

Wherever in the world you may be, and wherever your design comes from, at some point in your project, you will require the services of an architect.

If you are already progressed in this respect with your selected / appointed architect, (and maybe even with finalised plans) then that's perfect.

Many clients however, not this far advanced, believe that by using an 'existing' plan, a 'pre-design', or plans downloaded from the internet for example, will avoid an architect, and costs as well.

- Sadly they are mistaken.

In many countries, (Spain for example) every project must be approved, led and finally signed by a locally registered architect. (Again for Spain that is with the Spanish College of Architecture) Even if the architect did not conceive the ideas, or produce the designs themselves.

It is also worth noting that as every house Technium Space manufacture is totally individual, there is no cost saving on the manufacture of an 'existing design' to one specifically designed for you. Everything, including the all-important structure, is bespoke. (I.e. Made to order.)

Primarily for the above reasons, we do not offer in-house architectural design services. However, if we can assist in any initial way with some ideas and design concepts, and if commissioned accordingly, then we will be pleased to do so.

'Existing designs' and plans will indeed progress you forward considerably, and can save the time involved in conceiving a design, but an identical house, planned and designed for a location in the south of France for example, would have very different structural specifications as the same house if it is to be built in for example, Italy, New Zealand, or the Caribbean.

So at the very least, a local architect is generally beneficial / required for all of this 'local' information and what is known as 'load' detail, or 'structural and thermal parameters'.... and local architects will probably be required for making your planning applications as well.

Our engineers work directly from your architectural plans, even if they have been prepared with the initial (and more expensive!) intention of building with bricks, blocks and concrete.

Your architect will be able to supply us with some small, but important structural and local details for our calculations, if not already included. And we are then ready to progress!

Your appointed architect does <u>not</u> require to be familiar with our methods, systems and materials.

(We are of course always happy to address any questions they may have, and of course to work closely with them.)

If you have some ideas, even simple floor plans of where you want rooms, and an approximate size, (although you will need to know exactly the maximum permitted size, and all of your plot restrictions and details etc) maybe we can assist you in conceiving a concept, before you enlist an architect. We will be pleased to discus this with you.

We hope our 'Getting Started' pdf will assist you a little in your required size calculations, and maybe from our on-line 'Inspiration Gallery', fire your imagination a little as well. (Or at the least, allow you to form an idea of what you like, and don't like!) - In any event, we are here to help.

This is one of the most exciting parts of your project. *Enjoy the journey into space.* Your dream space!