

# 3. Smaller timber homes

## Output (1.session) Arguments in favour of wood

- Message: time is money, you are saving 25% of skilled labour
- open panel is flexible, you do not need to make so detailed projects, lack of engineers, architects, specifiers
- perception, quality
- buying prtefab house means to pay all at once

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- the time to get under roof
- Energy efficient

Against: lack of knowledge, education is more based on other materials

- wood connections in seismic conditions
- wood needs better control on technology by inspectors

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## ADVANTAGES

- Self- building with timber frame is quicker than the conventional (wet) build.
- It can save 40- 50% of labour cost in UK
- Less heavy foundations. Saving of up to 50% of the foundation. Building Control people should be educated about this.
- Quick weather tightness.
- In line with population control.
- Less drying out period. Therefore less shrinkage and cracking, etc.

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## Disadvantages:

- closed panel system: difficult to adapt later
- site practices need improvement
- Architects and engineers need to be educated.