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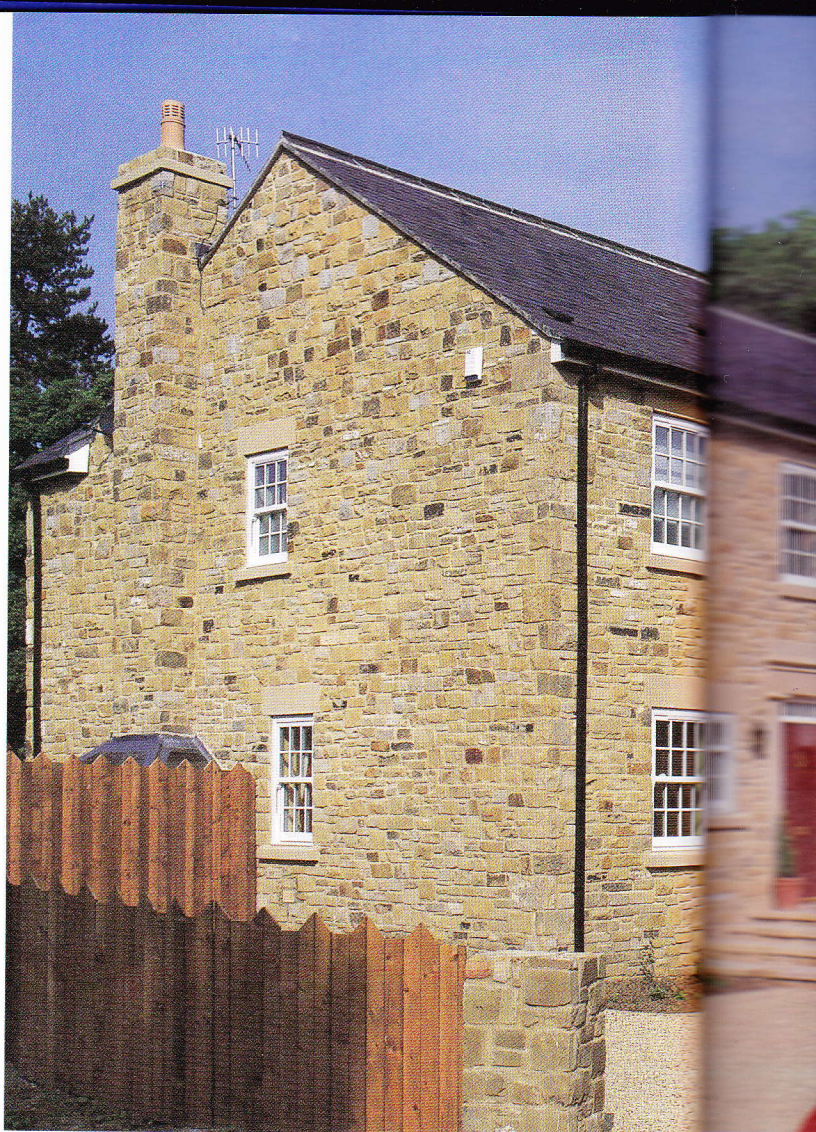
# Is Self-build Set to Get Easier?

The Government has announced plans to boost self-build by removing the main barriers

As well as launching the new Localism Bill, Housing Minister Grant Shapps has been busy heralding the Government's commitment to self-build. He has announced a collaboration with experts at the National Self Build Association (NaSBA) – of which HB&R is a member – who will help develop an action plan to make it easier for people to build their own homes. This will apparently affect individuals building one-off houses as well as larger groups. See list (RIGHT) for the main issues — and watch this space for updates.

## THE ISSUES TO BE TACKLED

- \* Availability of land — including making public sector land available for housebuilding
- \* Availability of finance — working with lenders to ensure self-building communities can get the finance they need
- \* Availability of expert support — how self-builders can support communities looking to build the homes they need, and how those new to self-build can be supported



**81%** OF PEOPLE WOULD RATHER IMPROVE THEIR CURRENT HOME THAN GO TO THE TROUBLE OF MOVING\*



**PRODUCTS:**

## Compare Solar Panels

An innovative new website has been set up to help homeowners compare solar panels and their installers. Comparemysolar.co.uk offers a unique online tool that allows users to select their own roof on a map, explore its solar potential, compare solar panel prices and see reviews of local installers, and then invite up to three installers to help them go solar. The service is free to use.