

7 reasons you need an architect

You've decided to build your own home, add an extension to your home or renovate it. The question is do you need an architect? It can be tempting if it is a smaller scale project to do it yourself or go straight to the builder. Here are 7 reasons that should make you think twice before you decide not to hire an architect for your project.

1. Architects deliver a higher quality product and result

Our training means that we are masters at optimising the use of space within your property. We have techniques we can use to transform even the most basic spaces to give you a design that meets your requirements. Investing in expert designs is an investment in your home. The result will be greater than if you were to do it yourself or to go straight to a builder.

We take into consideration your lifestyle and how you live in your home to transform your needs and vision into an architectural expression. We find solutions to your problems, for example, the right strategies and materials required to meet your budget or achieve your vision.

2. Architects can advise you on where to start and next steps

If you're not sure where to begin or what your next steps are; appointing an architect is the perfect place to start. We can advise you on the viability of your project with creative design solutions and ideas that you may not have considered. We will advise you at the outset if your project is likely to require any statutory consents such as Planning Permission, Listed Building Consent or Building Warrant approval. We will tell you if your budget is realistic and if there are any other solutions to what you are trying to achieve.



3. Architects can save you money

While you do have to pay for their services, an architect can save you money. By producing expert, detailed plans you can avoid costly mistakes later. We can advise you on appropriate construction methods and how to achieve best value with the builder for your project and budget. We can guide you on the best use of your budget, where to spend and where to cut back.

Good design is a profitable investment.

4. Architects can project manage your build to ensure the best results

While you may choose to manage the project during the construction stage there are several benefits an Architect can bring to this role. We manage and ensure that the details and specifications for the design are built correctly in compliance with your statutory consents. This includes planning, listed building and building warrant consents.

We can assist with any tough negotiations with your builder, saving you time, money and stress. We will co-ordinate any other consultants required for your project, for example a structural engineer.

We are the professional figures who take care of your interests throughout the project.

5. An Architect optimises your prospects of obtaining Planning Permission

With a thorough knowledge of planning guidelines an Architect is best placed to advise on potential design solutions that not only meet your requirements but should also satisfy the specific planning policies of the relevant local authority. We provide creative solutions which embody the guidelines without being restricted by them, optimising the prospects of successfully gaining permission.



6. Architects help you choose the right materials and finish

With our experience and knowledge of a wide range of materials we can recommend and source the right materials for your project based on your budget, the function, and desired finish.

We take into consideration your setting and surrounding environment to create appropriate contemporary Architecture.

7. We make your life easier

The fact is, an Architect will make your life and project easier, through design, planning and project management, to completion. We have your best interests at heart throughout the process, providing solutions to the various challenges along the way and helping to relieve your stress.

The Architectural result of our involvement will change the way you live in and love your home.



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Ready to take the next step in your project?

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