



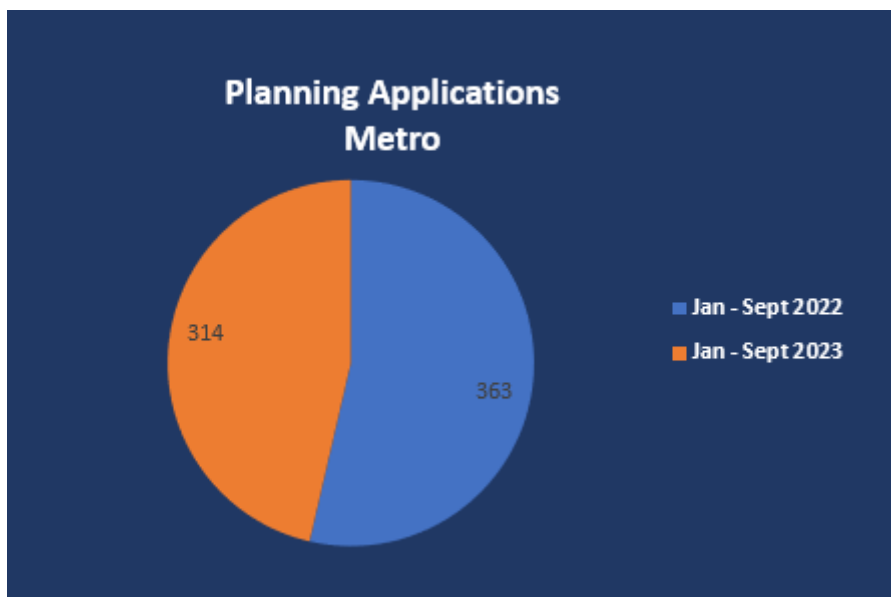
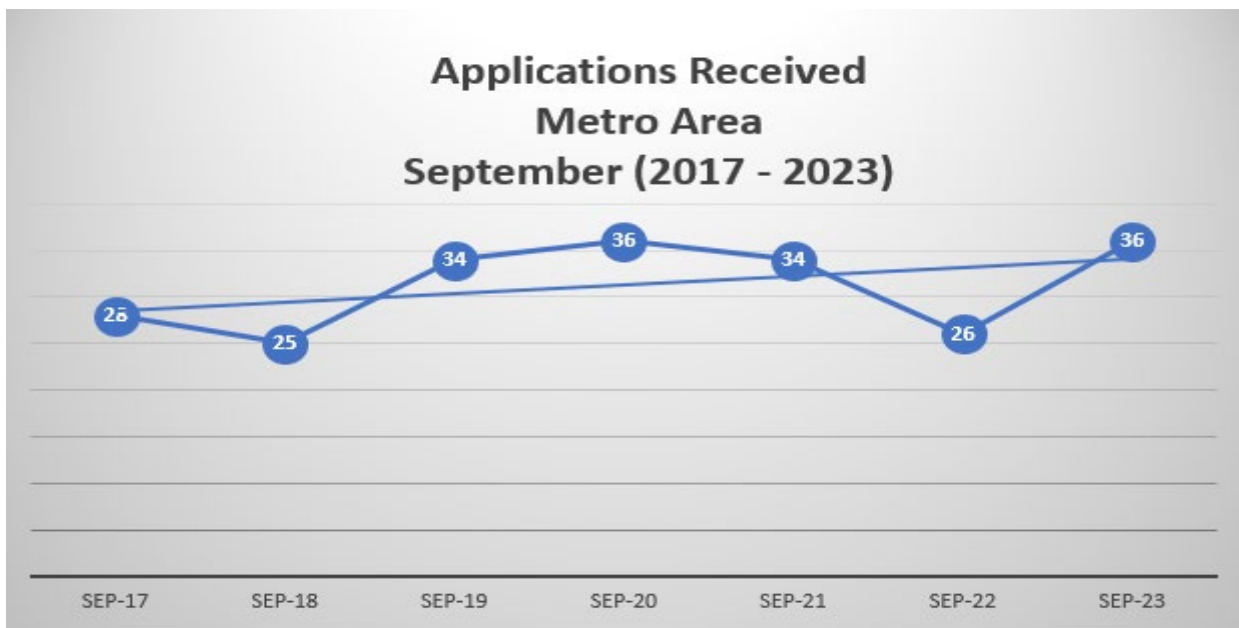
Waterford City & County Council Planning Report to Metropolitan Meeting – October 2023

