



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

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TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF WATERFORD

Planning Applications Received – Metropolitan District

29 Planning applications were received in Metropolitan District in April 2023. This compares with 49 planning applications received for the same period in 2022.

A total of 128 planning applications have been received from 1st January to 30th April in the Metropolitan District in 2023. This compares to 165 planning applications which were received in 2022.



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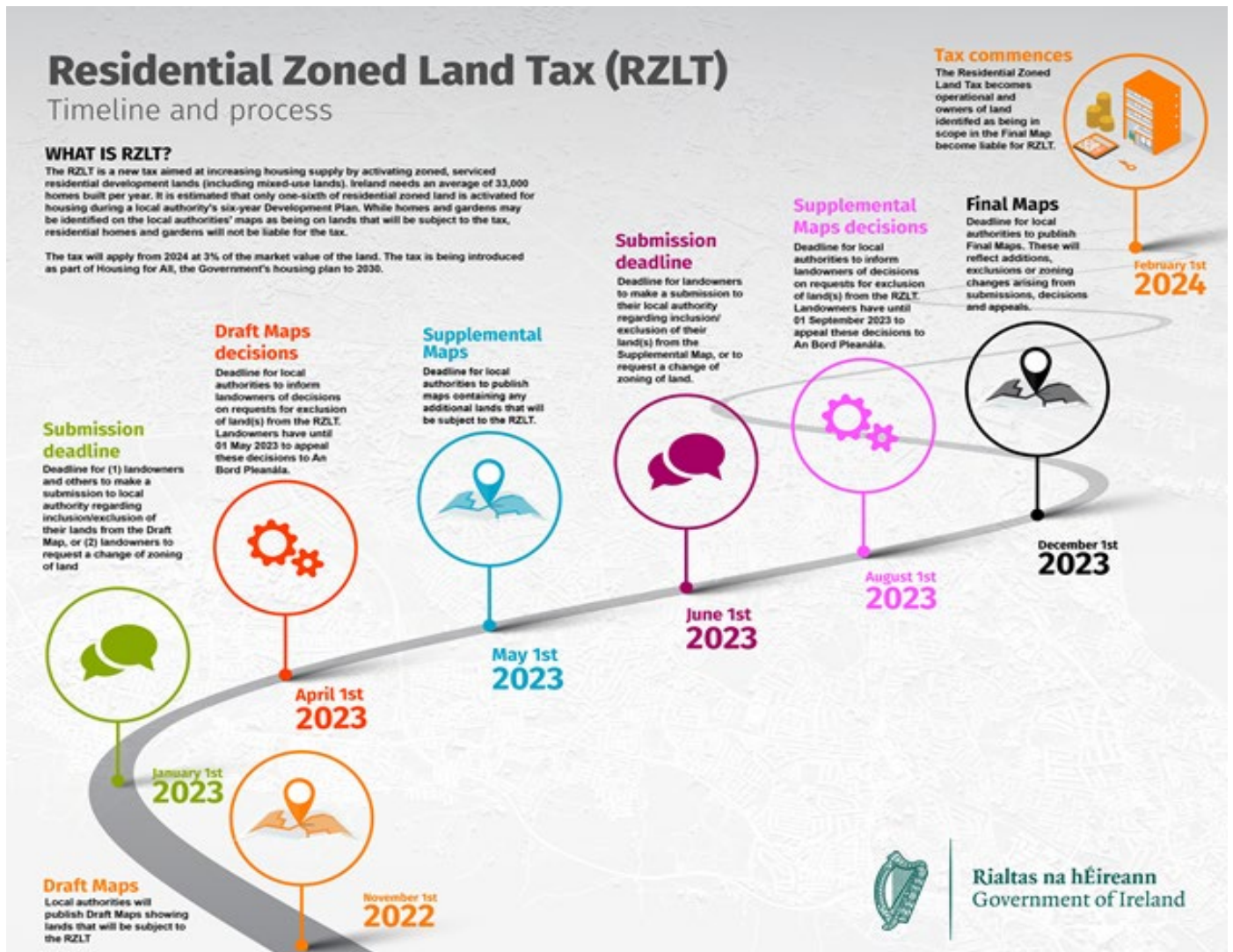
Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) Draft Map of land in-scope

