

BUY & RENEW SCHEME

APPLICATION FORM

The aim of the Buy & Renew Scheme It is to support Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies to purchase and renew housing units in need of remediation, and make them available for social housing use. It also supports strategies on vacant homes and urban renewal and for urban/town/village renewal purposes, the focus can be on older stock, particularly as part of the response being made in tackling dereliction and improving streetscapes.

The Buy & Renew scheme supports the purchase and renewal of vacant properties of any age, for social housing use and it is expected that Buy & Renew properties would have been vacant for a period before being acquired for social housing purposes. The scheme is identified as a good option in cases where repair costs are above those provided under the Repair & Leasing Scheme and where the property owner is willing to sell to the local authority or Approved Housing Body.

If you are interested in having your property considered for the Buy & Renew Scheme, please complete the form below and attach any other relevant information you may have. **Recent photographs of the exterior, interior and garden (if applicable) should be submitted with this application.**

1. Contact Details	
Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	
2. Property Details	
Property Address:	
Type (<i>Apt, Duplex, Semi-D, Bungalow etc.</i>)	
No. of Bedrooms:	
Floor Area (<i>m²</i>)	
Site Area (<i>Acres</i>)	
Energy Rating (<i>BER</i>)	

3. Property Circumstances	
Do you hold good, unencumbered, freehold title to the property? If no, give details.	
Is there a mortgage on the property? If so, have you enquired from your lender if they will consent to a lease arrangement?	
Was the property previously a local authority property? If Yes, give details of how you acquired the property.	
4. Property Availability	
Is the property vacant? <i>Note vacancy is a requirement of the scheme</i>	
Reasons property is currently vacant?	
How long has the property been vacant?	
Has the Property been Valued?	
If, so please state the Property Value	
Additional Comments:	

Please provide any other supporting documentation that you consider relevant to the property i.e. copies of documents, notices, etc.

Please return completed form to:

Gerry Ryan

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Housing Department

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