



Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge Waterford City & County Council

Waterford City & County Council Planning Report to Metropolitan District Council– January 2023

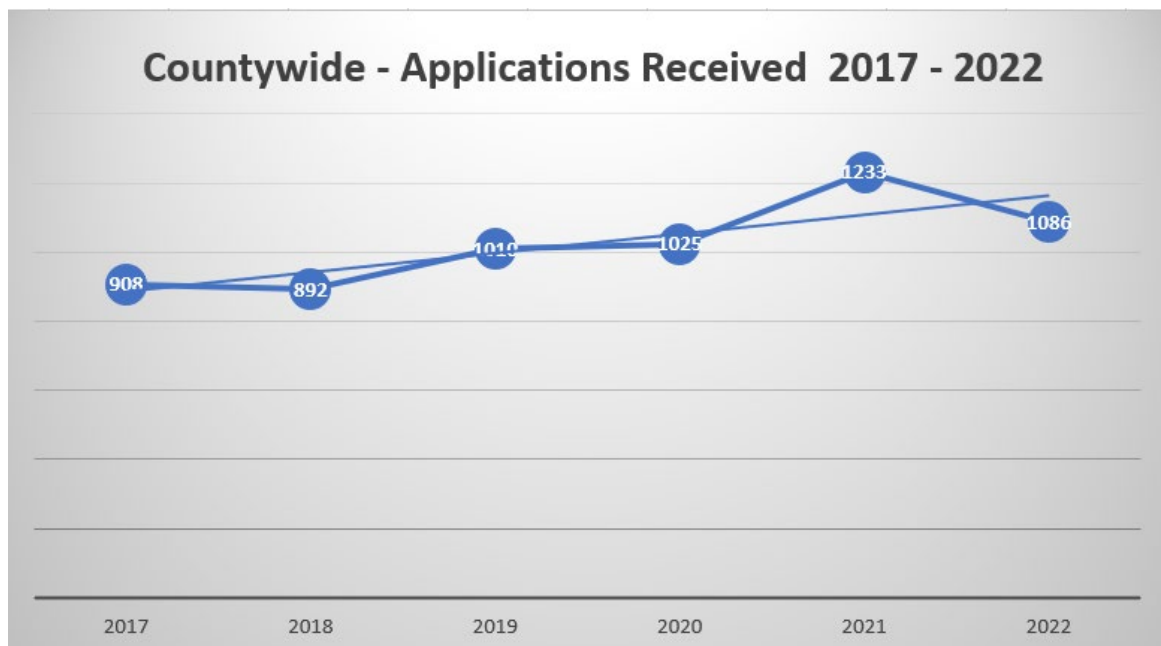
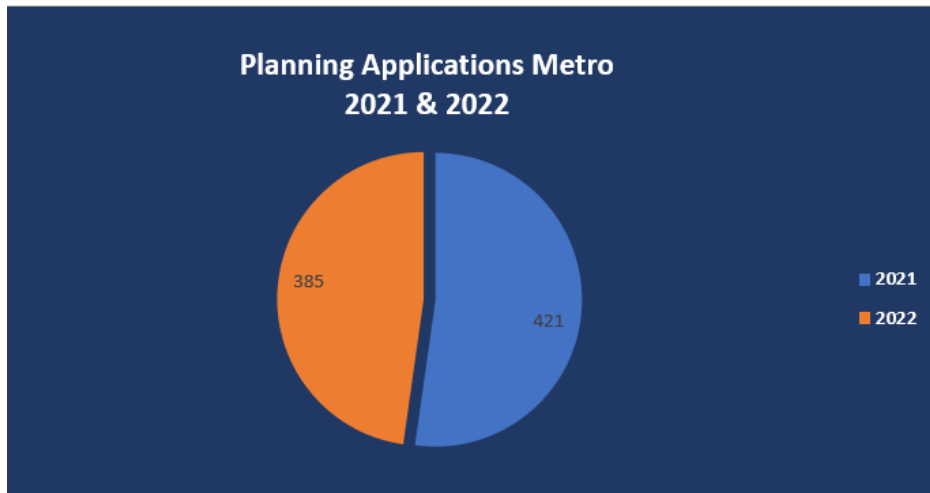
DO: GACH BALL DE CHEANTAR CATHRACH PHORT LÁIRGE

TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF WATERFORD

Planning Applications Received – Metropolitan District

46 Planning applications were received in Metropolitan District in December 2022. This compares with 61 planning applications received for the same period in 2021.

