



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

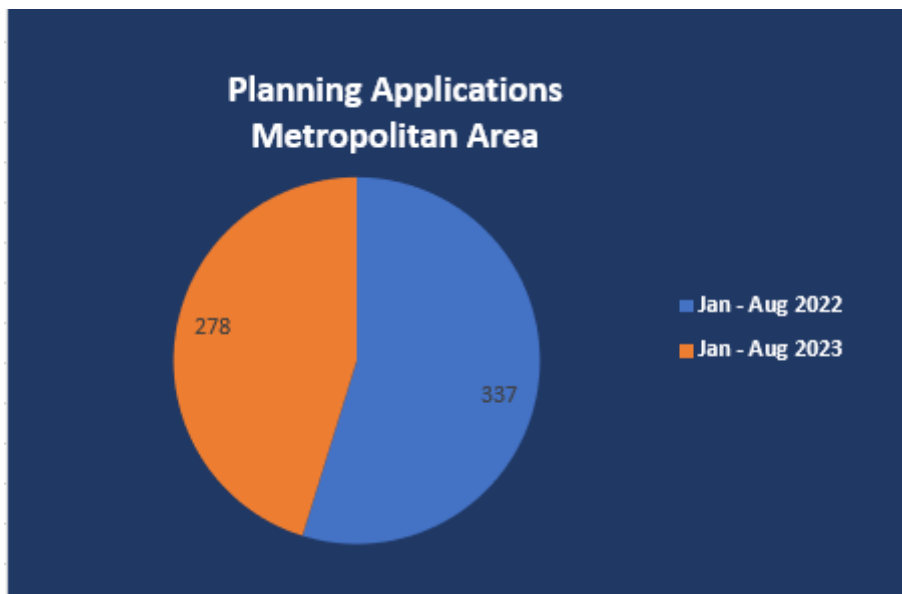
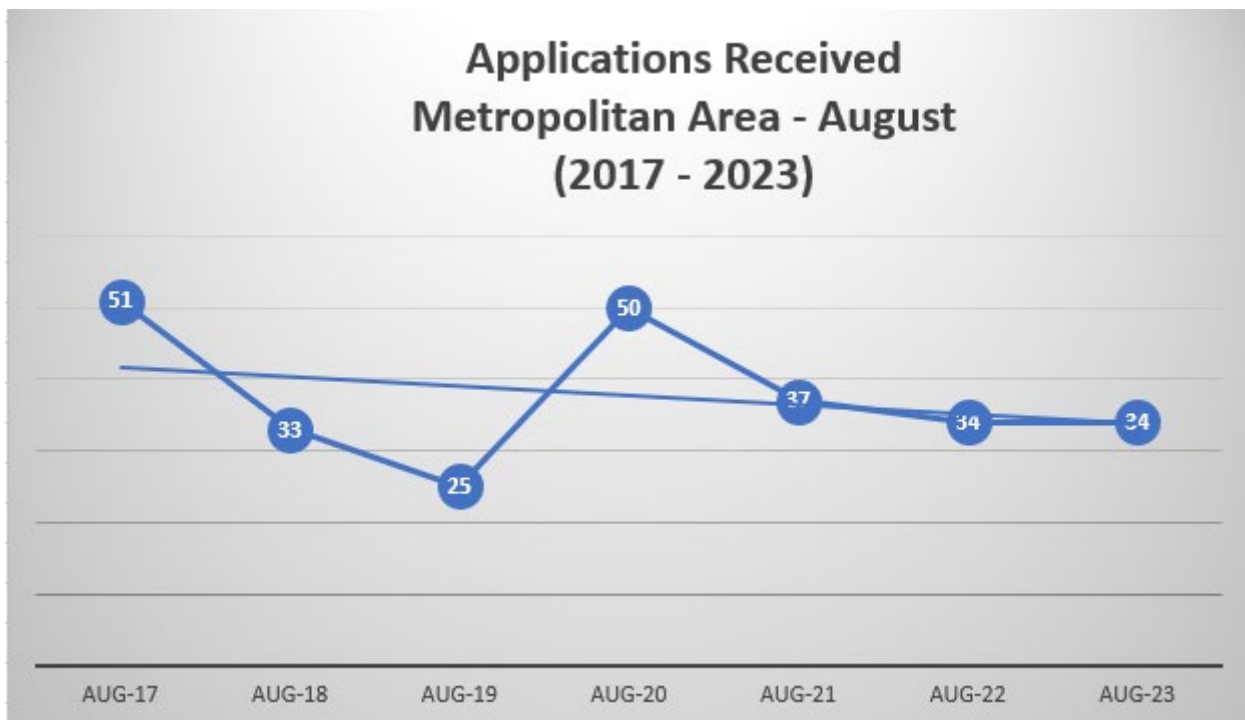
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**TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF WATERFORD**

