

1. **What does an architect actually do?** Ask your architect to explain what they will bring to your project and to differentiate what they do from the work of an engineer, a builder etc.
2. **How can I spend my budget wisely?** An efficient build is not only about having a budget but spending it intelligently. An architect can help you manage your money.
3. **How can I save money *and* save the environment?** Well-designed rooms can reduce your energy bills and carbon footprint and increase the value of your home.
4. **How can an architect help me manage this project?** Not everybody has the time or expertise to be involved in the design and construction process. Your architect can help you.
5. **How can an architect help me to make decisions early?** Making decisions or changing your mind after the build has begun cost you time and money. Your architect can ensure that you have a clear plan in place before anyone starts on site.
6. **How will my house grow with me?** Your architect can help you consider what your changing family will need from your home as you get older and design a “Lifetime Home.”
7. **Have you done any projects like this before?** Ask to see their portfolio to get a sense of their previous work. It may also be useful to gain some ideas for your own house.
8. **How long will the project take?** It is important to get a timescale of how long the work will take.
9. **Can an architect help me find a builder?** Your architect can help you find a local builder that can complete your project to a high standard and for a reasonable price.
10. **How can you help ensure a perfect finished product?** At the end of a job, your architect can help you construct a snag list to ensure that you are completely happy with your new room/home.