



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

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TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF WATERFORD

Planning Applications Received – Metropolitan District

37 Planning applications were received in Metropolitan District in March 2023. This compares with 48 planning applications received for the same period in 2022.



Forward Planning April Plenary Report

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

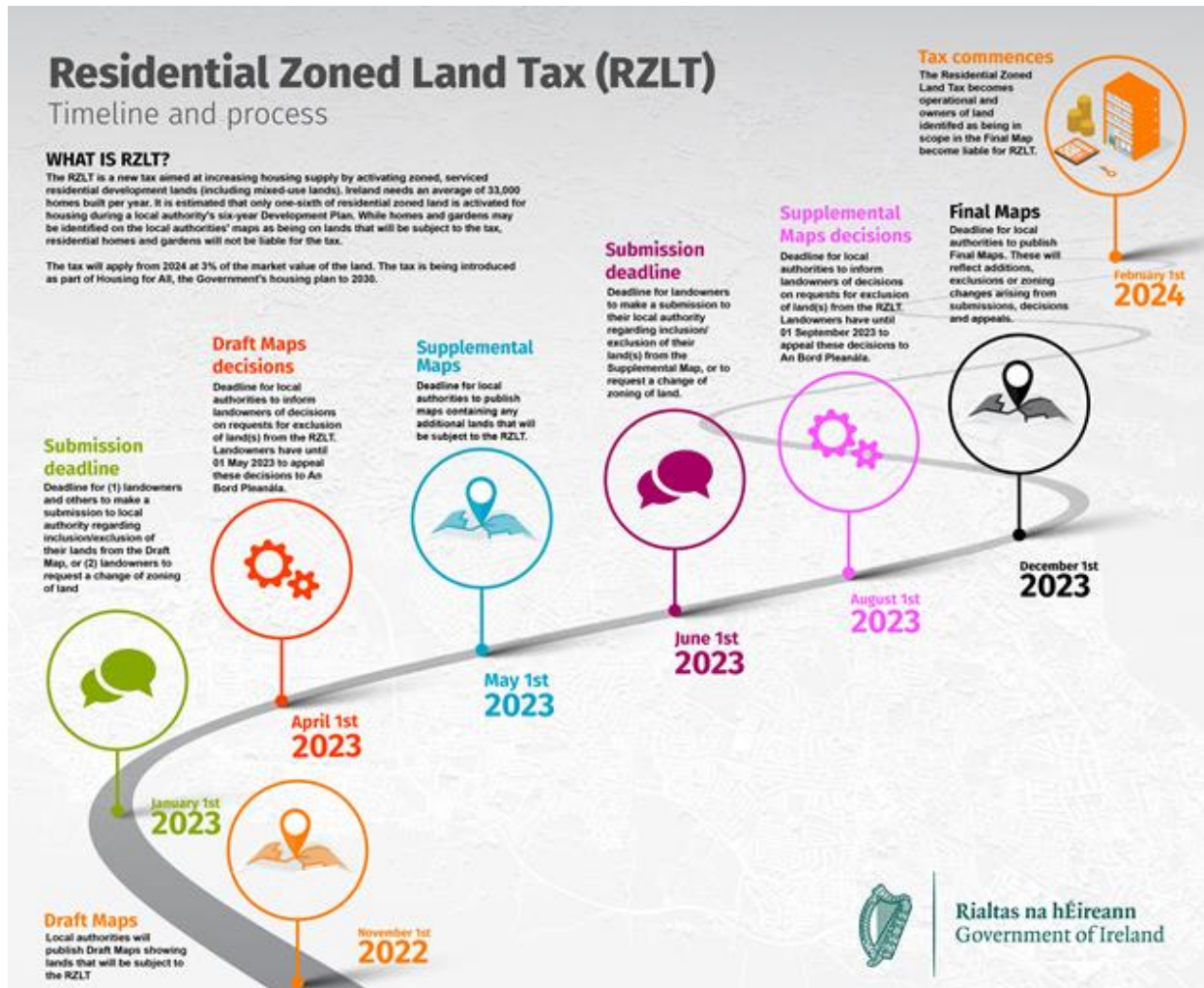
A draft map indicating land considered in-scope for the purposes of the RZLT was prepared by Waterford City and County Council and was on display over the period November-December 2022. Persons were invited to make written submissions to address the following:

- 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.

The planning authority is obliged to provide written responses to the submissions received before 1st of April. To summarise the responses, the planning authority has retained in-scope lands subject of 57 submissions and identified as out of scope land relating to 10 submissions. No additional land parcels were identified as being in-scope for the RZLT. All parties have been notified in writing and where they are aggrieved by 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.



Planning SPC

A meeting of the Planning SPC was held virtually on the 23rd of March. Topics discussed and debated included the following:

- 1 Residential Zoned Land Tax – Update
- 2 Dungarvan and Tramore Local Area Plans - Update
- 3 Derelict Sites – Update
- 4 Medieval Walls Interpretation Plan - Presentation
- 5 Taking in Charge Policy 2023 – Update



Heritage Officer Report April 2023

Decade of Commemorations

Waterford Women of the Revolution 1914-1923 – a publication by Eddie Cantwell and Christina O'Connor of Waterford County Museum was launched on International Women's Day on 8th March in the Park Hotel, Dungarvan. Attended by the Mayor and launched by Dr. Sinead McCool the book was funded through the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media's Decade of Centenaries Fund.

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 and Kieran Allen (UCD).

The **Community Commemoration Grant Scheme** is 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.

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.

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.

Conservation Officers Report April 2023

Funding under the Historic Structures Fund HSF was announced on 28th March and 3 projects in Waterford were awarded funding;

Curraghmore House, Portlaw funding of €50,000 for repair & replacement of slate roof & lead valleys, repair of chimney stacks and second floor structural works.

Mount Melleray Abbey, Cappoquin funding of €44,000 for works to address water ingress at south gable of public chapel address dry rot outbreak and works to prevent water ingress.

Mayfield House, Portlaw funding of €200,000 for works to stabilise walls, reinstate / repair roof to Mayfield House and lodge, repair of entrance gates. training for carpentry and masonry apprentices

This funding is in addition to the €182,400 allocated to Waterford for 25 projects under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) this year.