



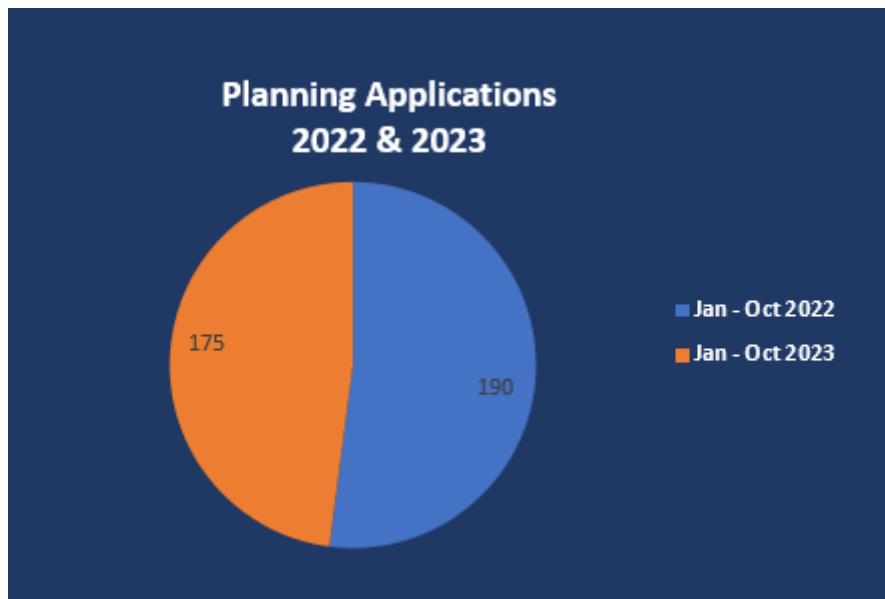
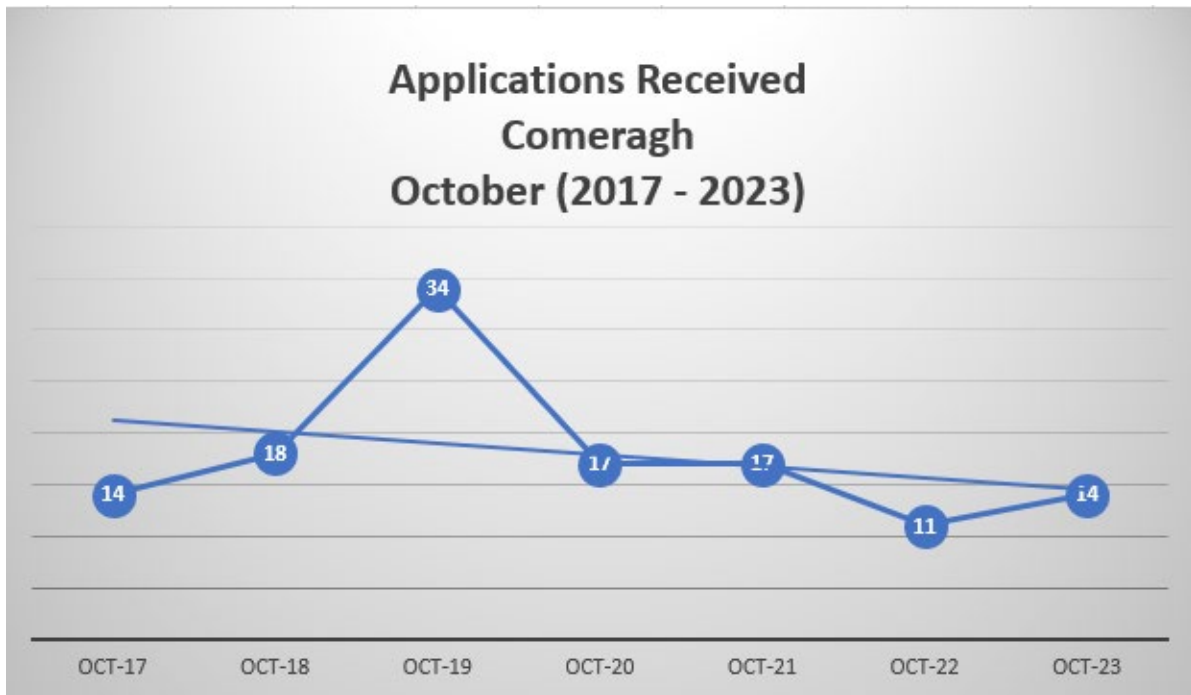
Waterford City & County Council Planning Report to Comeragh District Council – November 2023

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

Planning Applications Received – Comeragh District

14 Planning applications were received in Comeragh District in October 2023. This compares with 11 planning applications received for the same period in 2022.

