



An Bord Réitigh um Pírlít
Pyrite Resolution Board

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26th Quarterly Progress Report

(Period Ending 30th June 2020)



26th Quarterly Progress Report Pyrite Resolution Act 2013 (Section 9)

1. Applications

A total of 2680 applications have been submitted to the Pyrite Remediation Scheme since its launch from 26th February 2014 to the 30th June 2020. A number of applications have been closed for administrative reasons, e.g. duplicates, withdrawn etc. On average 2.2 applications were received per week during the second quarter of 2020.

These applications are spread across:

- 71 developments containing multiple applications
- 42 developments with only one application and
- 64 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 2372 applications have been validated and referred to the Housing Agency for the Assessment and Damage Verification Process.

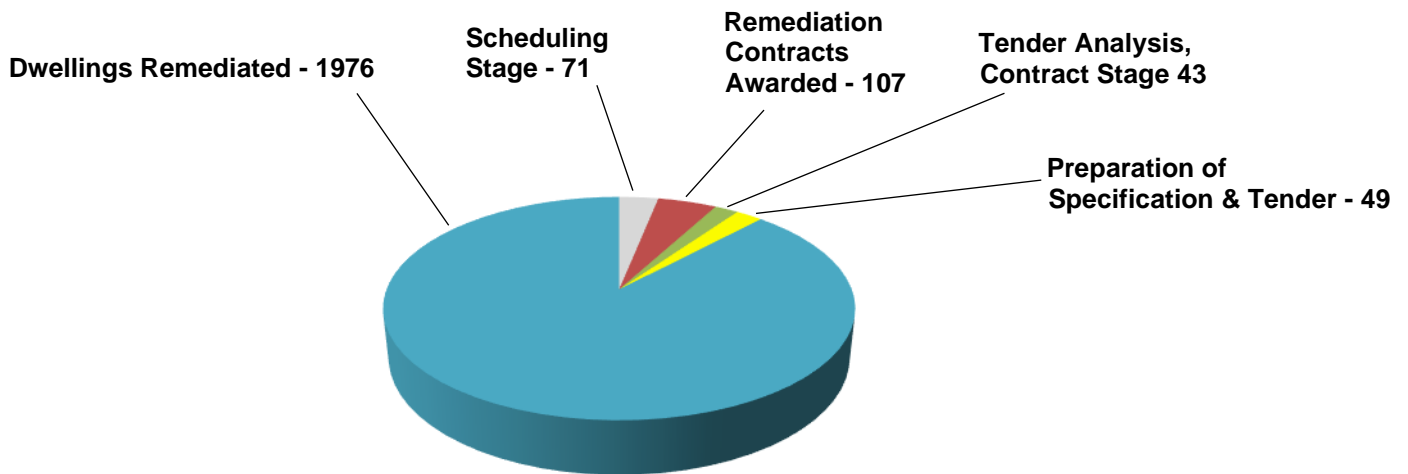
Damage Verification, i.e. confirmation of damage attributable to pyritic heave, may be based on an individual dwelling or on associated dwellings. Associated dwellings may thus be verified on the basis of comparable damage and/or earlier tests with similar results. HomeBond arranges testing as required 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, 2246 dwellings have been included in the Scheme and the applicants have been notified accordingly.

4. Tendering, Award of Contracts and Remediation

Of the 2246 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 106 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.

7. Appeals

One appeal that was received during the second quarter of 2020 is currently under consideration by the Board. This appeal relates to a dwelling which was excluded from the Scheme where results of laboratory testing of hardcore samples taken from the dwelling show negligible susceptibility to expansion.

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. In the second quarter of 2020, the PRB has received contributions from liable parties to the total of €2,527,500. It should be noted that there were legal fees incurred in pursuing this claim.

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 2020.

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 second quarter of 2020:

- the Board submitted its Annual Report to the Minister of Housing, Planning and Local Government
- the Board held a meeting with the Housing Agency's CEO and Programme Manager to discuss key strategic issues
- the Board's Chair and General Manager, along with the Housing Agency's CEO and Programme Manager, met with Department of Housing officials for the biannual PRB Oversight Meeting
- The Board reviewed the PRB's Appeals Procedure, Complaints Procedure, Data Protection Policy, Record of Processing Activities and Governance and Procedural Arrangements Agreement with the Housing Agency. The Board's Audit and Risk Committee reviewed its Terms of Reference.

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

Since 18th May, pyrite remediation works have resumed in accordance with government guidelines.

23rd July 2020

Appendix A - Summary of Applications Submitted as at 30th June 2020

Local Authority	Applications	County/Area	Applications
Dublin City Council	36	Dublin	1519
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co. Co.	32	Balbriggan	460
Fingal County Council	1776	Ballyboughal	5
Kildare County Council	76	Blackrock	1
Meath County Council	696	Blanchardstown	1
Offaly County Council	29	Donabate	77
South Dublin County Council	35	Garristown	2
Grand Total	2680	Glenagery	2
		Kinsealy	17
		Lucan	21
		Lusk	591
		Malahide	6
		Naul	1
		Newcastle	13
		Oldtown	1
		Portmarnock	2
		Rush	277
		Skerries	3
		Sutton	1
		Swords	38
		Dublin 1	1
		Glasnevin	1
		Dublin 11	14
		Cappagh	1
		Finglas	2
		Meakstown	11
		Dublin 13	7
		Balgriffin	6
		Kilbarrack	1
		Dublin 14	1
		Churchtown	1
		Dublin 15	245
		Ashtown	9
		Blanchardstown	24
		Castleknock	33
		Clonsilla	9
		Hollystown	5
		Mulhuddart	162
		Ongar	3
		Dublin 16	29
		Ballinteer	29
		Dublin 5	3
		Harmonstown	1
		Raheny	2
		Dublin 6	1
		Harolds Cross	1
		Dublin 8	9
		Heytesbury Street	7
		Merchants Quay	2
		Dublin 9	48
		Ballymun	1
		Drumcondra	1
		Glasnevin	1
		Santry	45
		Kildare	76
		Donadea	1
		Enfield	2
		Kilcock	11
		Leixlip	45
		Maynooth	17
		Meath	698
		Ashbourne	394

Stage	Applications
1. Application & Validation	113
2. Damage Assessment/Verification	126
3. Planning/Scheduling & RWP Preparation	120
4. Tendering & Tender Analysis	20
5. Decision to Contract	23
6. Dwelling Remediation	107
7. Retention Period – 12 Months	416
8. Application Closed	1755
Grand Total	2680

Appendix A - Summary of Applications Submitted as at 30th June 2020

Ballivor		1
Clonalvy		1
Drumree		1
Dunboyne		146
Dunshaughlin		32
Enfield		86
Kilbride		1
Kilcock		1
Kilmessan		3
Kinnegad		1
Navan		8
Rathmolyon		5
Ratoath		4
Robinstown		1
Summerhill		11
The Ward		1
Trim		1
Offaly	29	
Edenderry		29
Grand Total	2680	

Appendix B - Status of Applications up to 30th June 2020

Status	Applications
In Validation Process	113
Validated and awaiting verification	126
Included in Scheme	2246
<i>Planning/Scheduling</i>	71
<i>Preparation of Specification & Tender</i>	49
<i>Tendering & Tendering Analysis</i>	20
<i>Decision to Contract</i>	23
<i>Remediation Works</i>	107
<i>Works Complete & Certified (In Retention)</i>	416
<i>Closed after Retention</i>	1560
Closed (Excluding Properties Closed After Retention)	195
Grand Total	2680