

## **Policy on Takeover of Private Housing Estate**

The policy of Donegal County Council in relation to the Takeover of Private Housing Estates is as follows:

1. That Donegal County Council take over all public services excluding open spaces, in post 1996 housing estates where there is no mechanical or electrical plant subject to compliance with planning permission.
2. Since the last C.P.G meeting it has been determined that it would be inappropriate to take over roads and footpaths that are in housing estates that contain mechanical and electrical plant. In this way the takeover of all roads, sewers, mechanical and electrical plant etc can be negotiated for takeover as one unit. The Public Lighting will be taken over. In the meantime, a case by case report is to be prepared in respect of mechanical and electrical plant in each of these estates. This report will include terms of planning conditions, likelihood of public sewerage services being available in the vicinity in the near future and so forth. The take over will then be considered by the council on the basis of a local legal agreement.
3. That Donegal County Council do not take over holiday home estates.

Holiday Homes are defined by the planning department as:

“Those developments which have specifically declared the proposal to be holiday use under question 14 of our planning application form. It would also include those developments which have signed section 47 agreements under the Planning and Development Act 2000.”

This Policy was adopted at a meeting of Donegal County Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2005, on the proposal of Councillor Harte, seconded by Councillor Slowey, subject to the following amendment:

“That it be a condition of the planning permission that open spaces in Private Housing Estates cannot be used for building purposes, thus promoting the development of green areas.”

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