A total of 175 planning applications were received in the year to 31st October 2023. This compares to 190 planning applications which were received in the same period in 2022.





DERELICT SITES REPORT

- Comeragh Municipal District = 13 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 October and the year 2023 to date. Information is broken down by MD area.

Derelict Sites	Comeragh Municipal District October 2023
No. of new files opened	1
No. of Section 8(2) Notices issued – Intention to enter site on Derelict Sites Register	0
No. of Section 8(7) Notices issued – Entry of site onto Derelict Sites Register	1
No. of Section 11 Notices issued – Measures required to render the site non-derelict	0
Number of Sites/ Properties on the Derelicts Sites Register	1
No. of Notices served to Compulsorily Purchase Acquisitions (CPA) (see note below)	0
No of Vesting Orders signed	0

Forward Planning Report

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

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 32 determinations which have generally upheld the decision of the council to include lands as being in-scope for the RZLT. Lands determined by An Bord Pleanála to be out of scope for the RZLT will be removed from the final map for 2023. A new phase of consultation relating to the draft revised annual map for 2024 will begin on 1st February 2024. This consultation process will facilitate landowners to make written submissions to the local authority and make subsequent appeals to An Bord Pleanála with regard to the content of the draft revised annual map. This revised annual map will consist of the final map from 2023 along with highlighted proposed exclusions and/or inclusions.



Heritage Officer Report

Decade of Commemorations

The final conference of the Waterford Decade of Centenaries Programme took place in the Large Room of City Hall on Saturday 21st October 9am-4pm with an excellent panel of speakers and received very well by all in attendance. The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media held a national forum for local authority commemoration co-ordinators in Dublin on October 17th and noted the interest in continuation of some level of support for further history events and community projects guided by a local authority committee. The Department will revert on proposals in the new year.

Community Monuments Fund

Four projects -Molana Abbey, Stradbally Church, Dromana House and Black Friar's in Waterford City awarded funding under the Community Monuments Fund allocated by the National Monuments Service of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to a value of €270,000 for conservation and survey of a range of archaeological sites across the city and county have been completed.

Conservation Officer Report

Built Heritage Investment Scheme and Historic Structure Scheme

20 projects were completed under this funding this year. The €500,000 worth of works provided over 900 days of employment Projects included Phase 1 of the repair to windows at the Heritage Centre in Lismore , Repair of the timberwork and plaster panels at Carnegie Library, repair of thatch roofs in Ballyvolyle, Ballinclamper, Lismore, Nire Valley and An Rinn, Repair of historic windows in The Haven Dunmore East , and funding for conservation works at Garter Lane Arts Centre Waterford City. Conservation works to the roofs of the Rylands Mortuary Chapel and the Franciscan Church in Waterford City, St Carthage Cathedral, Lismore and the windows of St Annes, Fewes were also supported.

Some projects did not go ahead due to factors such as the shortage of skilled tradespeople and in those cases the funding was reallocated to other projects. The works provided 912 days of employment and a spend of €499,000. This is only just for the conservation element of a project but in some case other works were carried out also.

The funding for 2024 is due to be announced shortly.

Historic Structures Scheme

Curraghmore House - funding of €50,000 for repair of slate roof, pediments & lead valleys, second floor structural works. Mayfield House, Portlaw - funding of €200,000 for works to stabilise walls has been transferred to next year.

HSF provided funding for 912 days of employment and generated a conservation spend of €220,000.

Fire guidance booklet for thatched properties

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage have just published a booklet with regard to Fire guidance for thatched properties. The Department will provide hard copies. The link to the document will be posted on the Department website by the end of October. All contact details will be posted on Waterford Councils social media then also.