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Passive House Standard

-How it came about

Cllr. Marie Baker

Introduction

- ▶ Councillor for the Blackrock Ward of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council since 2004
- ▶ Cathaoirleach of the Council June 2009 - June 2010 & June 2014 - June 2015
- ▶ Community background: tidy towns, business association, scouts
- ▶ Council Strategic Policy Committees: transport, environment, planning



Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council

- ▶ “From the Mountains to the Sea” - Smallest county c12,000 hectares
- ▶ Population of 207,000 - expected to be 240,000 by 2022
- ▶ 1,700 -3,300 new residential units per annum
- ▶ Zoned land available for in excess of 30,000 residential units
- ▶ Additional focus on business and retail parks

County Development Plan 2016 - 2022

- ▶ County Development Plan sets out “Policies for the continuing sustainable development of the County”
- ▶ Consultation with Councillors early 2014
- ▶ 8 week public consultation period using “Have your say” booklet March 2014
- ▶ Initial draft from Council Management to Councillors December 2014
- ▶ **Councillors make amendments to the draft plan February 2015**
- ▶ Public consultation March to May 2015
- ▶ Chief Executive’s Report on public consultation submissions August 2015
- ▶ **Councillors make further amendments to the plan October 2015**
- ▶ Public consultation on material alterations November 2015
- ▶ Final plan passed by March 2016

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5.2.3.2 Policy CC7: Energy Performance in New Buildings.*

It is Council policy to promote and support new development that is low carbon development, is well adapted to the impacts of climate change and that energy conservation is considered and designed at the earliest stages through the use of energy efficiency management systems.

“The Council will, where appropriate, promote development in new buildings to reach near Zero Energy Build and/or Passive House standard”

Passive House Visit



Councillors make amendments to the draft plan February 2015

Council Management Draft

“The Council will, where appropriate, promote development in new buildings to reach near Zero Energy Build and/or Passive House standard”

My amendment

“it is Council policy that all development in new buildings should be built to Passive House standard. Buildings constructed to nZEB standard or other low energy standard may be considered as an appropriate alternative.”

Amendment carried by 23 votes to 14

Public consultation March to May 2015

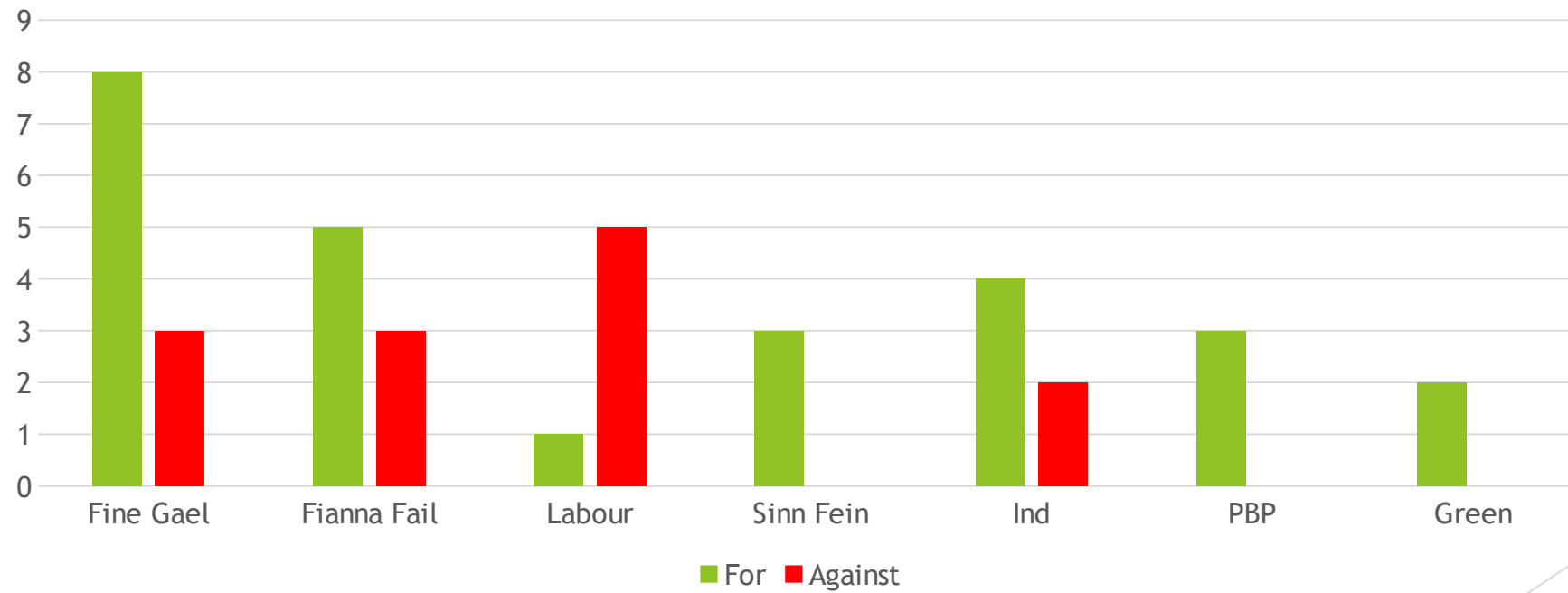
- ▶ 15 submissions for the amendment, including Passive House associations from as far away as China and North America, individual companies and Pat Cox
- ▶ 8 submissions against the amendment, including the Irish Home Builders Association, NAMA, & named building and architectural firms
- ▶ Submission from the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government requesting the removal of sections regarding Passive House standard

Chief Executive's Report on public consultation submissions August 2015

- ▶ Chief Executive accepting the submission from the Minister for the deletion of references to Passive House standard
- ▶ My motion reinstates that “All new buildings will be required to meet the Passive House standard or equivalent, where reasonable practicable”
- ▶ Motion passed 26 votes to 13

Councillors make further amendments to the plan October 2015

Chart Title



The Minister



- ▶ “The DECLG submission states that failure to remove these Sections will entail consideration, by the Minister, of the use of the powers available to him under Section 31 of the Planning Act to ensure overall coherence of the Plan in relation to housing supply and housing standard components”

Momentum



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