



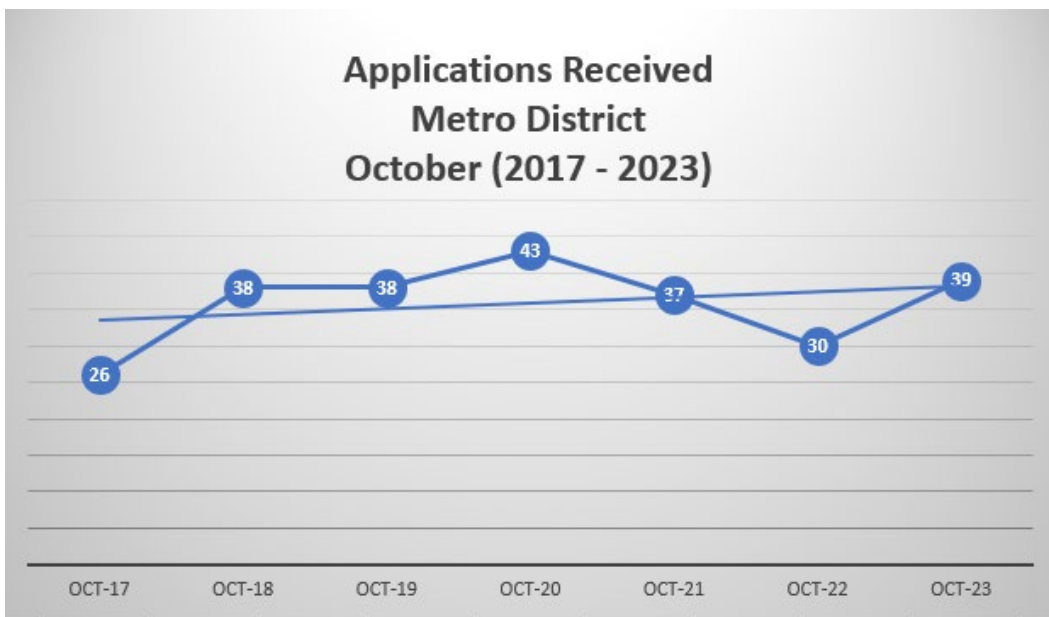
Waterford City & County Council Planning Report to Metropolitan Meeting – November 2023

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

Planning Applications Received – Metropolitan Area

39 Planning applications were received in Metropolitan Area in October 2023. This compares with 30 planning applications received for the same period in 2022.

A total of 353 planning applications were received in the year to 31st October 2023. This compares to 393 planning applications which were received in the same period in 2022.





DERELICT SITES REPORT

MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT – DERELICT SITES

Derelict Site files open.

- Waterford Metro District = 166 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.

| Derelict Sites – Metro Area | Waterford Metro District |
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| No. of new files opened | 9 |
| No. of Section 8(2) Notices issued – Intention to enter site on Derelict Sites Register | 6 |
| No. of Section 8(7) Notices issued – Entry of site onto Derelict Sites Register | 7 |
| No. of Section 11 Notices issued – Measures required to render the site non-derelict | 0 |
| Number of Sites/ Properties on the Derelicts Sites Register | 7 |
| No. of Notices served to Compulsorily Purchase Acquisitions (CPA) (see note below) | 4 |
| No of Vesting Orders signed | 0 |

COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACQUISITION OF DERELICT SITES (CPA)

4 CPAs were initiated in October and publicly advertised. The time for submissions will expire at the end of November. 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:

- 12 Lombard Street, Waterford City
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- 14 Lombard Street, Waterford City
- The Royal Bar, Lombard Street, Waterford City

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.



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 reaffirmed the need to inform both LAPs with Local Transport Plans and Surface Water Management Plans. In collaboration with the NTA 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 deliver 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.

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.

Woodstown Viking Site

Archaeologists from the Discovery Programme completed a geo-physical survey of the Woodstown Viking Site in early October. A delegation from Stavanger Museum in Norway will visit Waterford on November 10th taking in City Hall, the Viking Triangle, Waterford Museums and the Woodstown Viking site.

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, Ballinclammer, 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.



Mount Congreve

Renovation of the main section of the glasshouses is continuing, with this phase of the works due to be finished by the end of the year.

Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) Trails

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage have provided funding for the development of 2 ACA trails one in Waterford City and the other in Cappoquin. Local workshops including ones for students, were held so people could highlight what elements of the built heritage they would like to be included. This project will be completed by December.

Archaeology - Blackfriars Abbey

Repair and consolidation works at Blackfriars received €100,000 funding under the Community Monuments Fund. One of the walls adjacent to Penneys included 19th century fireplaces, part of the complex history of use of the Abbey. This phase of the works are due to be finished mid-November.