



07 April 2025

Our Ref: EIR 701**Request**

We received your request on 07 March 2025 for the following information:

Following an unsuccessful attempt to obtain information from NIHE Belfast Place Shaping, I am writing to request, under the provisions of the FOI/ EIR, the following information relating to development work carried out in Taughmonagh housing area (Malton Vale) in south Belfast and shown in the attached images. The development work involved the creation of defensible space at the front of the houses through the enclosure, or partial enclosure, of sections of the shared surface at the front of the houses.

Under the provisions of the FOI/ EIR, please provide the following information in relation to the Taughmonagh development work referred to above.

- *The year(s) in which the work was carried out.*
- *If the NIHE was the developer/ organisation that carried out/ contracted out the work. If it was the NIHE, please provide the name of the type of scheme the work was carried out under. If it wasn't the NIHE, please advise which organisation carried out/ contracted out the work.*
- *Whether the shared surface subject to the work was adopted prior to the work being carried out.*
- *Whether the NIHE carried out extinguishment in relation to the shared surface that became enclosed defensible space.*
- *Whether the NIHE is now responsible for the maintenance enclosed areas at the front of the houses.*

Your request has been handled under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

Our response

- **The year(s) in which the work was carried out.**

A thorough search of all Asset Management files has been carried out and no information on the year/s in which this work was carried out was found.

We believe that this is due to the scheme being carried out in and around the period of when the full shared surface was adopted on 18th January 1990.

The retention period for all documents relating to each general NIHE scheme is 10 years and MEI scheme (multi element scheme) is 20 years according to the NIHE Disposal and Retention Policy. Therefore, all documents and records referencing any scheme or development work relating to the creation of defensible space at the front of the houses carried out in Taughmonagh housing area (Malton Vale) in south Belfast and shown in the images provided in your initial request will have been destroyed.

- **If the NIHE was the developer/ organisation that carried out/ contracted out the work. If it was the NIHE, please provide the name of the type of scheme the work was carried out under. If it wasn't the NIHE, please advise which organisation carried out/ contracted out the work.**

Please see response to question 1 above. We do not hold the information requested.

- **Whether the shared surface subject to the work was adopted prior to the work being carried out.**

The Housing Executive can confirm the full shared surface was adopted 18th January 1990.

- **Whether the NIHE carried out extinguishment in relation to the shared surface that became enclosed defensible space.**

The Housing Executive holds no information in relation to this part of your request.

- **Whether the NIHE is now responsible for the maintenance enclosed areas at the front of the houses**

If the Housing Executive own the property general maintenance will be carried out as required.

This concludes our response.