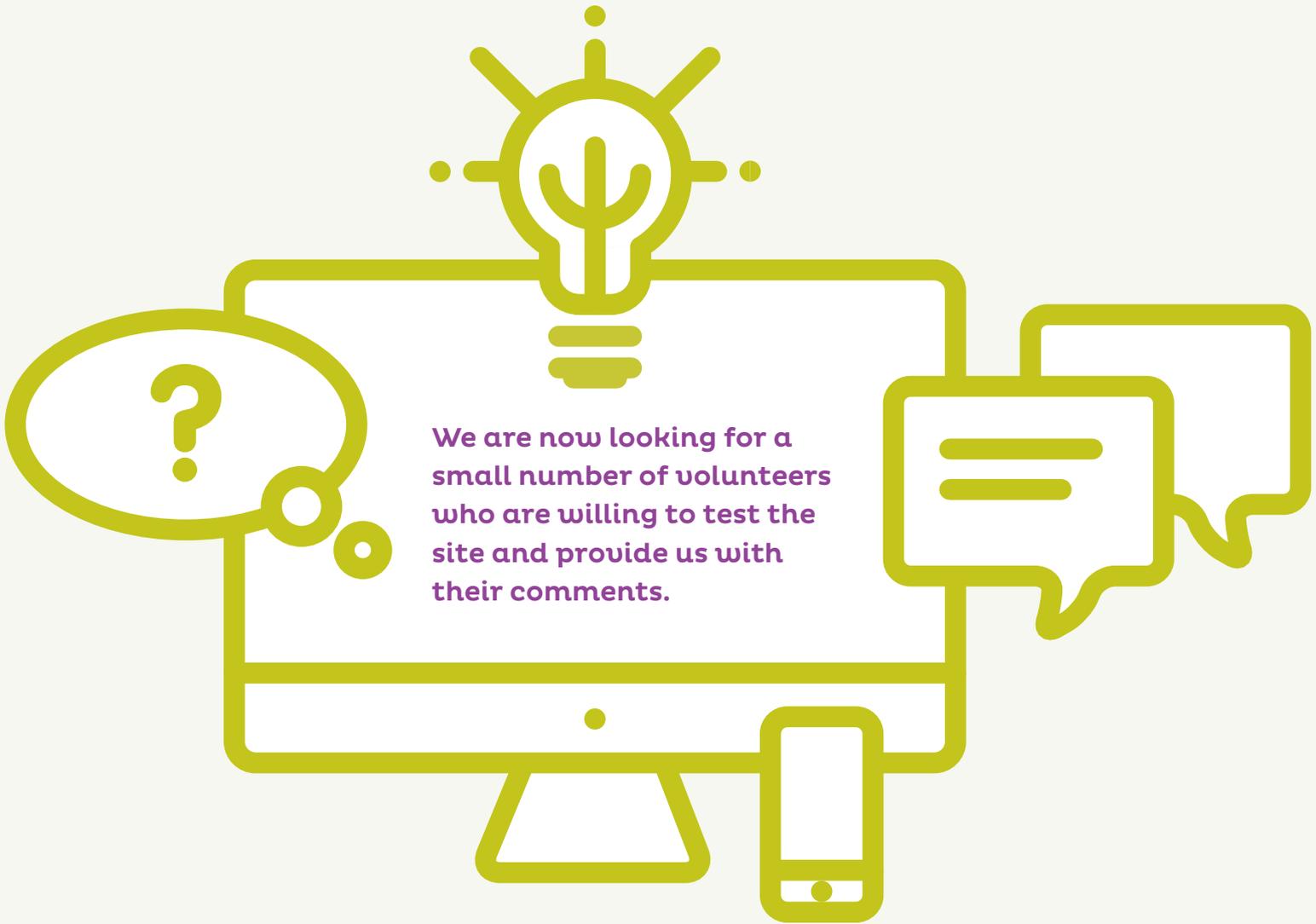
Build It magazine provides a monthly guide to self and custom home building and renovation. Each issue features case studies of readers' homes, expert help and product inspiration, as well as building and renovation advice with practical home improvement tips.

