

Ref: EIR / 1830

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Mr **County Derry Post** 447a Ballyquin Road Dungiven **BT47 4LX** 

Email: editor@derrypost.com

Dear Mr

**Environmental Information Regulations 2004 Request Housing developments** affected defective MICA blocks-3 years

I refer to your EIR request as above and respond as follows:

## **Request:**

Can Derry City and Strabane District Council please send me any reports, emails and other correspondence it may have compiled in the last 5 years, concerning housing developments within the council boundaries that may have been affected by defective MICA blocks similar to the well-publicised crisis with the same issue in County Donegal in the last few years amended 10 May 2018 to timescale between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2017.

## **Response:**

Building Control has not undertaken investigations into any specific housing developments within the council boundaries, as a result of Building Control having had concerns that the houses may have been constructed concrete blocks with excessive mica content.

Following a guery to Council's Environmental Health department Building Control was asked by Council's Environment & Regeneration Committee to compile a general report into this problem and seek any evidence that housing developments within the Council area had been affected by concrete blocks with excessive mica content. A copy of this report was issued to you by email on 10 May 2018.

I have attached the related emails surrounding the query and follow up action which Council undertook, redacting personal information where appropriate in keeping with the Data Protection principles and Regulation 13 of the Environmental Information Regulations.

If you are dissatisfied with our response you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie
Chief Executive
Derry City and Strabane District Council
98 Strand Road
Derry BT48 7NN
Tel 028 71253253 or email john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
CHESHIRE SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: <a href="mailto:casework@ico.org.uk">casework@ico.org.uk</a>

Yours sincerely

**Head of Capital Development and Building Control** 

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