



Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge Waterford City & County Council

Waterford City & County Council Planning Report to Comeragh Meeting – February 2021

DO: GACH BALL DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH AN CHOMARAIGH
TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF COMERAGH

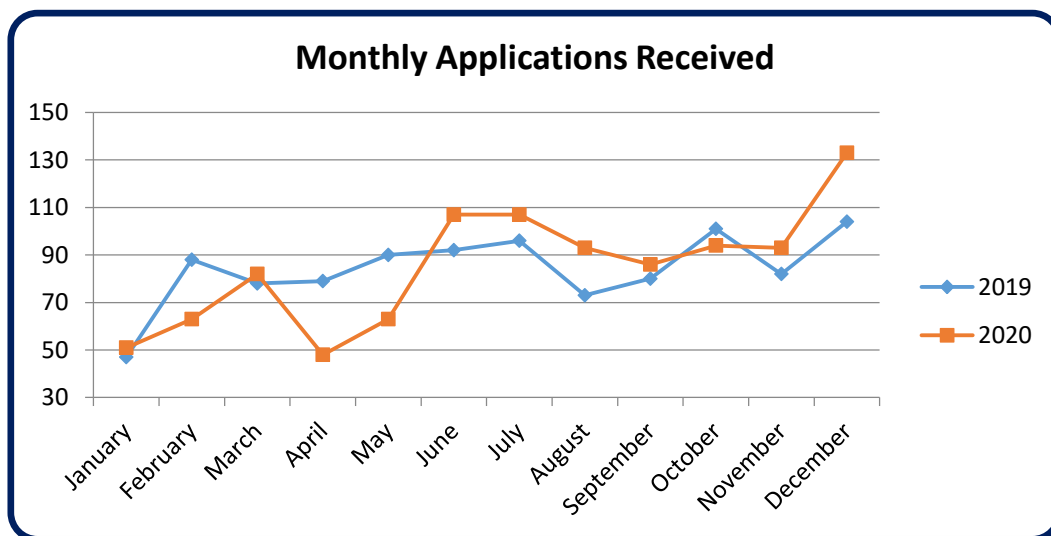
Planning Applications Received – Countywide

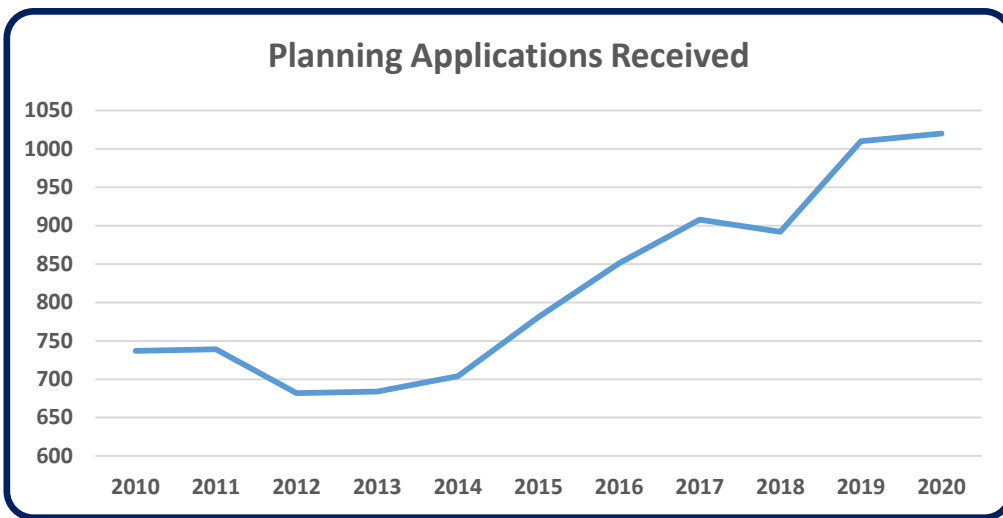
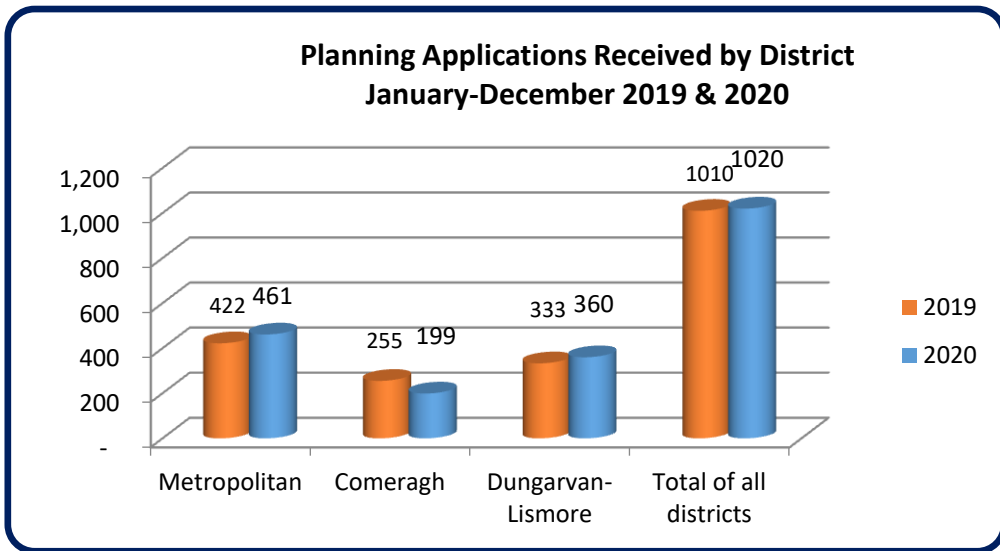
45 Planning applications were received in the month of January countywide (to 26th January). This compares with 51 planning applications received in the same month in 2020. Additional responses are also being received to further information requests.