**Planning Applications Received – Metropolitan District**

34 Planning applications were received in Metropolitan District in August 2023. This compares with 34 planning applications received for the same period in 2022. 34 applications were received in July 2023 with 39 received in July 2022.

A total of 278 planning applications were received in the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023. This compares to 337 planning applications which were received in the same period in 2022.





## SEPTEMBER – MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT – DERELICT SITES

To date there are 200 Derelict Site files open.

- Waterford Metro District = 88 Open Files.
- Dungarvan - Lismore Municipal District = 12 Open Files.
- Comeragh Municipal District = 70 Open Files.

The table below provides a snapshot of the activity in July/August and the year 2023 to date. Information is broken down by MD area.

Derelict Sites	July/August 2023	Waterford Metro District	Dungarvan – Lismore Municipal District	Comeragh Municipal District	Year to date 2023
No. of new files opened	62	30	30	2	200
No. of Section 8(2) Notices issued – Intention to enter site on Derelict Sites Register	16	14	2	0	42
No. of Section 8(7) Notices issued – Entry of site onto Derelict Sites Register	22	19	2	1	33
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	22	19	2	1	60
No. of Notices served to Compulsorily Purchase Acquisitions (CPA) (see note below)	6	5	1	0	10
No of Vesting Orders signed	2	2			2

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

Six CPAs were initiated in July and August and publicly advertised. No. 3 CPA were started in July and the time for submissions will expire at the end of August. No. 3 CPA were started in August and the time for submissions will expire at the end of September. 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:

- 5 Dock Road, Waterford City
- 61 John's Street (Apple Market), Waterford City.
- 39 The Glen, Waterford City.
- 39A The Glen, Waterford City.
- 38 The Glen, Waterford City.

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

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has launched a CPO activation programme for local authorities and have set targets for CPO/CPAs for each local authority. Waterford has been set a target of 75 vacant



and derelict properties to enter the CPO Activation Programme and 40 Compulsory Purchase Orders/ Compulsory Acquisitions to commence. These targets will be shared between the Planning and Housing Departments. In addition, the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (which applies to Waterford City, Dungarvan and Tramore) will provide funding for CPAs on a rolling basis with the objective being that these properties would then be released to the open market. €9m was allocated to Waterford City and County Council in July 2023.

### Forward Planning September Plenary Report

#### Planning SPC

The third Planning SPC meeting of this year is scheduled to take place on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September. It is intended that the meeting will focus on the following interrelated issues:

- The draft annual development plan monitoring report being prepared for submission to the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR), based on Appendix 16 of the development plan; and,
- Identifying the implementation propriety for the multiple policy objectives set out in the development plan.

It is important and timely that these issues are considered by the SPC at this juncture as the workstream identified by the SPC, in addition to statutory obligations, will form the basis of the planning policy/forward planning team workplan, and that of the SPC, for the next 12 months. Furthermore, the resulting workstream will inform next year's development plan monitoring report provided for under Section 15 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, which places a duty on each planning authority to secure the objectives of the development plan.

#### 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 this update, the determinations of An Bord Pleanála received have upheld the opinion of the planning authority, indicating that there are no matters arising which warrant the exclusion of lands from the map.

