



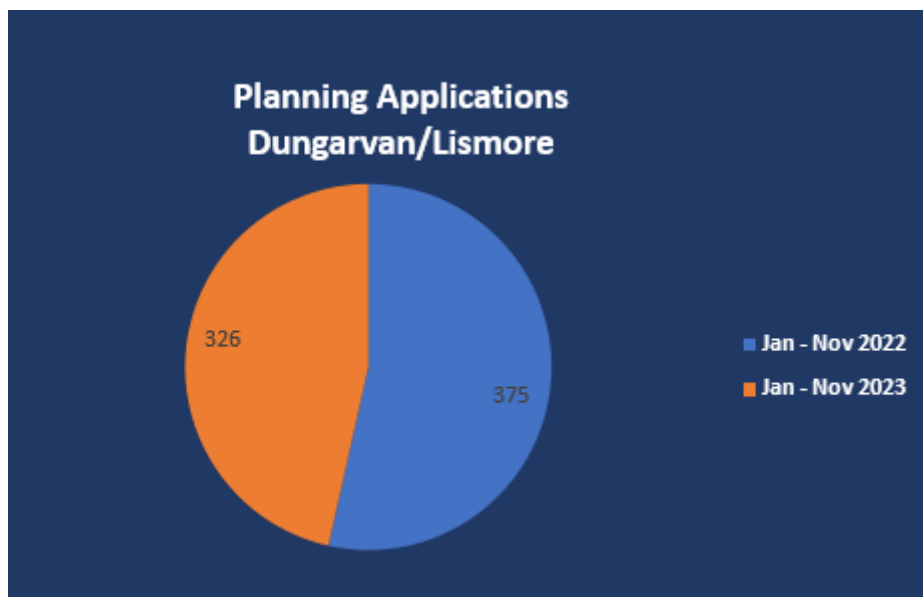
Waterford City & County Council Planning Report to Dungarvan Lismore Meeting – December 2023

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

Planning Applications Received – Dungarvan/Lismore

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

A total of 326 planning applications were received in the year to 30th November 2023. This compares to 375 planning applications which were received in the same period in 2022.





DERELICT SITES REPORT

NOVEMBER REVIEW

The Derelict sites team are currently dealing with 260 properties that are considered either derelict or potentially derelict. The activity in recent months has substantially increased with 77 derelict properties identified and on the Derelict Sites Register. 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 stage.

- Dungarvan - Lismore Municipal District = 79 Open Files.

The table below provides a snapshot of the activity in November.

Derelict Sites	Dungarvan - Lismore Municipal District
No. of new files opened	3
No. of Section 8(2) Notices issued – Intention to enter site on Derelict Sites Register	4
No. of Section 8(7) Notices issued – Entry of site onto Derelict Sites Register	-
No. of Section 11 Notices issued – Measures required to render the site non-derelict	-
No. of Notices served to Compulsorily Purchase Acquisitions (CPA) (see note below)	-
No of Vesting Orders signed	-

Heritage Officer Report

Community Monuments Fund

Four projects -Molana Abbey, Stradbally Church, Dromana House and Black Friar's in Waterford City were 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 and works have now been completed. The Community Monuments Fund 2024 is open for applications until February 14th 2023. Grants up to €100,000 are available for essential repairs and capital works for the conservation of archaeological monuments. Grants of up to €30,000 are available for Conservation Management Plans aimed at identifying measures for conservation of archaeological monuments and improving public access. All proposals should be able to illustrate some tangible public value benefit. This may include access, physical and virtual, or provision of information to the public.

Biodiversity Funding

Funding under the NPWS Local Biodiversity Action Plan Fund was used to satellite tag a number of Brent Geese earlier in 2023 and the project has been filmed by a TV company for RTE Junior which will be aired in autumn 2024. The series will feature the Dungarvan Brent Geese and pupils from St. Mary's National School and trace the tagged geese on their journey to Iceland Arctic Canada.

Biodiversity Officer

Waterford City and County Council are partaking in the Heritage Council supported Biodiversity Officer Programme and a Biodiversity Officer will be in post in the local authority in early 2024.



Forward Planning

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

The final map of lands identified as being in-scope for the RZLT has now been published by Waterford City and County Council and all local authorities across the country. The final map has had regard to the determinations of An Bord Pleanála on all appeals and recent circular letter from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The final map is available on the council website.

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 recently published final map along with highlighted proposed exclusions and/or inclusions.

Local Area Plans for Dungarvan/Ballinroad and Tramore

In order to fully inform the new local area plans, we have recently advertised for the procurement of consultants to prepare local transport plans for Tramore and Dungarvan/ Ballinroad. It is intended that the transport plans can be prepared in Q1 of 2024 and once at draft stage they can undergo public consultation while also informing the draft local area plans. Therefore, draft local area plans should be available in early Q2 for public consultation. We will continue to inform the Council of progress in this regard.