A draft map indicating land considered in-scope for the purposes of the RZLT was prepared by Waterford City and County Council, was placed on display over the period November-December 2022 and written submissions were invited. There are two issues of note resulting from this process:



1. A total of 67 written submissions were received. The planning authority provided a written determination to each submission received, the result of which was to retain lands in-scope which were the subject of 57 submissions while the land referred to in the remaining 10 submissions was considered out of scope for the purposes of the tax. Persons aggrieved by such determinations have opportunity to make an appeal to An Bord Pleanála and at time of writing a total of 5 such appeals have been made but this will likely increase. It is intended that all appeals will be determined by An Bord Pleanála within 16 weeks of 1st of May.
2. It should be noted that Waterford City and County Council has **not** prepared a supplemental map identifying additional lands for the purposes of the tax and a statement to this effect along with social media and newspaper notices have now issued.

As per the timeline below, the final map of lands identified as in-scope for the RZLT will be published by the planning authority on 1st of December. The final map will have regard to the determinations of the planning authority on written submissions received and those of An Bord Pleanála on all appeals.





Heritage Officer Report April 2023

Decade of Commemorations

A seminar on the Centenary of Waterford Farm Labourer’s Strike 1923 will take place in the Park Hotel, Dungarvan on May 4th and includes talks by Dr. Emmet O’Connor, Dr. Pat McCarthy, Dr. Terry Dunne and Kieran Allen(UCD). The Waterford Commemorations Website Waterford1916to1923.ie will be launched at the event. Registration is available on Eventbrite.ie

Five applications were received under the Community Commemoration Grant Scheme for projects commemorating the 1921-1923 period and are currently being assessed by the Waterford Commemorations Committee.

Heritage Funding 2023

Four projects have been awarded funding under **the Community Monuments Fund** allocated by the National Monuments Service of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to a value of €270,000 for conservation and survey of a range of archaeological sites across the city and county. This includes Molana Abbey, Stradbally Church, Dromana House and Black Friar’s in Waterford City.

Funding to a value of €100,000 has been awarded under the **Local Biodiversity Action Fund** allocated by the National Parks and Wildlife Service of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for projects on Brent Geese, Barn Owls, control of invasive species, wetland management and control of invasive species.

The Heritage Council have awarded €35,000 under the **Heritage Plan Fund** which will be allocated to Project Management of the Woodstown Viking site Conservation Plan, grazing management at Ardmore Head SAC, Graveyard repairs at Ballinakill, Ballygunnertemple and Churchtown Graveyards and Heritage Week.

Heritage Council Community Heritage Grant Scheme

Seven projects were successful in their application to the Heritage Council’s Community Heritage Grant Scheme as detailed in table below;

Waterford	CH17957	Waterford Union of Parishes	Christ Church Cathedral Waterford, Restoration of 18th Century Oil Painting of the Medieval Cathedral, 2023	€5,984
Waterford	CH17912	Knockboy Graveyard Committee	Knockboy Church, Co. Waterford - continuing conservation works 2023	€9,087
Waterford	CH18343	Kilgobnet Parish Committee	Kilgobnet Graveyard, Co. Waterford, 2023 Conservation Surveys	€5,975
Waterford	CH18160	Mount Melleray Abbey	Well House Conservation Management Report	€7,000
Waterford	CH18324	Waterford County Museum	Waterford County Museum improving collection access	€4,330
Waterford	CH18034	Mothel Holy Well & Graveyard Committee	Mothel Graveyard Recording Project	€4,350
Waterford	CH17986	Clashmore and Kinsalebeg Community Council	Garranaspick Ice House Stage 2 2023	€7,231