DO: GACH BALL DE CHEANTAR CATHRACH PHORT LÁIRGE  
TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF WATERFORD

Planning Applications Received – Metropolitan Area

36 Planning applications were received in Metropolitan Area in September 2023. This compares with 26 planning applications received for the same period in 2022.

A total of 314 planning applications were received in the year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. This compares to 363 planning applications which were received in the same period in 2022.

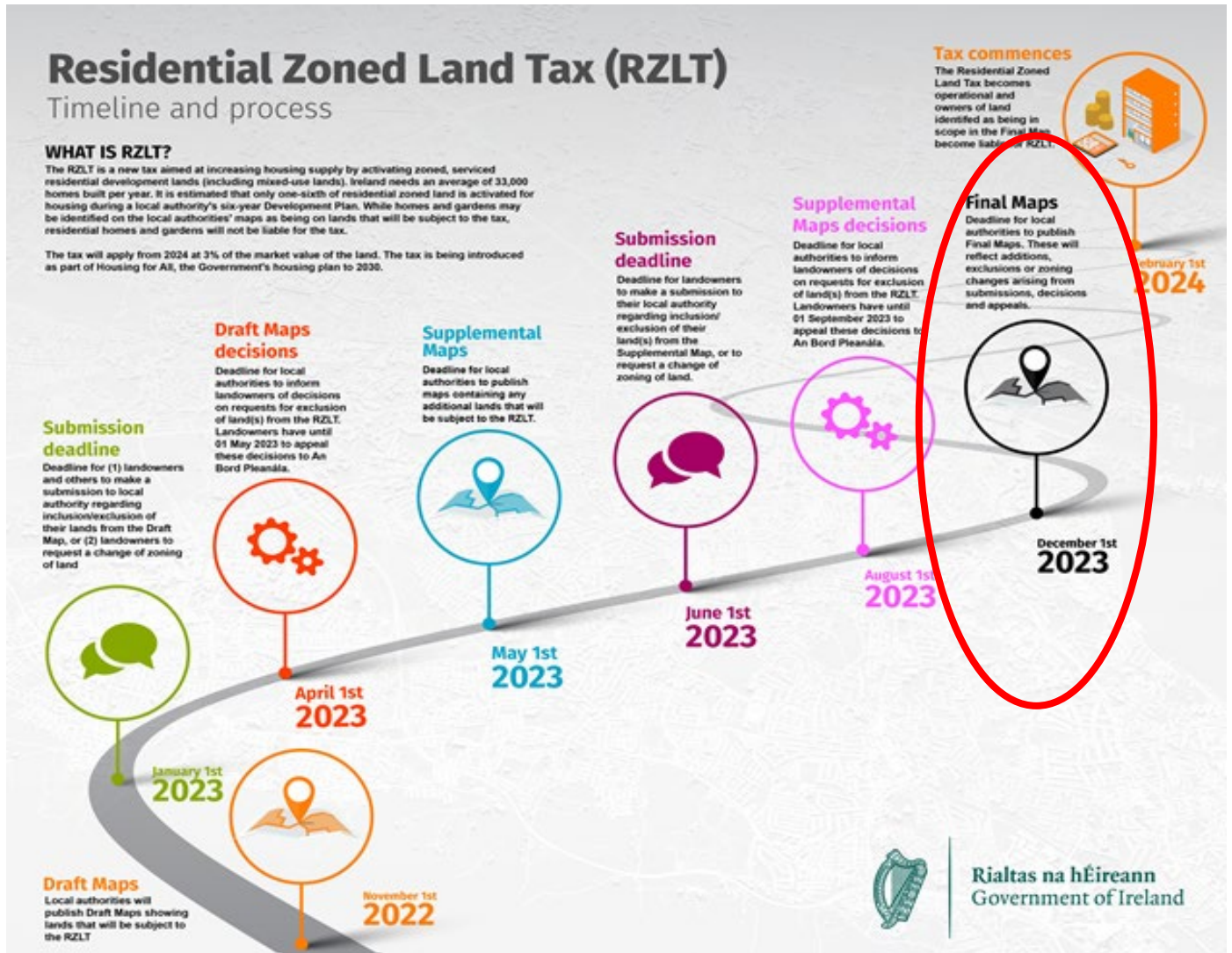




Forward Planning Report

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

As per the timeline below, the final map of lands identified as being in-scope for the RZLT will be published by the planning authority on 1<sup>st</sup> of December. The final map will have regard to the determinations of An Bord Pleanála on all appeals which have sought to remove lands from the draft RZLT map. At time of writing An Bord Pleanála has notified the council of 17 determinations which have upheld the decision of the council to include lands as being in-scope for the RZLT in all but one case.





## DERELICT SITES REPORT

To date there are 244 Derelict Site files open.

- Waterford Metro District = 157 Open Files.
- Dungarvan - Lismore Municipal District = 75 Open Files.
- Comeragh Municipal District = 12 Open Files.

Initial engagement with owners or their representatives is key to resolution of the issues of dereliction and to understand the various reasons why the properties are in a derelict state.

We are advising owners of residential properties of the various grants available for refurbishing vacant and derelict properties to residential use. The table below provides a snapshot of the activity in September and the year 2023 to date. Information is broken down by MD area.

### COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACQUISITION OF DERELICT SITES (CPA)

5 CPAs were initiated in September and publicly advertised. The time for submissions will expire at the end of October for 3 and the beginning of November for 2. The Council will then move to the vesting process where applications for registration of title will be made to the Property Registration Authority.

These proposed acquisitions by CPAs are at the following locations:

- 66 O'Connell Street, Dungarvan