A total of 385 planning applications were received in the Metropolitan area in 2022. This compares to 421 planning applications which were received in 2021.



Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT)

Submissions

- Landowners can make submissions regarding their land on the draft map from November 1st 2022 until January 1st 2023. Third parties may also make submissions regarding land that is or should be on the map

Challenges for land included on the maps

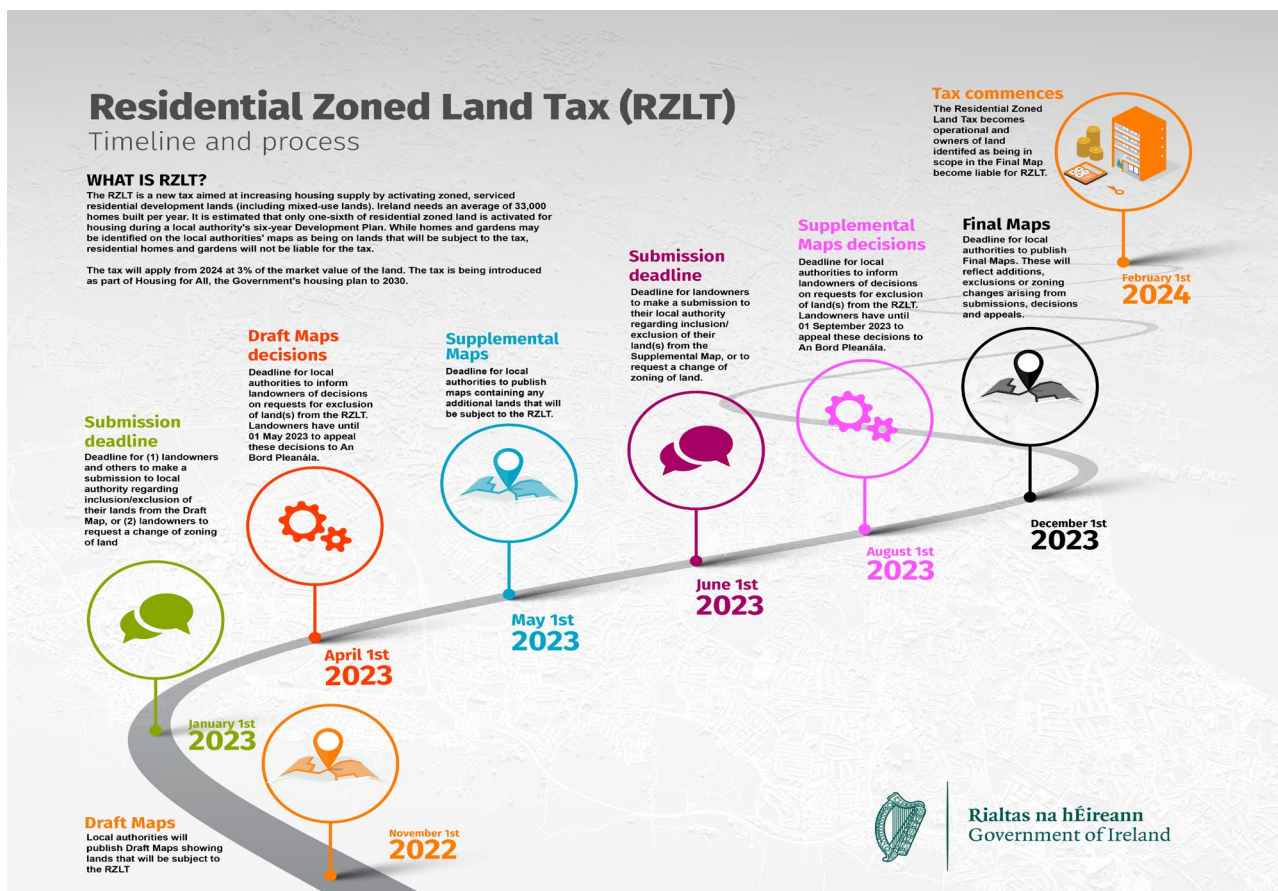
- Landowners can appeal or make a submission challenging the inclusion of their land in the draft supplemental map if they believe it doesn't meet the criteria for inclusion on the map.
- Submissions can also request a change of zoning. Submissions (during draft stage) can also identify additional land which appears to meet the criteria and so falls into scope, and which may be placed on the supplemental map
- There is also a subsequent right to appeal the local authority's decision to retain land in scope to An Bord Pleanála.

