

**DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000-2007  
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001-2007**

**THE COUNTY DONEGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2006-2012  
(As Amended)**

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: LOCAL BUILDER LIST**

Donegal County Council have now varied the County Development Plan in accordance with the terms, provisions and procedures of Section 13 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2007, in the format of Variation No. 1, 2008.

**A new policy in relation to 'Local Builders' has now been incorporated into the County Development Plan.**

The policy has been formulated in recognition of the contribution made by Local Builders to the economy of the County in the development of housing in rural areas, by means of employment creation in the construction industry.

As a consequence the County Council have decided to permit local builders to build up to 2 no. housing units in any one calendar year, provided they satisfy all of the following criteria:

- (a) they live in the Rural Area in which they proposed to build; and
- (b) have a valid C2 Certificate; and
- (c) are on an approved housing list of Local Builders that shall be drawn up by the Council and adopted by resolution; and
- (d) the builder must sign a Section 47 Agreement to agree to the sale of any housing units only to persons who occupy the house and who would qualify under the provisions of policy RH2 or RH4 as appropriate.

"Rural Area" within the meaning of point (a) above is the D.E.D. of the application site or any D.E.D. of the adjacent 2 in any one direction [in the case of an Urban Generated Rural Housing Area] or the adjacent 3 D.E.Ds in any one direction outside an Urban Generated Rural Housing Area.

Any applicant(s) would also have to comply with the following criteria, best practice in terms of siting, location and design; public health suitability; traffic and scenic amenity considerations.

The County Council now wish to prepare the list of Local Builders as mentioned in (c) above. Therefore, Local Builders are now invited to submit their details for consideration for inclusion on the approved list. Written submissions in support of applications should be sent to the undersigned no later than Friday 3rd April 2009 at 1.00pm. Submissions received after this date/time will not be considered. The full text of the Variation can be viewed on line at [www.donegal.ie](http://www.donegal.ie)

**DATED THIS 27TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2009**

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