



## Ongoing delays in determining cases

An Bord Pleanála is currently managing a large volume of cases in all case type categories and is not meeting the statutory objective timeframes for decisions for a large number of these cases. An Bord Pleanála wishes to apologise for these delays.

Furthermore, capacity at Board level, which takes decisions on appeals or applications, has significantly reduced over recent months. At present there are currently 5 functioning board members out of the standard complement of 10. The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage has recently announced that he intends to appoint at least three new temporary board members in the near future in order to restore capacity at board level. It is anticipated that these upcoming appointments will enable the speedier processing of cases in the first half of 2023.

Over 2023, staff and board members will continue to seek to improve compliance levels with the statutory objective decision timelines as much as possible.

Thank you for your on-going patience in respect of these matters.

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