



An Bord Réitigh um Pírit  
Pyrite Resolution Board

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## 33<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Progress Report

(Period Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022)



## **33<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Progress Report Pyrite Resolution Act 2013 (Section 9)**

### **1. Applications**

A total of 3101 applications have been submitted to the Pyrite Remediation Scheme since its launch from 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014 to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2022. A number of applications have been closed for administrative reasons, e.g. duplicates, withdrawn etc. On average 3 applications were received per week during the first quarter of 2022.

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 2715 applications have been validated and referred to the Housing Agency for the Assessment and Damage Verification Process.

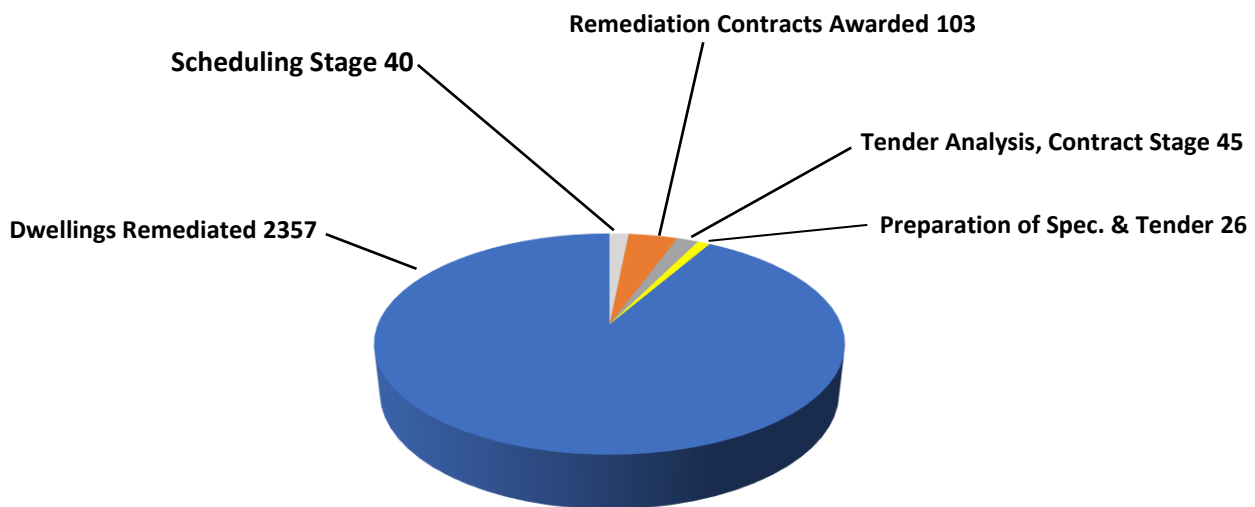
Damage Verification, i.e. confirmation of damage attributable to pyritic heave, may be based on an individual dwelling or on associated dwellings. Associated dwellings may thus be verified on the basis of comparable damage and/or earlier tests with similar results. HomeBond arranges testing as required 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 2571 dwellings have been included in the Scheme and the applicants have been notified accordingly.

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

Of the 2571 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 147 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**

One appeal was received by the Board during the first quarter of 2022. The appeal related to an application refused where the Building Condition Assessment Report had a Damage Condition Rating of 1. The Board affirmed the decision of the Decision Maker to refuse the application.

## **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 first quarter of 2022.

## **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 first quarter of 2022.

## **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 2022-2024, Business Plan 2022-2024 and Annual Report**

In the first quarter of 2022:

- The Board reviewed the 2021 Performance Review.
- The Board reviewed and approved the Conflict of Interest Policy, the PRB Customer Action Plan and the PRB Privacy Statement.
- The Board reviewed and approved the Internal Audit Charter, Internal Audit Plan, Annual Effectiveness Review and Statement on Internal Control as proposed by the Audit and Risk Committee.
- A presentation was provided by the Housing Agency Finance Manager to the Board regarding the draft accounts for 2021.