Planning Applications Received – 2020

A total of 1020 planning applications were received in 2020. This compares to 1010 planning applications which were received in 2019. The total number of applications received is the highest figure for a single year since 2008. The monthly figure of 133 applications received in December 2020 is also the highest monthly figure received since 2008. This monthly figure of 133 applications received is 25% higher than the next highest monthly figure of 107 applications received in that 12 year period.

199 applications were received in this district in 2020. This compares to 255 received in 2019. Additionally, 174 applications were granted planning permission in this district in 2020. This compares to 181 applications which were approved in 2019





Update on preparation of the draft Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Following on from the Direction given by the Plenary Council to the Chief Executive on the issues to be considered in the preparation of the draft development plan, staff in the planning policy section are now actively engaged in preparing the draft development plan for your consideration, having regard to the content of the Direction and of the Report of the Chief Executive. The timeline for preparing the draft development plan indicates that it will be presented for your consideration in April as per the table below.

This will be followed by a series of discussions and workshops with the Plenary Council throughout the months of April, May and early June to allow full consideration of the draft development plan and associated documents. A 10 week phase of public consultation will then take place from late June to late August during which time written submissions will be invited from members of the public and other interested parties. It should be noted that written submissions regarding the zoning of land for particular purposes should only be made during this 10 week period.

In a manner similar to the initial phase of public consultation last summer, it is intended to have a dedicated online consultation portal available through which the draft development plan and support documentation can be accessed and through which written submissions can be made.

Activity	Duration	Start	Finish
Development Plan Preparation Period.	Max 104 wks	Mon 20/07/20	Fri 15/07/22
Pre Draft Plan Public Consultation. NOW COMPLETED	8 wks	Mon 20/07/20	Mon 14/09/20
Prepare CE Report on submissions and submit to Plenary Council. NOW COMPLETED	8 wks	Mon 14/09/20	Mon 09/11/20
Liaise and discuss with Plenary Council and obtain Resolution on CE Report. NOW COMPLETED	10 wks	Mon 09/11/20	Mon 18/01/21
Prepare a Draft Dev Plan. CURRENT PHASE	12 wks	Mon 18/01/21	Mon 12/04/21
Submit Draft Dev Plan to Plenary Council and obtain Resolution.	8 wks	Mon 12/04/21	Mon 07/06/21
Notice of preparation of Draft Dev Plan.	2 wks	Mon 07/06/21	Mon 21/06/21
Public Consultation on Draft Dev Plan.	10 wks	Mon 21/06/21	Mon 30/08/21
Prepare CE Report on submissions received and submit to Plenary Council for consideration.	12 wks	Mon 30/08/21	Mon 22/11/21
Resolution of Plenary Council on CE Report and Draft Dev Plan.	12 wks	Mon 22/11/21	Mon 14/02/22
Notice of Material Alterations if necessary.	3 wks	Mon 14/02/22	Mon 07/03/22
Final Public Consultation on Material Alterations.	4 wks	Mon 07/03/22	Mon 04/04/22
Prepare C.E. Report on submissions.	8 wks	Mon 04/04/22	Mon 30/05/22
Plenary Council to consider CE Report and make Resolution.	6 wks	Mon 30/05/22	Mon 11/07/22
New Dev Plan comes into force.	6 wks	Mon 11/07/22	Mon 22/08/22

Built Heritage Investment Scheme & Historical Structures Fund

In light of the current Covid-19 situation and in the interest of facilitating applications, the closing dates for applications for grants under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2021 and Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2021 have been extended to 19th of February 2021.

