

# KILDARE ROLLS OUT SOCIAL HOUSING IN RATHANGAN

Kildare County Council’s latest social housing scheme, under Rebuilding Ireland’s Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness, has seen the delivery of 18 new properties to families and individuals in Rathangan who are on the council’s social housing list, with one unit allocated using the Choice-Based Letting Scheme.

**K**ildare’s Chief Executive Peter Carey said the provision of homes for individuals and families was a high priority and remained at the forefront of the anticipated recovery phase, on acknowledging the delivery of the homes by K&J Townmore Construction Limited, and the extended team working under challenging circumstances during the Covid-19 crisis.

Cllr Suzanne Doyle, Cathaoirleach of Kildare County Council, welcomed the delivery of the “much-needed houses”, which she said would assist in meeting demand in the area. She wished the new residents good health and happiness and congratulated and thanked the existing residents for their forbearance and co-operation in delivery of this project.

“Kildare County Council Council’s Housing Department continues to work on the planning and delivery of housing throughout the county. The council is positioned to meet the 2020 targets for the provision of social and affordable housing as set out by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government,” she added.

James Godley, MD of Townmore, said the ongoing delivery of housing, particularly social housing, was critical at this time. “The Covid-19 situation does not diminish the well-established

need for housing across Ireland and Townmore has adopted new working methods designed to comply with Covid-19 public health restrictions.

“We will continue to meet client requirements to the highest standards, while honouring programme dates. We’re grateful to the experienced project team within Kildare County Council and the design team for enabling the successful delivery of this quality housing development under exceptional and challenging circumstances.”

Townmore construction firm was established in 2008 and currently employs over 100 direct employees (set to increase in 2020). Group turnover for 2018 was €55m and, following a successful year-to-date, 2019 turnover is on target to exceed €68m in Ireland. With the head office in Co. Offaly, Townmore opened new offices in Mallow, County Cork and London in 2019 and is currently building a new office in Dublin.



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*The 18 new social housing units in Rathangan comprise of one, two, three and four-bedroomed A-rated properties.*

## Townmore’s Design and Build Projects for 2020

- 440 apartments in Donaghmede (€90m scheme).
- Extension to Wynn’s Hotel on Lower Abbey Street, Dublin.
- Rapid-build hotel project on MacCurtain Street, Cork.
- Apartment scheme in North London (partnered with Thornsett Group).
- Delivery of €10m worth of projects across Controlled Environments Division, servicing the MedTech and BioTech sectors.