



Pyrite Resolution Board

22<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Progress Report  
(Period Ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019)

25<sup>th</sup> July 2019

# Progress Report No. 22

## Pyrite Resolution Act 2013 (Section 9)

### 1. Applications

A total of 2418 applications have been submitted to the Pyrite Remediation Scheme since its launch from 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014 to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019. A number of applications have been closed for administrative reasons, e.g. duplicates, withdrawn etc. On average 7 applications were received per week during the second quarter of 2019.

These applications are spread across:

- 64 developments containing multiple applications
- 43 developments with only one application and
- 54 single site applications.

A full breakdown of the applications received by county/area is attached at Appendix A and the current status of all applications is set out in Appendix B.

### 2. Assessment, Verification and Recommendation Process

A total of 2063 applications have been validated and referred to the Housing Agency for the Assessment and Damage Verification Process.

Damage Verification, i.e. confirmation of damage attributable to pyritic heave, may be based on an individual dwelling or on associated dwellings. Associated dwellings may thus be verified on the basis of comparable damage and / or earlier tests with similar results.

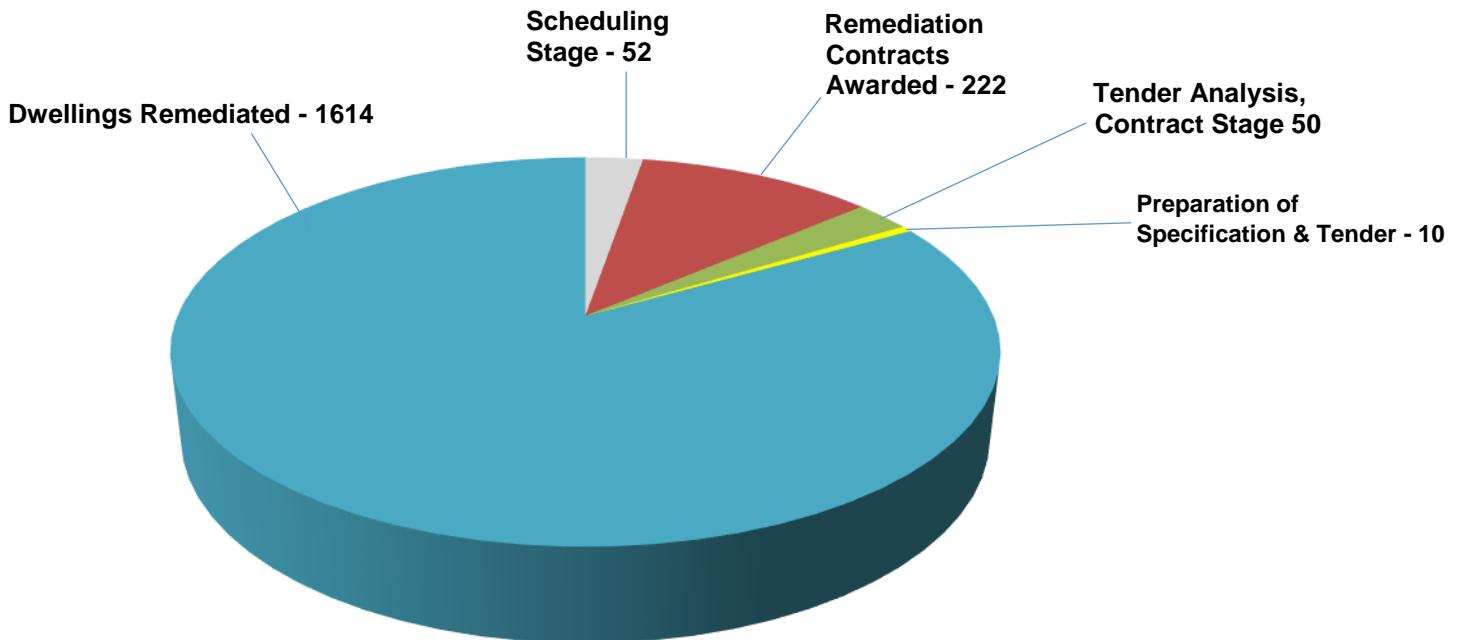
HomeBond arranges testing as required and the results are submitted to the Housing Agency.

### 3. Inclusion of Dwellings in the Scheme

Following the verification process, the Housing Agency makes a recommendation to the Pyrite Resolution Board (PRB) as to whether or not a dwelling should be included in the Pyrite Remediation Scheme. Thus far, 1948 dwellings have been included in the Scheme and the applicants have been notified accordingly.

#### 4. Tendering, Award of Contracts and Remediation

Of the 1948 dwellings included in the Scheme, the progress at key stages is presented in the chart below as follows:



#### 5. Priorities and Programme

The Act and the Scheme set out the criteria that the PRB must have regard to in determining priorities. Priority cases are identified and placed appropriately within the programme. The Board is satisfied that this is working well.

#### 6. Refusal of Applications and Exclusion of Dwellings

##### Refusal following the Validation Process

To date, a total of 95 applications have been refused following the Validation Process on the grounds that the Scheme's eligibility requirements were not met. This figure does not include four applications that were successfully appealed and applications which were closed for administrative reasons.

## **7. Appeals**

Of the 95 refused applications referred to in Section 6 above, the Board received no appeals during the second quarter of 2019 and there are currently 6 appeals outstanding.

