



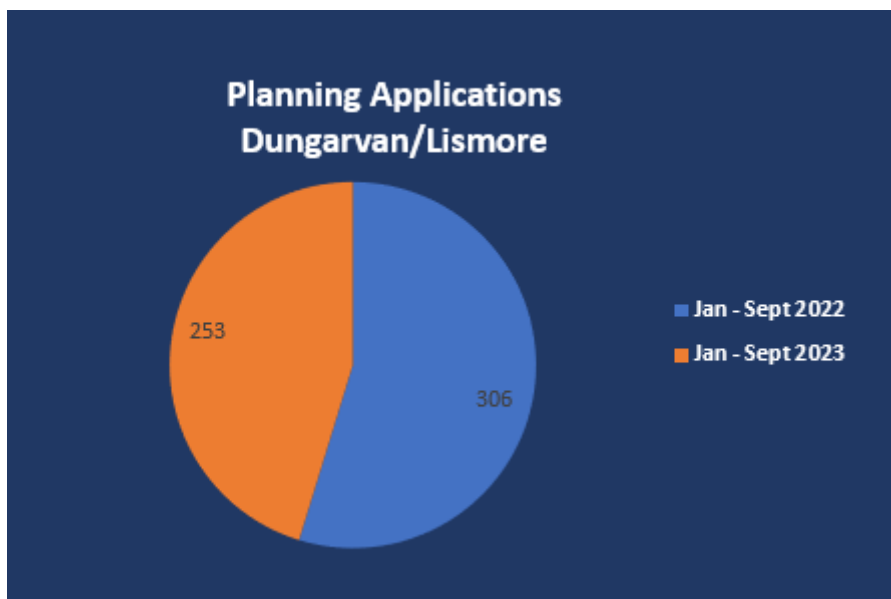
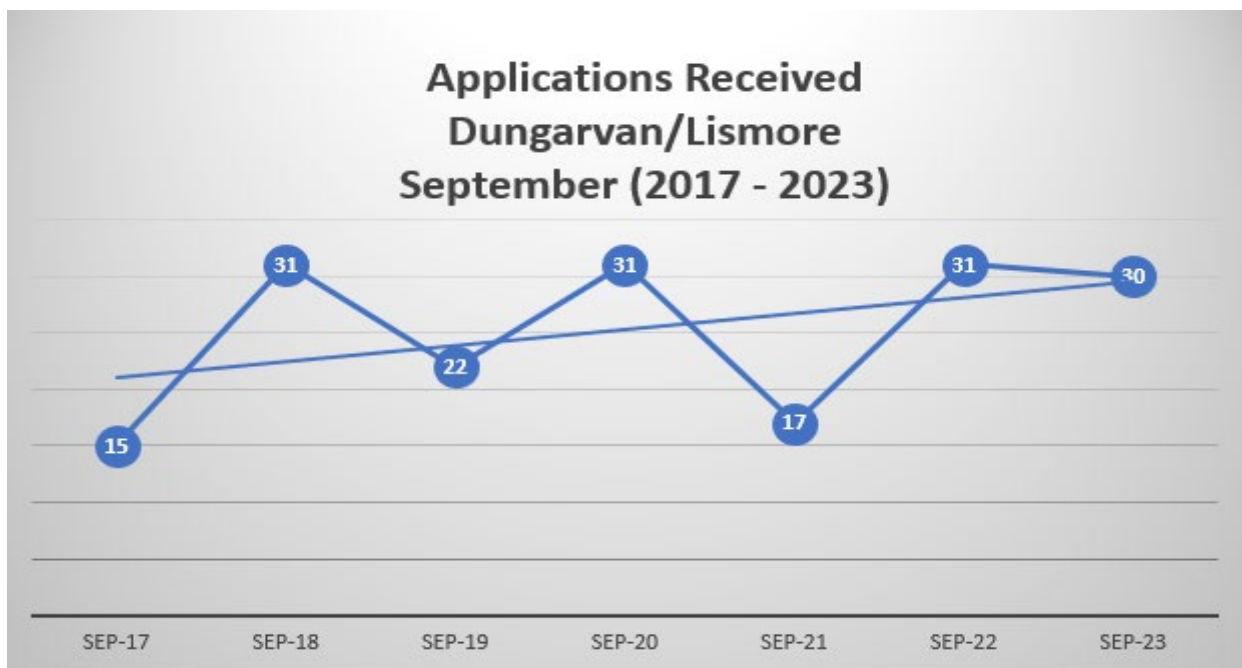
Waterford City & County Council Planning Report to Dungarvan Lismore Meeting – October 2023

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TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DUNGARVAN/LISMORE**

Planning Applications Received – Dungarvan/Lismore

30 Planning applications were received in Dungarvan/Lismore in September 2023. This compares with 31 planning applications received for the same period in 2022.

A total of 253 planning applications were received in the year to 29th September 2023. This compares to 306 planning applications which were received in the same period in 2022.

