



KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL

DERELICT SITES REGISTER

INFORMATION FOR PROPERTY OWNERS

What is the Derelict Site Register?

Kilkenny County Council maintains a Derelict Sites Register in line with the Derelict Sites Act, 1990. A site may be entered on the Register when in the opinion of the Local Authority, it detracts, or is likely to detract, to a material degree from the amenity, character or appearance of land in the neighbourhood.

Why has my site been selected?

The Council has determined that this land constitutes a derelict site because of—
(a) structures which are in a ruinous, derelict or dangerous condition, or
(b) the neglected, unsightly or objectionable condition of the land or any structures on the land in question, or
(c) the presence, deposit or collection on the land in question of any litter, rubbish, debris or waste¹.

Will I get Notice?

Yes, you will get notice that your site is being considered for inclusion on the Derelict Sites Register. This notice will also afford you the opportunity to make a written representation to the Council. Any such representation received will be considered.

What can I do?

If following representations, the property is added to the Derelict Sites Register, you still have an opportunity to have it subsequently removed. You may decide to carry out certain works which would render the site non-derelict. **A LITTLE WORK CAN GO A LONG WAY!** Minimal works including **painting** a façade, **power-washing** or even just **tidying up a garden** may be all that is required to have the property taken off the Register. Periodic inspections may be carried out to ensure that the site is not allowed to deteriorate in the future.

What else should I know?

A site entered on the Register is subject to a **DERELICT SITE LEVY**, which is currently 7% of the site's market value. The levy is payable each financial year until the property is removed from the Register.

REMEMBER, a site can be removed from the Register!

At any point, the owner of a derelict site can notify the Council that works have been carried out and that the site is no longer derelict. If the Council is satisfied that the site is no longer derelict, it shall cancel the entry on the Register.

Is there any assistance available?

Yes! Please see overleaf details of the **Croí Cónaithe Town Funds Scheme** for Vacant Property **Refurbishment Grants**.

¹ except where the presence, deposit or collection of such litter, rubbish, debris or waste results from the exercise of a right conferred by or under statute or by common law.

VACANT PROPERTY REFURBISHMENT GRANT

Eligible Works

The Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant is a grant you may qualify for if you already own or intend to purchase a vacant residential property or a former commercial property which you intend to convert for residential purposes (subject to relevant Planning consents) and bring back into use either as your permanent home or as a rental property. **[Note - property must be vacant for a minimum period of 2 years]**. A grant of up to **€50,000** is available. An additional top-up grant amount of up to **€20,000** can also be sought, if the property is **derelict** i.e. deemed to be structurally unsound and dangerous.

The Application is by way of completed Application Form together with relevant supporting documentation. The amount of grant allocated will be based on the proposed **qualifying** works and pre-approval will issue to you from the Local Authority prior to work commencing. The grant monies will be paid out after you notify the Local Authority that works are completed and on receipt of vouched expenditure following a final inspection by the Local Authority. In addition, the property may also qualify for a grant under the SEAI Better Energy Home Scheme.

Further details available on the Council's website at

<https://www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/services/planning/town-regeneration/vacant-homes-refurbishment-grant-scheme-croi-conaithe-towns-fund.html>

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