

## **Stommel Haus supports UK's National Custom & Self Build Association research**

**Neunkirchen-Seelscheid, March 15, 2015 - Stommel Haus supports the research of the British National Custom & Self Build Association (NaCSBA) on how ready-to-go, serviced building plots can be provided in the UK and how communities can collaborate to commission their own homes.**

The NaCSBA research and development programme is designed to boost overall housing output, and in particular to make it much easier for people in the UK to build their own homes.

Stommel Haus has a great deal of experience of self-build projects in Germany and its team helped by organising meetings with a range of German planning offices and banks, and a visit to a large self build exhibition village.

Barbara Fischer-Clark, agent for Stommel Haus in England said: "We are very excited about NaCSBA's research programme and hope that it will have a positive impact and improve the situation of the many people in the UK dreaming of building their own homes. During our work with the NaCSBA research team what surprised us the most were the cultural differences between the UK and German self-build markets. The German planning system is geared up to provide sufficient building plots and much greater certainty about what will secure planning permission, and its bankers don't see self build as being any riskier than normal mortgages - conditions which British consumers can only dream of."

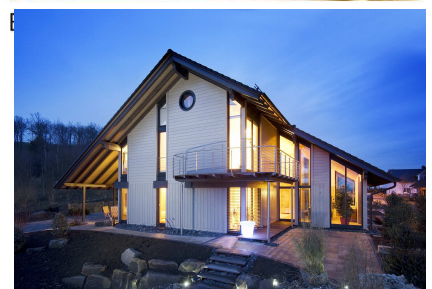
Ted Stevens, Project Manager of the Research & Development programme said: "We would like to thank Barbara Fischer-Clark and Franz Stommel for supporting our efforts and for organising the meetings in Germany. We would also like to extend our thanks to all the people we met, be it the planning officers, the team in the show home village, the private self-builders, or the German bankers. We have taken home a lot of interesting information and ideas to inform our research project."

### **About Stommel Haus**

Stommel Haus is a premium manufacturer of contemporary bespoke energy efficient timber houses. With 45 years of experience, the family business proves that with solid timber from certified forests in Europe, sustainable, high quality and very energy efficient houses can be built to almost any design. Stommel Haus has built more than 2,200 bespoke houses in German-speaking Europe, Benelux and the UK and is interested in sharing its experience with British experts in order to facilitate more self-build projects in the UK.



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## **About NaCSBA and their research programme**

The National Custom & Self Build Association (NaCSBA) was set up by network of companies and individuals with the common aim of promoting self-build and custom build as a form of housing delivery that can make a significant contribution to home building in the UK.



NaCSBA brings together developers, architects, planners, financial and warranty providers, manufacturers, self-builders, community groups and local authorities to develop, share and promote best practice in self and custom build.

The Association is run by its members and is independent, relevant and practical, and operated on a not for profit basis.

More information about the NaCSBA research programme, which has been funded by The Nationwide Foundation, can be found at <http://www.nacsba.org.uk/researchdevelopment>