

Your builder meeting worksheet

Bring this to every builder you meet. You don't need drawings or a finished plan. A few thoughts jotted down beforehand make the first meeting more useful.

Think it through

- 1 What is not working well in your home today?

- 2 How would you like the space to work differently?

- 3 Where are you short on storage, parking or usable space?

- 4 Are there future projects or features worth thinking about now?

- 5 What matters most to you when the project is complete?

- 6 Is there a budget range or timeline you have in mind?

- 7 What do you like about your home that you would want to keep?

Have ready if you can

- ☐ Any problems you have noticed, such as moisture, drafts or older wiring
- ☐ A survey or plat of the property, if you have one
- ☐ Plans or paperwork from past projects
- ☐ Photos or examples of what you like
- ☐ Anything that could limit the project, like an association or deed restrictions

WHAT A BUILDER MAY LOOK AT

During the site visit

- Zoning and setback requirements
- Existing electrical, plumbing or HVAC systems
- Structural conditions
- How an addition will connect to the existing home
- Access to the work area
- Drainage and grading
- Utility locations
- Future projects that may be worth planning for now

That is what makes a site visit more than a measurement appointment. It is an early chance to understand the home, ask the right questions and make better decisions about what comes next.

Notes from the meeting