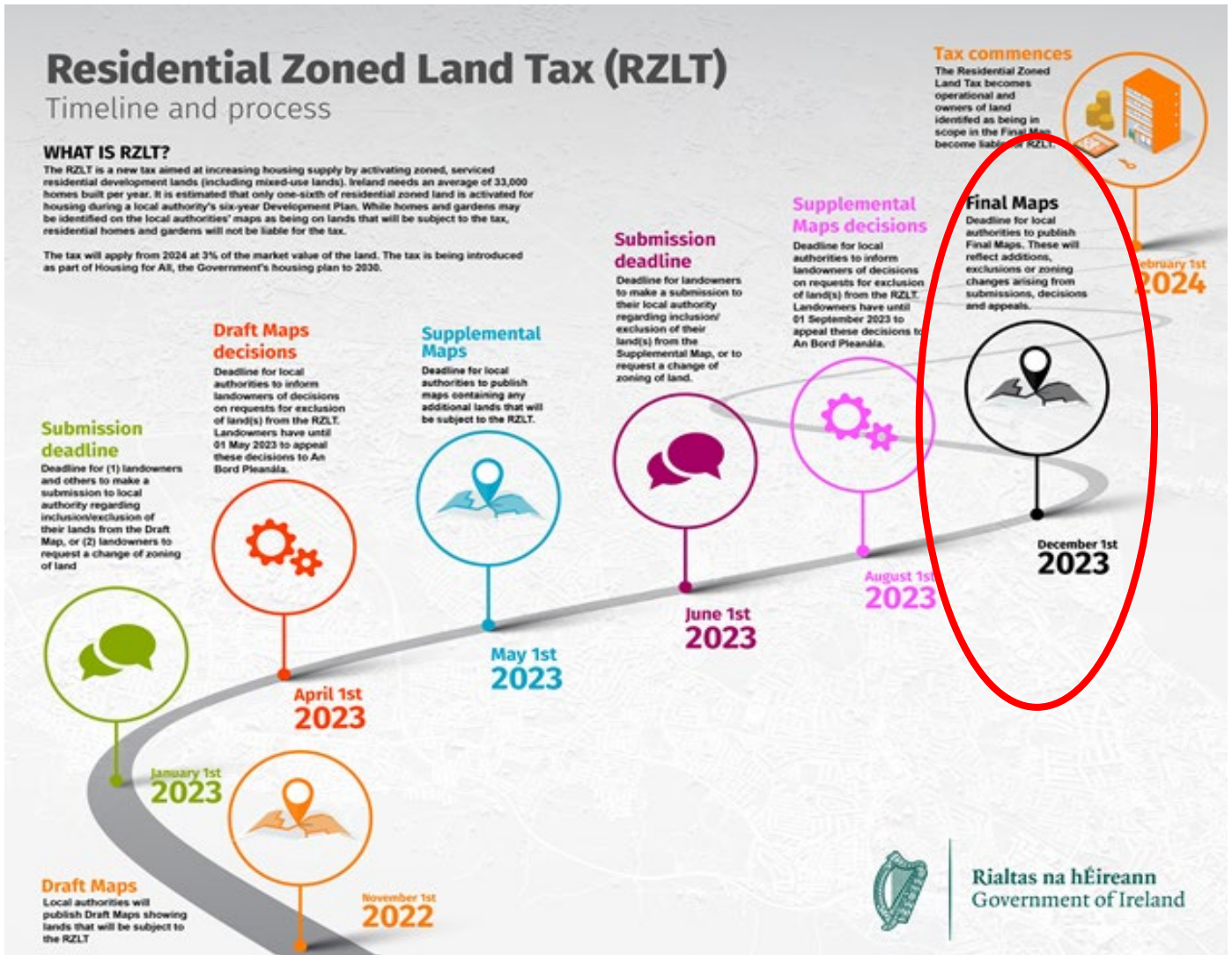




Forward Planning Report

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 1st 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.



Local Area Plans for Dungarvan/Ballinroad and Tramore

At the commencement of the process to prepare the two above LAPs, it had been intended to have draft plans available for consultation with the council and communities over the summer period. During the initial public consultation stage in February of this year a total of 29 and 45 written submissions were received respectively which will now be used to prepare the draft LAPs. Written submissions received from the National Transport Authority and the Office of the Planning Regulator however reaffirmed the need to inform both LAPs with Local Transport Plans and Surface Water Management Plans. We have been active in procuring these studies on behalf of the council and while the surface water management study is progressing at a pace, the procurement of consultants to prepare the transport plans is taking some time to complete. It is hoped however this procurement will be finalised in the coming weeks and we will have draft transport plans available to inform the draft local area plans by Q1 2024. We will continue to inform the Council of progress in this regard.



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 21st 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 28th 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 19th 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 28th and 20th 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 Stavanger Museum in Norway is planning a visit Waterford in early November 10th taking in City Hall, the Viking Triangle, Waterford Museums and the Woodstown Viking site.