Supplemental Map.

- A supplemental map will be published on 1 May 2023 identifying additional land considered to be in scope as a result of submissions. The supplemental map will also go on public display and open to submissions which may challenge the inclusion of additional land on the map.

Final Map

- The final map of land in scope for the tax in the local authority area to be published on 1 December 2023.



ePlanning

ePlanning is an online system through which planning applications can be made and through which applicants will be kept updated on the progress of their application.

It aims to improve efficiency, reduce the potential for invalid applications, and deliver on the government strategy to move more public services online.

Waterford City & County Council went live with ePlanning on 5th December 2022 and now offer the facility for planning applications to be made on-line. Access to the on-line portal is on our website via the link below. There is also a short instruction video for those wishing to make an application on-line. <https://www.waterfordcouncil.ie/departments/planning/index.htm>

An on-line training webinar was held for local agents in November and we have started to successfully receive and process applications. The Local Government Online Planning Portal provides further information and FAQ's and be accessed at the link below. <https://planning.localgov.ie/>

Heritage Officer Report January 2023

Community Monuments Fund 2023

Waterford City and County Council invites applications for the Community Monuments Fund 2023 which provides funding for the care, conservation, maintenance, protection and promotion of archaeological monuments. Grants up to €100,000 for essential repairs and capital works for the conservation of archaeological monuments are available for 3 projects in this category .

Grants of up to €30,000 for the development of Conservation Management Plans/Reports and detailed Specification of Works aimed at identifying measures for conservation of archaeological monuments and improving public access are available for 2 projects in this category.

Grants of up to €30,000 for the enhancement of access infrastructure and interpretation (including virtual/online) at archaeological monuments are available for 2 projects in this category.

Applications (CMF Form A) and Method Statement should be submitted by e-mail to bguest@waterfordcouncil.ie or in hard copy to Heritage Officer, Menapia Building, The Mall, Waterford City no later than **4pm on Friday 27th January 2023**.

Decade of Commemorations

Waterford's Decade of Commemorations website www.Waterford1916to1922.ie will be launched in January. The website will host all material relating to the Decade of Commemorations Programme in Waterford from the past 8 years including history publications, school resources and talks by the local authority and community organisations. A documentary film on the Siege of Waterford developed by historian James Doherty is available to view on YouTube <https://bit.ly/siegeofwaterford> and John Foley's film on Liam Lynch and the end of the Civil War and will be screened on 9th February in Dungarvan SGC.

Conservation Officer Report 2023

Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2023 and the Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2023.

Since 2016, Waterford City and County Council has received funding of over €1.6 million for conservation projects under these schemes. This has supported over 140 projects.

In Waterford in 2022 we received €533,710 in funding which generated a spend of €1,171,825 and provided over 2,500 days of employment. These figures do not include the non-conservation element of projects which generated

additional employment and spend. The projects ranged in scope from essential repairs of rainwater goods, walls, windows, thatch roofs, stained glass, to large-scale repairs of buildings.

Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2023

The BHIS scheme seeks to leverage private capital for investment in small-scale, labour-intensive projects and to support the employment of skilled and experienced conservation professionals, crafts people and tradespersons in the repair of Protected Structures and in certain cases, the conservation of structures within Architectural Conservation Areas (ACA). Waterford has been allocated €182,400. Funding awards made under the scheme will be between €2,500 and €15,000, with applicants matching in full the grants being awarded.

The Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2023

Funding for the Historic Structures Fund (HSF) is being made available as part of *Project Ireland 2040*. Total funding available nationally under the Historic Structures fund in 2023 will be €4.5 million. The primary focus of the Historic Structures Fund will be on conservation and enhancement of historic structures and buildings for the broader benefit of communities and the public.

These schemes will be administered by Waterford City and County Council. The criteria, list of qualifying works, FAQs and the application forms for the **Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2023** and **Historic Structures Fund 2023** are now available on www.waterfordcouncil.ie.

Completed application forms and photos of the structures to be submitted only by email to planning@waterfordcouncil.ie by 5 pm on 28th of January 2023. Please ensure that the grant scheme name is in the subject line and note that all forms must be completed in full in order to be processed. Successful applicants must have the works completed by 30th of September 2023.

For further information or if you have any queries in relation to the schemes please contact: Rosemary Ryall, Executive Conservation Officer, Waterford City and County Council. e-mail: rryall@waterfordcouncil.ie