- 7 Thomas Street Waterford City
- 24 Manor Street (Formerly Harvey's), Waterford City
- 25 Manor Street (Formerly Harvey's), Waterford City
- Flat roof structure in Belvedere Manor, Waterford City

In October, we are commencing work on four further CPAs and details of these will be shortly advertised.

Derelict Sites	September 2023	Waterford Metro District	Dungarvan - Lismore Municipal District	Comeragh Municipal District	Year to date 2023
No. of new files opened	62	30	30	2	244
No. of Section 8(2) Notices issued – Intention to enter site on Derelict Sites Register	10	10	0	0	62
No. of Section 8(7) Notices issued – Entry of site onto Derelict Sites Register	3	3	0	0	38
No. of Section 11 Notices issued – Measures required to render the site non-derelict	0	0	0	0	16
Number of Sites/ Properties on the Derelicts Sites Register	4	4	0	0	64
No. of Notices served to Compulsorily Purchase Acquisitions (CPA) (see note below)	6	5	1	0	16
No of Vesting Orders signed	1	1	0	0	2



## **Heritage Officer Report**

### **Decade of Commemorations**

The final conference of the Waterford Decade of Centenaries Programme takes place in the Large Room of City Hall on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 9am-4pm. Attendance is free of charge but pre-registration is required on Eventbrite <https://bit.ly/3Ro8eDE>.

A Screening of the Dying Days film on the death of Liam Lynch and the end of the Civil War took place to a full auditorium at Garter Lane Theatre on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm opened by Mayor Joe Conway.

A talk commemorating the centenary of the election of Caitlín Brugha the wife of Cathal Brugha in 1923 took place on September 19<sup>th</sup> in Dungarvan Library and was attended by a grandson of Caitlín Brugha.

### **Landscape Forum-**

A National Landscape Forum took place at Mount Congreve on September 28<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> discussing the National Landscape Strategy and issues of landscape past and landscape future.

### **Woodstown Viking Site**

Archaeologists from the Discovery Programme will complete a geo-physical survey of the Woodstown Viking Site in early October. A delegation from Stavangar Museum in Norway is planning a visit Waterford in early November 10<sup>th</sup> taking in City Hall, the Viking Triangle, Waterford Museums and the Woodstown Viking site.