

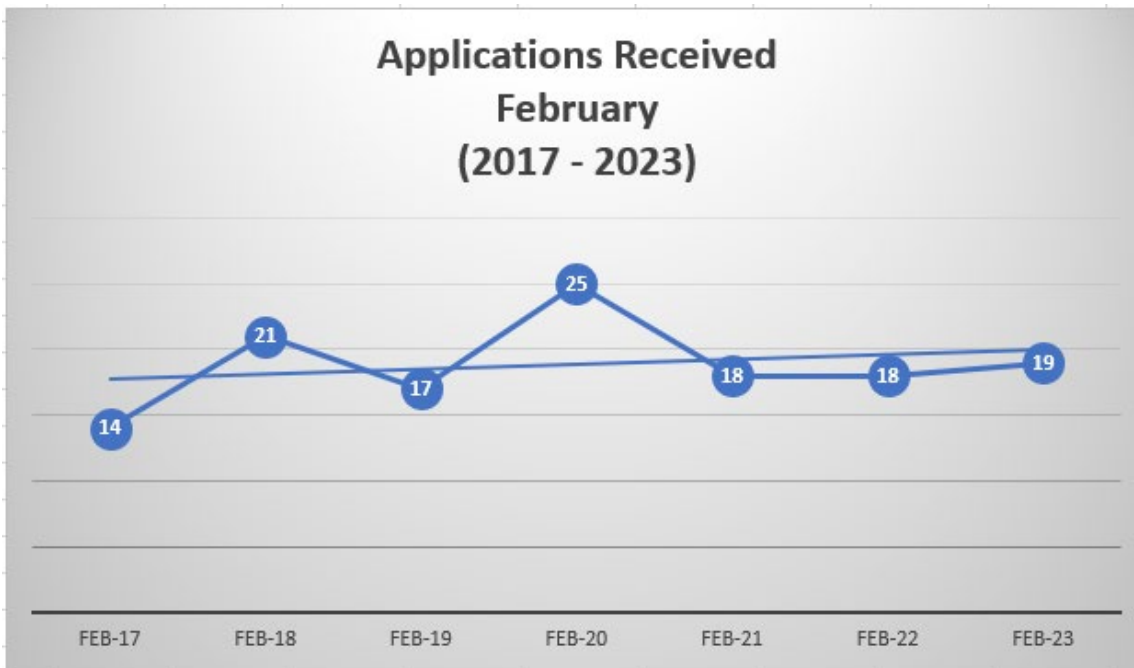


Waterford City & County Council Planning Report to Comeragh District Meeting – March 2023

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

Planning Applications Received – Comeragh District

21 Planning applications were received in the Comeragh District in February 2023. This compares with 16 planning applications received for the same period in 2022.



