

How Interior Planning Reduces Build Costs

Interior architecture is the discipline of co-ordinating the interior architecture of your home or renovation with the interior design look you wish to achieve. Many self builders forget that they have the opportunity to build their new home around their own needs and lifestyle and do not have to settle for the standard layout as you would if you were buying a property. You are only limited by your imagination and budget of course! The investment in planning your home in detail will save you money during your build.

A common mistake made by self-builders is to assume they have all the information that they need on their planning drawings, however, we have found that this is generally not the case. Often planning drawings are only a sketch of the house giving very basic information required by the planning department. A great deal of detailed planning is required to make sure the building works to its maximum potential and suits the needs of its inhabitants. It is this grey area which self builders find most difficult to manage, as both technical information and interior design vision is required to make decisions early to support the interior design style later applied to the space. Getting professional advice at the earliest possible stage helps to eliminate changes after the build has started.

Making your decisions early and having detailed interior plans & schedules, will allow you to obtain accurate prices even before you start your build, giving you more control over your budget and eliminating the need to keep moving things around as you build. It is on site changes that cost self-builders the most in time and money, when you could avoid it by planning in advance.

The ideal time to engage an interior architect is pre-planning stage so that changes to your interiors cost you very little and have no physical consequences as yet. The further into the build, the more costly simple changes can be. It is expensive enough to build it once but making late changes can mean re-building walls or moving services etc.

Building a house is probably the biggest single investment that any one will make in their lifetime, you would not invest a large sum of money in anything without professional advice first and yet hundreds of self-builders build their houses without getting any professional advice on their interior layouts and services.