The offer will include home delivery of 12 issues of the monthly Build It magazine and two free tickets, worth £24, to the next Build It Live Bicester show.

People have until 31 January to take advantage of the offer by using the promotional code 'GRAVEN' at [www.self-build.co.uk/graven-hill-offer](http://www.self-build.co.uk/graven-hill-offer) or by calling 01442 820580 and quoting 'GRAVEN'.



# Your views matter...



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**W**hen we talk about views, it is not just the one from your new home at Graven Hill we are referring to – at GHVDC we value the views and feedback of our customers on every aspect of dealing with us.

Regular readers of 'OverView' will know that for some time now we have been working on the development of a new enhanced website. The good news is that we are nearly ready to launch this. However, before we do so, we would like to provide some of you – our customers – with the opportunity to be involved in testing the website before it goes live, to have your say in how we can develop it and to give you a better user experience.

We are now looking for a small number of volunteers who are willing to test the site and provide us with their comments. Those selected will be provided with a link to a test environment, which will enable them to test the site at a time and place that is convenient to them. You will be provided with a short questionnaire to capture your feedback, which will in turn help us to enhance the performance of the site and the result that you will get from it.

We are looking for a cross section of people to take part, those who have been involved in self-build before, those for who this is completely new, we are also looking for people who have different levels of understanding about websites, as we want to make our site as accessible and easy to use for everyone.

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**If you would like to be involved, please send in the first instance an email to [info@gravenhill.co.uk](mailto:info@gravenhill.co.uk)**

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## 2016

**D**uring 2016, the key priority for Graven Hill Village Development Company was positioning the site for the infrastructure. Throughout the year, the necessary planning applications were sought, the last of the newts were relocated from the site and relevant archaeological investigations unearthed some historic finds including an ancient Roman Road and Iron Age cremation.

With the initial preparatory work complete, landscaping work was undertaken which included planting new trees, clearing areas for access and introducing water features.

The first roads began to take shape, including the main spine road which will provide access from the entrance to the heart of the site where the shops and amenities will be located in the future. The first drainage and utility points began to be installed ready to service future plots.

All of the self-build pioneers who will feature in the special My Grand Design television production are progressing. As expected, they are all at different stages in their project, with some well advanced in their construction and others continuing to develop their designs. It is anticipated that all pioneers will be working on site by the spring.

Elsewhere, summer was a busy time for Graven Hill Village Development Company as they welcomed the first Build It Live event to Bicester and released the first plots for sale. To date 24 of the 35 available plots have been reserved.

# What a difference a year makes...



## 2017

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In addition to the release of the first seven sealed bid plots, more golden brick plots will be released for general sale throughout the year, details of which will be published in the newsletter and on the website.

### Save the date / A date for your diary

Those who are interested in learning more about self-build and in meeting with some of the industry experts should keep Saturday 10 June or Sunday 11 June free for the return of Build It Live, Bicester. Following the success of last year's pilot launch the event will return this summer featuring stands, presentations and opportunities to put individual questions to manufacturers and the Graven Hill team.

### Introducing Plot Shop

The first show homes will arrive on site during 2017 to give self-builders inspiration and ideas on how their plot can be transformed into a home. The show homes will be joined on site by a special sales and marketing suite where potential customers can meet with the team to learn more about the opportunities at Graven Hill.

### New products coming soon

New to 2017 will be the release of the first tailored product plots which will apply to the terrace properties. Although these homes will be adjoining, buyers will still be able to customise their home by selecting from a range of finishes and have greater flexibility in designing their internal area than possible in traditional developments.

Owners of tailored product plots will be able to decide what the interior of their homes look like by selecting from a number of design and layout options. This will include deciding how many rooms are included, where they are located and how they are finished. More information on tailored product plots will be published ahead of the first releases later this year.





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The next Graven Hill Overview will be published in MARCH 2017.

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**IMPORTANT**

Please note that the contents of this newsletter express Graven Hill Village Development Company's current thinking (January 2017). Graven Hill is a pioneering, long-term project which will inevitably evolve and change over time. Our sales team will advise you of the processes, procedures and terms and conditions of the sales contract in force at the time of purchase.

