



An Bord Réitigh um Pírit
Pyrite Resolution Board

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37th Quarterly Progress Report

(Period Ending 31st March 2023)



37th Quarterly Progress Report Pyrite Resolution Act 2013 (Section 9)

1. Applications

A total of 3228 applications have been submitted to the Pyrite Remediation Scheme since its launch from 26th February 2014 to the 31st of March 2023. A number of applications have been closed for administrative reasons, e.g. duplicates, withdrawn etc.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 2023.

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 2901 applications have been validated and referred to the Housing Agency for the Assessment and Damage Verification Process.

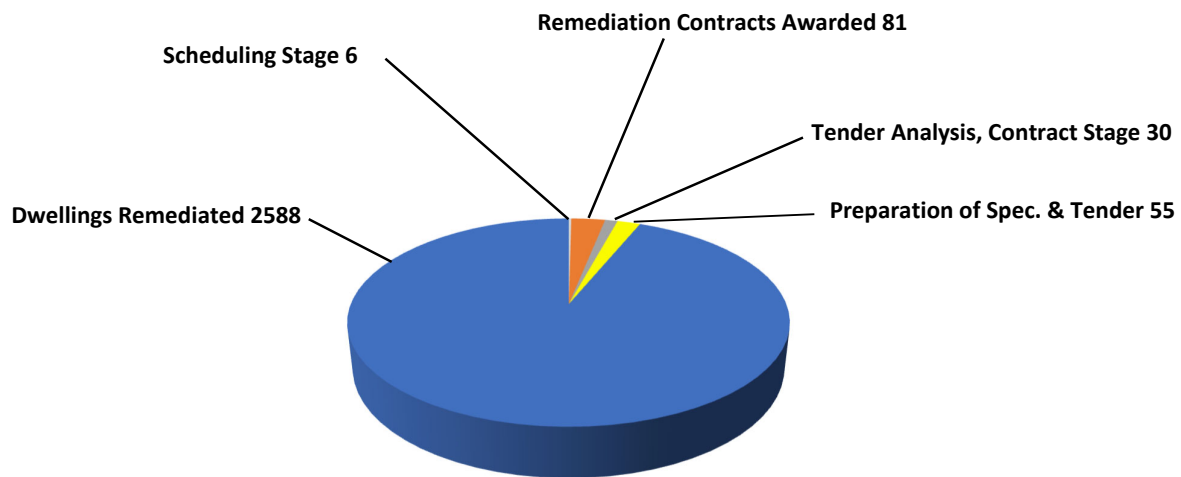
Damage Verification, i.e. confirmation of damage attributable to pyritic heave, may be based on an individual dwelling or on associated dwellings. Associated dwellings may thus be verified on the basis of comparable damage and/or earlier tests with similar results. HomeBond arranges testing as required 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 2760 dwellings have been included in the Scheme and the applicants have been notified accordingly.

4. Tendering, Award of Contracts and Remediation

Of the 2760 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 174 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 89 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 first quarter of 2023.

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 2023.

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 2023.

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 first quarter of 2023:

- The Board reviewed the 2022 Performance Review.
- The Board reviewed the 2022 Summary Governance Review.
- The Board reviewed and approved the Q4 2022 Report for submission to the Minister.
- The 2022 – 2024 Oversight agreement between the PRB and the DHLGH was finalised and signed by both parties.
- The Board completed the annual self-assessment review.
- The Board reviewed and approved the Statement on Internal Control as proposed by the Audit and Risk Committee.
- The Board approved the Risk Management Audit Report as proposed by the Audit and Risk Committee.
- A presentation was provided by the Housing Agency Chief Financial Officer to the Board regarding the draft accounts for 2022.
- The Board approved the appointment of Karen Dillon as the Chair of the PRB Audit and Risk Committee.
- The Board approved the appointment of Mr Alec Flood as an external member of the Audit and Risk Committee.

Preparation of the Board's 2022 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.

27th April 2023

Appendix A - Summary of Applications Submitted as at 31st March 2023

Local Authority	Applications	County/Area	Applications
Dublin City Council	41	Dublin	1784
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co. Co.	46	Balbriggan	620
Fingal County Council	2122	Ballyboughal	6
Kildare County Council	133	Blackrock	1
Meath County Council	804	Donabate	89
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	3228	Lusk	625

Stage	Applications
1. Application & Validation	24
2. Damage Assessment/Verification	59
3. Planning/Scheduling & RWP Preparation	61
4. Tendering & Tender Analysis	15
5. Decision to Contract	15
6. Dwelling Remediation	81
7. Retention Period – 12 Months	244
8. Application Closed	2729
Grand Total	3228

Malahide	6
Naul	2
Newcastle	13
Oldtown	1
Portmarnock	3
Rush	303
Skerries	4
Sutton	2
Swords	65
Dublin 11	21
Cappagh	1
Finglas	2
Meakstown	18
Dublin 13	9
Balgriffin	8
Kilbarrack	1
Dublin 14	1
Churchtown	1
Dublin 15	321
Ashtown	9
Blanchardstown	26
Castleknock	37
Clonsilla	9
Hollystown	10
Mulhuddart	223
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	133
Donadea	1
Enfield	2
Kilcock	16
Leixlip	96
Maynooth	18
Limerick	16
Corbally	15
Rhebogue	1

Appendix A - Summary of Applications Submitted as at 31st March 2023

Meath	804	
Ashbourne		438
Ballivor		1
Clonalvy		1
Drumree		1
Dunboyne		189
Dunshaughlin		37
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	3228	

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Status	Applications
In Validation Process	24
Validated and awaiting verification	59
Included in Scheme	2760
<i>Planning/Scheduling</i>	6
<i>Preparation of Specification & Tender</i>	55
<i>Tendering & Tendering Analysis</i>	15
<i>Decision to Contract</i>	15
<i>Remediation Works</i>	81
<i>Works Complete & Certified (In Retention)</i>	244
<i>Closed after Retention</i>	2344
Closed (Excluding Properties Closed After Retention)	385
Grand Total	3228