



An Bord Réitigh um Pirít
Pyrite Resolution Board

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32nd Quarterly Progress Report

(Period Ending 31st December 2021)



32nd Quarterly Progress Report Pyrite Resolution Act 2013 (Section 9)

1. Applications

A total of 3063 applications have been submitted to the Pyrite Remediation Scheme since its launch from 26th February 2014 to the 31st of December 2021. A number of applications have been closed for administrative reasons, e.g. duplicates, withdrawn etc. On average 5 applications were received per week during the fourth quarter of 2021.

These applications are spread across:

- 74 developments containing multiple applications
- 48 developments with only one application and
- 71 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 2655 applications have been validated and referred to the Housing Agency for the Assessment and Damage Verification Process.

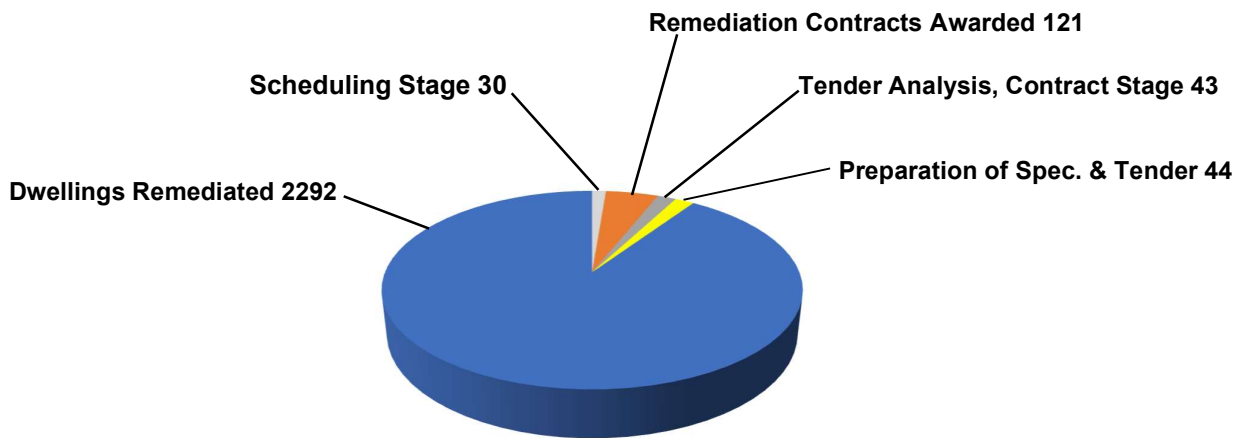
Damage Verification, i.e. confirmation of damage attributable to pyritic heave, may be based on an individual dwelling or on associated dwellings. Associated dwellings may thus be verified on the basis of comparable damage and/or earlier tests with similar results. HomeBond arranges testing as required 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 2530 dwellings have been included in the Scheme and the applicants have been notified accordingly.

4. Tendering, Award of Contracts and Remediation

Of the 2530 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 from the Scheme

Refusal following the Validation Process

To date, a total of 146 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 applications that were successfully appealed, those that were withdrawn during the appeal process and applications which were closed for administrative reasons.

Exclusion of Dwellings following the Verification and Testing Process

To date, a total of 45 applications have been excluded following the Verification & Testing Process on the grounds that the Scheme's eligibility requirements were not met.

7. Appeals

No appeals were received by the Board during the fourth quarter of 2021.

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. HomeBond have confirmed their commitment to continue with the current agreement. The agreement continues being subject to periodical review.

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 may 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 fourth quarter of 2021.

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 fourth quarter of 2021

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.

There are currently no ongoing legal proceedings.

12. Review of Strategy 2019-2021, Business Plan 2019-2021 and Annual Report

In the fourth quarter of 2021:

- the Board's Chair and General Manager, along with the Housing Agency's CEO and the Principal Officer of Project Management and Procurement, met with Department of Housing officials for the biannual PRB Oversight Meeting.
- the Board drafted its Strategy and Business Plan for 2022 – 2025.
- the Board reviewed the PRB Terms of Reference, ROPA, draft Customer Action Plan and agreed the Board Work Schedule for 2022.

13. Implications of Covid-19 for the implementation of the Scheme

The Pyrite Resolution Board has taken the implications of Covid-19 on board. Pyrite remediation works have progressed in accordance with government health guidelines.

20th January 2022

Appendix A - Summary of Applications Submitted as at 31st December 2021

Local Authority	Applications
Dublin City Council	39
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co. Co.	43
Fingal County Council	2025
Kildare County Council	106
Meath County Council	769
Offaly County Council	31
South Dublin County Council	34
Limerick City and County Council	16
Grand Total	3063

Stage	Applications
1. Application & Validation	102
2. Damage Assessment/Verification	125
3. Planning/Scheduling & RWP Preparation	74
4. Tendering & Tender Analysis	2
5. Decision to Contract	41
6. Dwelling Remediation	121
7. Retention Period – 12 Months	280
8. Application Closed	2318
Grand Total	3063

County/Area	Applications
Dublin	1700
Balbriggan	569
Ballyboughal	6
Blackrock	1
Donabate	81
Garristown	2
Glenagery	2
Kinsealy	18
Lucan	22
Lusk	614
Malahide	6
Naul	2
Newcastle	13
Oldtown	1
Portmarnock	2
Rush	296
Skerries	4
Sutton	2
Swords	59
Dublin 1	1
Glasnevin	1
Dublin 11	19
Cappagh	1
Finglas	2
Meakstown	16
Dublin 13	7
Balgriffin	6
Kilbarrack	1
Dublin 14	1
Churchtown	1
Dublin 15	308
Ashtown	9
Blanchardstown	26
Castleknock	37
Clonsilla	9
Hollystown	9
Mulhuddart	212
Ongar	6
Dublin 16	39
Ballinteer	39
Dublin 5	4
Harmonstown	1
Kilbarrack	1
Raheny	2
Dublin 6	1
Harolds Cross	1
Dublin 7	1
Dublin	1
Dublin 8	9
Heytesbury Street	7
Merchants Quay	2
Dublin 9	49
Ballymun	1
Drumcondra	2
Glasnevin	1
Santry	45
Kildare	106
Donadea	1
Enfield	2
Kilcock	13
Leixlip	73
Maynooth	17

Appendix A - Summary of Applications Submitted as at 31st December 2021

Limerick	16	
Corbally		15
Rhebogue		1
Meath	771	
Ashbourne		424
Ballivor		1
Clonalvy		1
Drumree		1
Dunboyne		178
Dunshaughlin		34
Enfield		95
Kilbride		1
Kilcock		1
Kilmessan		3
Kinnegad		1
Navan		8
Rathmolyon		5
Ratoath		4
Robinstown		1
Summerhill		11
The Ward		1
Trim		1
Offaly	31	
Edenderry		31
Grand Total	3063	

Appendix B - Status of Applications up to 31st December 2021

Status	Applications
In Validation Process	102
Validated and awaiting verification	125
Included in Scheme	2530
<i>Planning/Scheduling</i>	30
<i>Preparation of Specification & Tender</i>	44
<i>Tendering & Tendering Analysis</i>	2
<i>Decision to Contract</i>	41
<i>Remediation Works</i>	121
<i>Works Complete & Certified (In Retention)</i>	280
<i>Closed after Retention</i>	2012
Closed (Excluding Properties Closed After Retention)	306
Grand Total	3063