This year the HSF funding also provides for 2 pilot streams, subject to Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage criteria, for

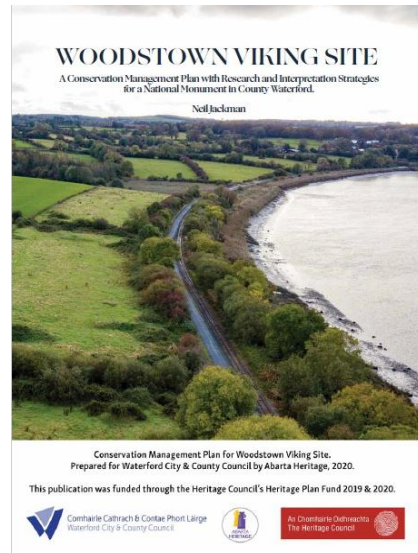
- Vernacular projects - for a grant of between €5,000 and €10,000
- Historic Shopfronts - for a grant between €15,000 and €50,000, additionally the Department have allocated funding for conservation of historic Irish-language shop facades

Details and forms are available on the Council website



Woodstown Viking Site

A Meeting was held with Minister Malcolm Noonan TD, Deputy Marc O Cathasaigh and the Woodstown Viking Site Steering Committee on January 21st to discuss the Conservation Management Plan for the Woodstown Viking Site. The Minister expressed support for delivering the plan and an application will be submitted to the Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government's Community Monuments Fund in February.



Decade of Commemorations

The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media have allocated €50,000 to Waterford City & County Council for the 2021 programme of commemorations.

The 2021 programme involves;

Commemoration of Pickardstown Ambush Tramore. January 7th 2021.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQLIVnYMu7Q&t=170s>

Commemoration of the Burgery Ambush, Dungarvan- March 18th

Development of Waterford Commemorations Website.

Publication on the East Waterford Brigade by Dr. Pat McCarthy

Publication on Cumann na mBan by Waterford Co. Museum.

Community Commemorations Grant Scheme 2021- open until February 26th.

Completion and Launch of War of Independence in Waterford GIS Story Map.



War of Independence sites in Waterford

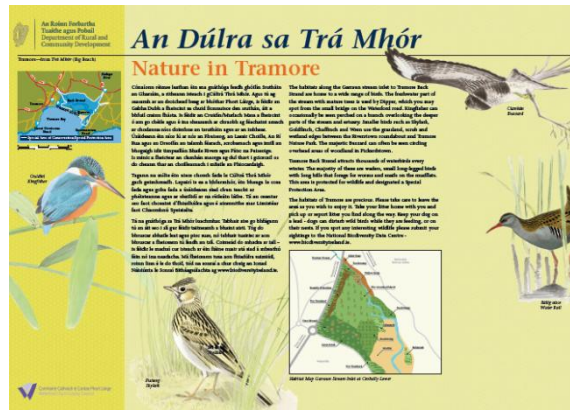
World Wetlands Day

To celebrate World Wetlands Day on the 2nd February 2021 and 50 years since the signing of the Ramsar Convention, Waterford City and County Council are highlighting the value of Waterford's Wetland Wildlife with an on-line video by local wildlife photographer Paddy Dwan. The Irish Ramsar Wetlands Committee and Wetland Surveys Ireland are launching a World Wetlands Day Photo Competition. This competition will be launched on February 2nd and photos can be submitted via the Wetland Surveys Ireland Snapshot App until the 31st of May. Prizes include: OPW Family Heritage Cards, Biodiversity Ireland Swatch cards and inclusion in a 2022 Irish Wetlands Calendar. See irishwetlands.ie



Tramore Wildlife Signage

A series of 5 information panels were installed in Tramore Nature Park and Estuary Road in Tramore celebrating the wildlife interest of the area and featured in the recent Nationwide Programme about the work of Tramore Eco-Group.



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