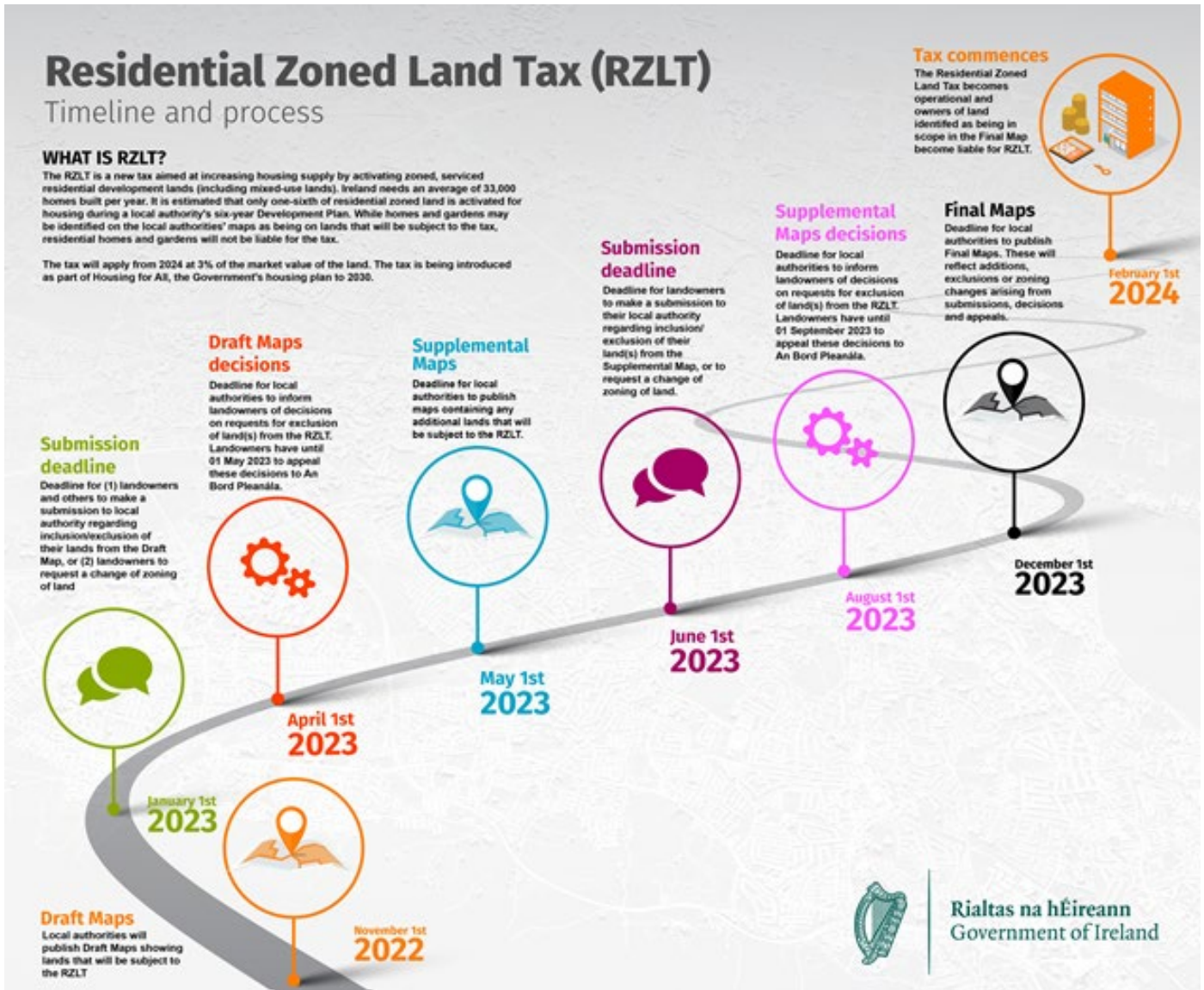
Forward Planning Report

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 and was on display over the period November-December 2022. Persons were invited to make written submissions to address the following:

- Make a suggested correction to the Draft Residential Zoned Land Tax Map if they feel that the land included on the map does not meet the criteria, or they disagree with the date on which the maps states the land met the criteria
- Request a change of zoning of their land so that it is not subject to the tax (Any changes to land use zoning would be a matter for the plenary council to consider by way of a material variation to the development plan, where appropriate, and as such would be subject to a separate statutory procedure)
- Identify other land that should be subject to the tax.

A total of 66 submissions were received and are currently being considered. The planning authority is obliged to provide written responses to the submissions received before 1st of April, making a determination as to whether lands concerned remain in-scope for the purposes of the RZLT. Where a relevant party/landowner is not satisfied with the determination of the planning authority, they will have an opportunity to make an Appeal to An Bord Pleanála if so required not later than 1st of May. An Bord Pleanála will determine the outcome of all appeals within 16 weeks of 1st of May. 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.



Local Area Plans

We have commenced the process of preparing the Tramore and Dungarvan/Ballinroad Local Area Plans and an initial period of public consultation is running till 7th of March. At time of writing a total of 8 and 2 written submissions have been received respectively to each LAP. Public consultation and information events were also held in the respective locations on the 16th and 15th of February with the number of attendees reflecting the trend in the written submissions received. The Office of the Planning Regulator has also been informed of the intention to prepare draft LAPs. No response has been received in this regard at time of writing.

The Local Area Plans will consider local issues of relevance and importance to the residents and communities of the towns having regard to the strategic determinants for each already set out in the Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022 – 2028. As such no changes will be proposed to the underlying core strategy and associated land use zoning as identified in the Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022 - 2028. Further details of the consultation issues papers and of the LAP process can be found on consult.waterfordcouncil.ie.

Following the public consultation period, draft LAPs will be prepared in Q2 of 2023 and these will then undergo a further period of consultation with the public, the Council and relevant authorities with the intention to have final LAPs adopted by the respective municipal districts of Waterford City and County Council in Q4 of 2023.



Heritage Officer Report February 2023

Decade of Commemorations

John Foley's film on Liam Lynch and the end of the Civil War was premiered on 9th February in Dungarvan Cinema to great praise with further public screenings to be announced <https://johnfoleyimages.com/the-dying-days-film/>. A publication on Cumann na mBan in Waterford by Christina O'Connor and Eddie Cantwell will be launched on March 8th in the Park Hotel, Dungarvan attended by the Mayor and launched by Dr. Sinead MCoole. The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media has allocated a commemorations fund of €50,000 for 2023. This year's events programme will include seminar on the Centenary of Waterford Farm Labourer's Strike 1923, talk on the General Election of 27 August 1923, support of commemorative films and publications, schools education pack and a community commemoration grant scheme.

Heritage Funding 2023

Over 10 applications have been submitted for projects across Waterford to the **Heritage Council's Community Heritage Fund**. The aim of this scheme is to support capital projects that improve access and inclusion to heritage sites; that apply good heritage practice to the management of places, collections, or objects including buildings.

A **Community Commemoration Grant Scheme** will open for application until Monday 17th April with grants up to €5,000 available for community projects commemorating the 1921-1923 period. For Application Forms contact the City and County Archivist, Joanne Rothwell archivist@waterfordcouncil.ie 0761102144.

Eight applications have been submitted to the **Community Monuments Fund** allocated by the National Monuments Service of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to a value of €336,000 for conservation and survey of a range of archaeological sites across the city and county.

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

The outcome of funding applications will be known by early May.