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Mr. Colm Murphy,  
South Dublin County Council,  
County Hall,  
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RE: HPLG-MO-00075-2019

Dear Mr. Murphy,

I refer to your letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018, regarding the proposed removal of the requirement for proof of LPT compliance in relation to the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability in private houses. The Department's administrative guidelines address the issue of LPT compliance as follows:

*17.1 Local authorities should satisfy themselves regarding the status of the property owner and seek appropriate evidence of ownership of a property prior to processing grant applications under the Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability Scheme. Local authorities should satisfy themselves that applicants are registered for the payment of the Local Property Tax.*

It is the Department's view that the provision of proof of LPT compliance not only confirms the ownership status of the property, but is also a key aspect of general tax compliance. It is not our intention to revise this recommendation at this point.

While each local authority has discretion in the way they administer this scheme, it is the responsibility of the Department to co-ordinate its administration across all local authorities. In this regard, we would welcome your views on why the council feels the requirement should be removed.

Yours sincerely,

**Niamh Redmond**  
Private Secretary

