

**Donegal County Council
Supplementary Rural Housing Application Form
Donegal County Development Plan 2018-2024**

This form is to be completed for all rural housing applications and is in addition to the standard application form. An accurate and comprehensive response to these questions together with the submission of the appropriate supporting documentation will facilitate the timely assessment and processing of your application. Applicants are requested to complete all sections using block letters in blue or black ink.

Please note that this form is to be completed and read in conjunction with all relevant sections of the Donegal County Development Plan 2018-2024.

Applicant's Name	
Current Address	Enter details at end of form
How long resident at the current address?	
Address of proposed development site?	

1.0	Is the proposed dwelling:	Please Tick
	A primary, principal and permanent residence	
	A second home	
	A Holiday Home	
	Speculative (for sale)	

2.0	Planning History:		
		Yes:	No:
	Have you ever previously been granted planning permission for a dwelling house on another site:		
	If Yes, what was the planning application reference number?		
	If Yes, what has become of the previous permission/development? <i>i.e. – sold, not built etc?</i>		

3.0	Within which Rural Housing Policy Area is the subject site located ?:	Please complete	Please Tick
	Stronger Rural Area	Section 4.0 and 7.0 below	
	Structurally Weak Rural Area	Section 5.0 and 7.0 below	
	Area Under Strong Urban Influence	Section 6.0 and 7.0 below	

4.0	Policy RH-P-3 - Stronger Rural Areas :		
	<p>It is a policy of the Council to consider proposals from prospective applicants in need of housing within an area defined as Stronger Rural Area, provided that they demonstrate that they can comply with all other relevant policies of this Plan, including RH-P-1 and RH-P-2, and where the applicant can demonstrate that they comply with one or more of the categories of housing need set out in the said Policy – see Policy RH-P-3 of Chapter 6 of Part B County Development Plan, 2018-2024 (page 120). New holiday home development will not be permitted in these areas.</p> <p>Please indicate below under which category of housing need the subject application is based:</p>		
			Please Tick
	A person whose primary employment is in a rural based activity with a demonstrated genuine need to live in the locality of that employment base		
	A person with a vital link to the rural area by reason of having lived in this community for a substantial period of their lives being 7 years minimum		
	A person with a vital link to the rural area by reason of the existence of immediate family members in the community for a minimum period of 7 years		
	A person with a vital link to the rural area by reason of providing care to a person who is an existing resident for a minimum period of 7 years		
	A person who for exceptional health circumstances, can demonstrate a genuine need to reside in a particular rural location		

	<p>Please provide a brief narrative on your circumstances of housing need:</p> <p>Enter details at end of form</p> <p><i>This policy will not apply to an individual who already had the benefit of a permission for a dwellinghouse on another site, unless exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. An Exceptional circumstances would include but would not be limited to, situation where the applicant has sold a previously permitted, constructed and occupied dwelling to an individual who fulfills the bona fide requirements of that permission.</i></p>
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<p>5.0</p>	<p>Policy RH-P-4 – Structurally Weak Rural Areas :</p>
	<p>It is a policy of the Council to consider proposals for new one-off housing within structurally weak rural areas from any prospective applicants with a need for a dwelling house (urban or rural generated need), provided they demonstrate that they can comply with all other relevant policies of this Plan, including RH-P-1 and RH-P-2 – see Policy RH-P-4 of Chapter 6 of Part B County Development Plan, 2018-2024 (page 120).</p> <p>New holiday home development will not be permitted in these areas.</p>
	<p>Please provide a brief narrative on your circumstances of housing need:</p> <p>Enter details at end of form</p>

<p>6.0</p>	<p>Policy RH-P-5 – Areas Under Strong Urban Influence :</p>
	<p>It is a policy of the Council to consider proposals for new one-off rural housing within Areas Under Strong Urban Influence from prospective applicants that have demonstrated a genuine need for a new dwellinghouse and who can provide evidence that they, or their parents or grandparents, have resided at sometime within the area under strong urban influence in the vicinity of the application site for a period of at least 7 years. The foregoing is subject to compliance with other relevant policies of the Plan including RH-P-1 and RH-P-2 - see Policy RH-P-5 of Chapter 6 of Part B County Development Plan, 2018-2024 (page 120).</p> <p>New holiday home development will not be permitted in these areas.</p>

Please indicate below whether your application is based on your own, your parents or your grandparents residency and the years of such residency:		
	Townland of residence	No. of Years at this address
My own residency	Enter details at end of form	
My parents residency		
My Grandparents residency		
	Yes	No
Have you provided a map which verifies the location of the address on which you are proposing to rely and its relationship with the subject site?		
<i>If no please provide an alternative form of documentary evidence which verifies the location of address on which you are proposing to rely and its relationship with the subject site.</i>		
Please provide a brief narrative on your genuine circumstances of housing need :		
Enter details at end of form		

7.0	Supporting documentary evidence:	
Please indicate below what form of documentary evidence has been submitted in support of your application for a rural dwellinghouse and your circumstances and category of housing need:		
	Please Tick	
Bona Fide Letter from Elected Member of Donegal County Council		
Letter from employer		
Birth Certificate, Marriage Certificate etc		
Letter from a local clergy		
Medical Evidence		
Other		

A prospective applicant is strongly advised to provide a comprehensive and complete range of documentary evidence in support of their application and which specifically and evidentially demonstrates their circumstances of housing need within the scope and categories of the relevant rural housing policy and without lacunae. A Statement in the absence of evidence will not be sufficient. A failure to address this issue in a complete manner may lead to delays in the processing of your application if the Planning Authority needs to request further information from you.

NOTES:

Policy reference	County Development Plan, Section & Page No
RH-P-3 Stronger Rural Areas	Section 6.3.3; page 120
RH-P-4 Structurally Weak Rural Areas	Section 6.3.3; page 120
RH-P-5 Areas Under Strong Urban Influence	Section 6.3.3; page 120

Advisory note:

The policy references identified above are provided for assistance in completing the attached supplementary application form. These policies form part of a wider suite of policies contained within the County Development Plan that may also be part of the wider consideration of any planning application. It is important that this section must be read in conjunction with the Donegal County Development Plan 2018-2024, including Policies RH-P-1 and RH-P-2.

Signed _____ Date _____

**Information not to be made available with
Supplementary application form**

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	Applicants Current Address	
4.0	Policy RH-P-3 - Stronger Rural Areas :	
	Please provide a Brief Narrative on your circumstances of housing need	
5.0	Policy RH-P-4 – Structurally Weak Rural Areas :	
	Please provide a Brief Narrative on your circumstances of housing need	

6.0	Policy RH-P-5 – Areas Under Strong Urban Influence :		
		Townland of residence	No. of Years at this address
	My own residency		
	My parents residency		
	My Grandparents residency		
	Please provide a Brief Narrative on your circumstances of housing need		