Preparation of the Board's 2021 Annual Report is presently ongoing.

### **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.

27<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## Appendix A - Summary of Applications Submitted as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

Local Authority	Applications	County/Area	Applications
Dublin City Council	39	<b>Dublin</b>	<b>1719</b>
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co. Co.	43	Balbriggan	578
Fingal County Council	2048	Ballyboughal	6
Kildare County Council	118	Blackrock	1
Meath County Council	772	Donabate	81
Offaly County Council	31	Garristown	2
South Dublin County Council	34	Glenagery	2
Limerick City and County Council	16	Kinsealy	18
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3101</b>	Lucan	22
		Lusk	618
		Malahide	6
		Naul	2
		Newcastle	13
		Oldtown	1
		Portmarnock	2
		Rush	298
		Skerries	4
		Sutton	2
		Swords	63
		<b>Dublin 1</b>	<b>1</b>
		Glasnevin	1
		<b>Dublin 11</b>	<b>19</b>
		Cappagh	1
		Finglas	2
		Meakstown	16
		<b>Dublin 13</b>	<b>7</b>
		Balgriffin	6
		Kilbarrack	1
		<b>Dublin 14</b>	<b>1</b>
		Churchtown	1
		<b>Dublin 15</b>	<b>312</b>
		Ashtown	9
		Blanchardstown	26
		Castleknock	37
		Clonsilla	9
		Hollystown	9
		Mulhuddart	216
		Ongar	6
		<b>Dublin 16</b>	<b>39</b>
		Ballinteer	39
		<b>Dublin 5</b>	<b>4</b>
		Harmonstown	1
		Kilbarrack	1
		Raheny	2
		<b>Dublin 6</b>	<b>1</b>
		Harolds Cross	1
		<b>Dublin 7</b>	<b>1</b>
		Dublin	1
		<b>Dublin 8</b>	<b>9</b>
		Heytesbury Street	7
		Merchants Quay	2
		<b>Dublin 9</b>	<b>49</b>
		Ballymun	1
		Drumcondra	2
		Glasnevin	1
		Santry	45
		<b>Kildare</b>	<b>118</b>
		Donadea	1
		Enfield	2
		Kilcock	14
		Leixlip	84
		Maynooth	17
		<b>Limerick</b>	<b>16</b>
		Corbally	15

Stage	Applications
1. Application & Validation	72
2. Damage Assessment/Verification	144
3. Planning/Scheduling & RWP Preparation	66
4. Tendering & Tender Analysis	19
5. Decision to Contract	26
6. Dwelling Remediation	103
7. Retention Period – 12 Months	345
8. Application Closed	2326
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3101</b>

## Appendix A - Summary of Applications Submitted as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

Rhebogue		1
<b>Meath</b>	<b>774</b>	
Ashbourne		425
Ballivor		1
Clonalvy		1
Drumree		1
Dunboyne		179
Dunshaughlin		34
Enfield		96
Kilbride		1
Kilcock		1
Kilmessan		3
Kinnegad		1
Navan		8
Rathmolyon		5
Ratoath		4
Robinstown		1
Summerhill		11
The Ward		1
Trim		1
<b>Offaly</b>	<b>31</b>	
Edenderry		31
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3101</b>	



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<b>In Validation Process</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>Validated and awaiting verification</b>	<b>144</b>
<b>Included in Scheme</b>	<b>2571</b>
<i>Planning/Scheduling</i>	40
<i>Preparation of Specification &amp; Tender</i>	26
<i>Tendering &amp; Tendering Analysis</i>	19
<i>Decision to Contract</i>	26
<i>Remediation Works</i>	103
<i>Works Complete &amp; Certified (In Retention)</i>	345
<i>Closed after Retention</i>	2012
<b>Closed (Excluding Properties Closed After Retention)</b>	<b>314</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3101</b>