Of the 6 appeals, 3 relate to dwellings which were refused due to the date of purchase not satisfying the eligibility criteria, a further 2 relate to dwellings where Elemental Damage was not established and one further appeal relates to an application which was refused where the dwelling was not constructed and completed between 1 January 1997 and 12 December 2013.

## **8. Services provided by HomeBond**

In June 2014, an agreement was signed regarding HomeBond's contribution towards technical and project management services, under the direction and supervision of the Pyrite Resolution Board and / or the Housing Agency, to the value of €2 million. At a recent meeting Homebond have confirmed their commitment to meeting this figure and to date the overall total of Homebond's contribution stands at €1,268,306.

It is acknowledged that HomeBond's contribution towards testing and the remediation programme has been an integral and effective part of the process.

## **9. Contributions from Liable Parties**

In line with the provisions of the Pyrite Resolution Act 2013, the PRB has an obligation to recover from any party, with a liability, and the capacity, all or part of the costs of remediating dwellings. No contributions in this regard were received by the PRB during the second quarter of 2019. Legal proceedings continue with regard to contributions in one other case.

## **10. Refund of Compensation**

Where a dwelling has been included in the Scheme but the work has not commenced and the scheme participant receives a payment other than under the Scheme, as a condition for continued inclusion in the Scheme, the scheme participant is required to pay the amount received to the PRB within a specified time period. No contributions in this regard were received by the PRB during the second quarter of 2019.

## **11. Legal Proceedings**

It is a condition of eligibility under the Scheme that the Applicant gives his/her consent to the institution by the PRB of civil proceedings relating to loss arising from the act or default of any person that causes significant pyritic damage to the dwelling.

Legal proceedings issued in regard to a scheme in Fingal are presently on-going.

## **12. Review of Strategy and Business Plan 2017- 2018 and Annual report**

At the end of the second quarter the 2018 Annual Report of the Pyrite Resolution Board was presented to the Minister and laid before each House of the Oireachtas.

25<sup>th</sup> July 2019

## Appendix A - Summary of Applications Submitted as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Local Authority	Applications	County/Area	Applications
Dublin City Council	34	<b>Dublin</b>	<b>1400</b>
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co. Co.	27	Balbriggan	417
Fingal County Council	1638	Ballyboughal	5
Kildare County Council	52	Blanchardstown	1
Meath County Council	604	Donabate	76
Offaly County Council	29	Garristown	1
South Dublin County Council	34	Glenagery	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2418</b>	Kinsealy	17
		Lucan	20
		Lusk	552
		Malahide	5
		Naul	1
		Newcastle	13
		Oldtown	1
		Portmarnock	2
		Rush	257
		Skerries	2
		Sutton	1
		Swords	27
		<b>Dublin 1</b>	<b>1</b>
		Glasnevin	1
		<b>Dublin 11</b>	<b>14</b>
		Cappagh	1
		Finglas	2
		Meakstown	11
		<b>Dublin 13</b>	<b>4</b>
		Balgriffin	3
		Kilbarrack	1
		<b>Dublin 14</b>	<b>1</b>
		Churchtown	1
		<b>Dublin 15</b>	<b>227</b>
		Ashtown	8
		Blanchardstown	24
		Castleknock	33
		Clonsilla	9
		Hollystown	4
		Mulhuddart	147
		Ongar	2
		<b>Dublin 16</b>	<b>25</b>
		Ballinteer	25
		<b>Dublin 5</b>	<b>3</b>
		Harmonstown	1
		Raheny	2
		<b>Dublin 6</b>	<b>1</b>
		Harolds Cross	1
		<b>Dublin 8</b>	<b>9</b>
		Heytesbury Street	7
		Merchants Quay	2
		<b>Dublin 9</b>	<b>48</b>
		Ballymun	1
		Drumcondra	1
		Glasnevin	1
		Santry	45
		<b>Kildare</b>	<b>52</b>
		Donadea	1
		Enfield	2
		Kilcock	9
		Leixlip	25
		Maynooth	15
		<b>Meath</b>	<b>604</b>
		Ashbourne	373
		Ballivor	1
		Clonalvy	1
		Drumree	1
		Dunboyne	86
		Dunshaughlin	28

Stage	Applications
1. Application & Validation	197
2. Damage Assessment/Verification	115
3. Planning/Scheduling & RWP Preparation	62
4. Tendering & Tender Analysis	44
5. Decision to Contract	6
6. Dwelling Remediation	222
7. Retention Period – 12 Months	498
8. Application Closed	1274
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2418</b>

## Appendix A - Summary of Applications Submitted as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Enfield		82
Kilbride		1
Kilmessan		3
Kinnegad		1
Navan		7
Rathmolyon		4
Ratoath		4
Robinstown		1
Summerhill		9
The Ward		1
Trim		1
<b>Offaly</b>	<b>29</b>	
Edenderry		29
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2418</b>	

## Appendix B – Status of Applications up to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Status	Applications
<b>In Validation Process</b>	<b>197</b>
<b>Validated and awaiting verification</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>Included in Scheme</b>	<b>1948</b>
<i>Planning/Scheduling</i>	52
<i>Preparation of Specification &amp; Tender</i>	10
<i>Tendering &amp; Tendering Analysis</i>	44
<i>Decision to Contract</i>	6
<i>Remediation Works</i>	222
<i>Works Complete &amp; Certified (In Retention)</i>	498
<i>Closed after Retention</i>	1112
<b>Closed (Excluding Properties Closed After Retention)</b>	<b>158</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2418</b>