



An Bord Réitigh um Pírit
Pyrite Resolution Board

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36th Quarterly Progress Report

(Period Ending 31st December 2022)



36th Quarterly Progress Report Pyrite Resolution Act 2013 (Section 9)

1. Applications

A total of 3189 applications have been submitted to the Pyrite Remediation Scheme since its launch from 26th February 2014 to the 31st of December 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 A number of applications have been closed for administrative reasons, e.g. duplicates, withdrawn etc.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 fourth quarter of 2022.

These applications are spread across:

- 74 developments containing multiple applications
- 49 developments with only one application and
- 75 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 2860 applications have been validated and referred to the Housing Agency for the Assessment and Damage Verification Process.

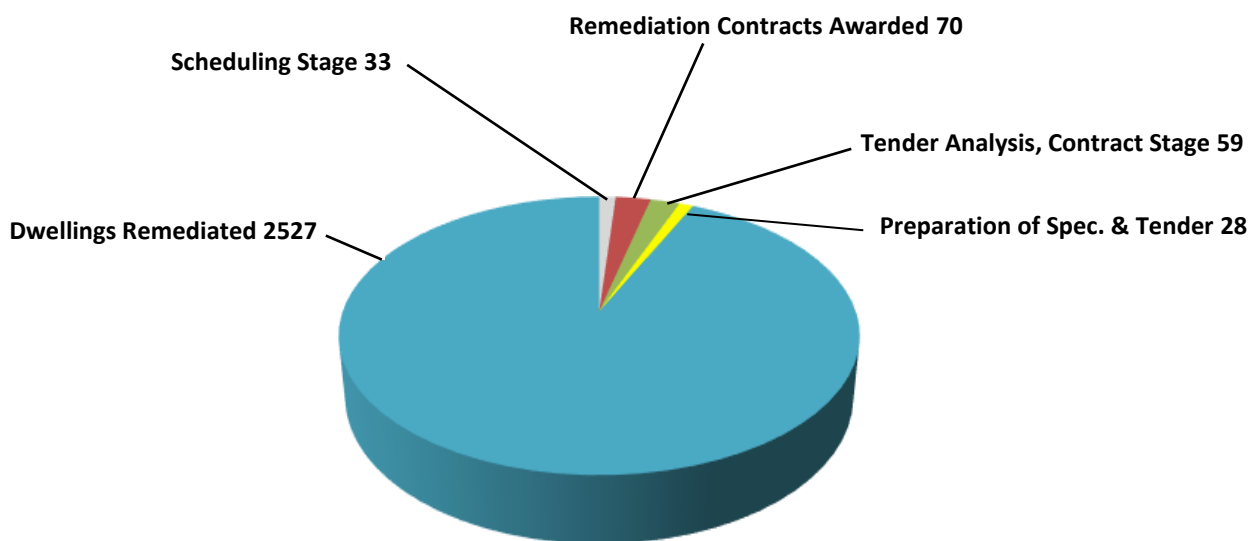
Damage Verification, i.e. confirmation of damage attributable to pyritic heave, may be based on an individual dwelling or on associated dwellings. Associated dwellings may thus be verified on the basis of comparable damage and/or earlier tests with similar results. HomeBond arranges testing as required 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 2717 dwellings have been included in the Scheme and the applicants have been notified accordingly.

4. Tendering, Award of Contracts and Remediation

Of the 2717 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 169 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 81 applications have been excluded following the Verification & Testing Process on the grounds that the Scheme's eligibility requirements were not met.

7. Appeals

Two appeals were received by the Board during the fourth quarter of 2022. One appeal related to an application refused where the dwelling was purchased by the applicant after the 12 December 2013 while the second appeal related to an application refused where the requirement in relation to other practicable options was not satisfied.

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 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 fourth 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. Governance

In the fourth quarter of 2022:

- The Board approved the final Performance Management Audit Report.
- The Board approved the 2023 Internal Audit Plan.
- The DPO presented the Annual Report which was approved by the Board.
- 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 reviewed and approved the Q3 Report for submission to the Minister.
- The Board adopted the amended Scheme re. Section 12 – Payment of Costs.
- The Audit and Risk Committee Chair stepped down following the expiration of their second and final term as a Board Member.

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.

26th January 2023

Appendix A - Summary of Applications Submitted as at 30th September 2022

Local Authority	Applications	County/Area	Applications
Dublin City Council	41	Dublin	1767
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co. Co.	46	Balbriggan	607
Fingal County Council	2101	Ballyboughal	6
Kildare County Council	125	Blackrock	1
Meath County Council	794	Donabate	88
Offaly County Council	31	Garristown	2
South Dublin County Council	34	Glenagery	2
Limerick City and County Council	16	Kinsealy	18
Westmeath County Council	1	Lucan	22
Grand Total	3189	Lusk	623
		Malahide	6
		Naul	2
		Newcastle	13
		Oldtown	1
		Portmarnock	3
		Rush	303
		Skerries	4
		Sutton	2
		Swords	64
		Dublin 11	21
		Cappagh	1
		Finglas	2
		Meakstown	18
		Dublin 13	9
		Balgriffin	8
		Kilbarrack	1
		Dublin 14	1
		Churchtown	1
		Dublin 15	317
		Ashtown	9
		Blanchardstown	26
		Castleknock	37
		Clonsilla	9
		Hollystown	9
		Mulhuddart	220
		Ongar	7
		Dublin 16	42
		Ballinteer	42
		Dublin 5	4
		Harmonstown	1
		Kilbarrack	1
		Raheny	2
		Dublin 6	1
		Harolds Cross	1
		Dublin 7	2
		Cabra	1
		Dublin	1
		Dublin 8	9
		Heytesbury Street	7
		Merchants Quay	2
		Dublin 9	49
		Ballymun	1
		Drumcondra	2
		Glasnevin	1
		Santry	45
		Kildare	125
		Donadea	1
		Enfield	2
		Kilcock	15
		Leixlip	90
		Maynooth	17
		Limerick	16
		Corbally	15
		Rhebogue	1

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Meath	794	
Ashbourne		433
Ballivor		1
Clonalvy		1
Drumree		1
Dunboyne		186
Dunshaughlin		35
Enfield		98
Kilbride		1
Kilcock		2
Kilmessan		3
Kinnegad		1
Navan		8
Rathmolyon		5
Ratoath		4
Robinstown		1
Summerhill		12
The Ward		1
Trim		1
Offaly	31	
Edenderry		31
Westmeath	1	
Raharney		1
Grand Total	3189	

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Status	Applications
In Validation Process	36
Validated and awaiting verification	74
Included in Scheme	2717
<i>Planning/Scheduling</i>	33
<i>Preparation of Specification & Tender</i>	28
<i>Tendering & Tendering Analysis</i>	46
<i>Decision to Contract</i>	13
<i>Remediation Works</i>	70
<i>Works Complete & Certified (In Retention)</i>	264
<i>Closed after Retention</i>	2263
Closed (Excluding Properties Closed After Retention)	362
Grand Total	3189