



**CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS**  
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## **Apartment Defects Campaign Update, 15 November, 2024 – PLEASE SHARE**

### **First Interim Remediation Scheme Grants Approved**

As you may know, the Government launched the Interim Remediation Scheme last December to address important fire safety issues that would enable apartment residents to remain safely in their homes while waiting for full remediation.

In May, it was decided to proceed with four pathfinder projects that would pave the way for a much smoother and faster process for other applicant apartment and duplex complexes.

Since May there has been intense engagement between these four pathfinder applicants, the Housing Agency, the local authority fire services and the Department of Housing with Minister Darragh O'Brien playing a key role as well.

The good news is that last Friday (8 November), two of the complexes had their grants for interim remediation works approved and work is now underway to tackle the formalities required to put grant agreements in place so that monies can then issue. It's expected that this process will be completed in the next couple of weeks which means that the two complexes in question will then be in a position to commence remediation works.

More on this in the coming days and weeks.

### **Online Election Forum Next Thursday Night**

Next Thursday night at 9pm (22 November) the Construction Defects Alliance and the MUD Act Reform Group will jointly hold an online election forum for representatives of the main parties to set out their stalls on what they would do – if in Government – on defects remediation and reform of the law in relation to owners' management companies (OMCs).

So far, we have confirmation from Sinn Féin and the Labour Party of their participation in this event and we're expecting others to put forward spokespersons too.

A link to register for the event will issue on Monday – in the meantime, please put the date and time in your diary.

### **Get Active**

Thanks to all of those who have already taken part in our three easy campaign actions. If you haven't already done so, please do one or all of the following:

- Click on this link <https://www.constructiondefectsalliance.ie/act/> and send an email to all of the candidates in your constituency calling on them to address reform of the OMC sector and to complete the work on tackling defects remediation;
- Click on this link (<https://www.constructiondefectsalliance.ie/assets/files/pdf/1730980435118552291.pdf>) to download and then print off a poster which you can place in your window and erect in an appropriate place in your common areas and concierge space for your neighbours to see on these issues;
- Click on this link ([https://www.constructiondefectsalliance.ie/assets/files/pdf/questions\\_for\\_candidates\\_and\\_convassers.pdf](https://www.constructiondefectsalliance.ie/assets/files/pdf/questions_for_candidates_and_convassers.pdf)) and print off a list of questions that you can ask candidates or canvassers when you meet them in your area over the coming days and weeks.

You can also help the campaign by sharing this email with your friends, neighbours and relatives — the more people who take part the better.

Ends.