

Excessive radon levels in Portlaw



Sinn Féin Cllr Declan Clune.

Excessive levels of radon have been recorded in Portlaw.

Radon is a known carcinogen and a major cause of lung cancer.

A high radon level can be found in any home in any part of the country, but such homes are more likely to be located in High Radon Areas.

Sinn Féin Cllr Declan Clune highlighted the issue at the February Comeragh District meeting of Waterford City & County Council.

Cllr Clune explained that the high levels of radon had been recorded at a house in Beechwood Grove, Portlaw and said the residents had received a letter from the council informing them of the problem.

He explained that radon meters had been installed in the estate within the last year.

“The residents were informed that a contractor would carry out remedial work,” he said.

“Remedial work was already carried out but it obviously wasn’t successful.”

Cllr Clune said he was concerned given that radon is the second highest cause of lung cancer after smoking and high levels of radon can impact upon an entire area.

In light of this he expressed concern for the private houses in Beechwood Grove where radon meters may not have been installed.

“It’s a mixed estate. There are a certain amount of council houses and a certain amount of private houses,” he explained.

“If the high radon level is in one house, obviously it will be in others,” he added.

Cllr Clune asked if the council could undertake an awareness campaign and highlight the issue of high radon levels.

“I think this is something we need to highlight and bring to people’s attention. Prevention is better than cure,” he said.

Liz O’Mahony (Housing) said she would note Cllr Clune’s concerns.