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Delivery of private housing a key cornerstone of Fingal County Council’s ambitious Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan

Fingal County Council continues to implement its ambitious Rebuilding Ireland action programme and facilitating the delivery of private houses is a key cornerstone of the plan.

Latest figures from Fingal County Council show that planning permission is in existence for almost 18,000 homes, comprising both houses and apartments, across 127 sites in the region.

Construction activity is already taking place on 72 sites and this will deliver 12,213 houses, comprising 7,660 houses and 4,553 apartments. 36 of the active sites have planning permission for developments of less than 100 homes and 36 are developments in excess of 100 units. A number of smaller sites around the county will deliver up to 200 further homes.
The number of active sites has increased from 54 at the end of Quarter 2 2017 to 72 at the end of Quarter 2 this year. The number of properties under construction has risen from 2,262, up 13.4% from 1,994 in the same time period.

There has been a 71.3% increase in the number of units completed and occupied in 12 month period to end Q2 2018 (1,758 units) compared to the 12 months to end Q2 2017 (1,026 units).

Fingal County Council’s Director of Housing Margaret Geraghty said: “Fingal County Council has been instrumental in rejuvenating private construction across the county by proactively working with developers. At present there are 72 active private development sites which will deliver over 12,000 homes in the county. This will make a significant contribution to our social housing through the delivery of Part V units. There is planning permissions in place for a further 55 sites with capacity to deliver over 5,000 homes.”

In terms of social housing, in 2018 alone, Fingal County Council has been set a target of delivering 1,637 social housing under the Rebuilding Ireland programme, which is the second highest delivery target in the country. These will be delivered through a number of mechanisms including build, acquisitions, Part V, voids, leasing, HAP and delivery via Approved Housing Bodies. Already, 1,181 social housing units had been delivered, which is 72% of the yearly target.

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