



Waterford City & County Council Planning Report to Metropolitan Meeting – January 2024

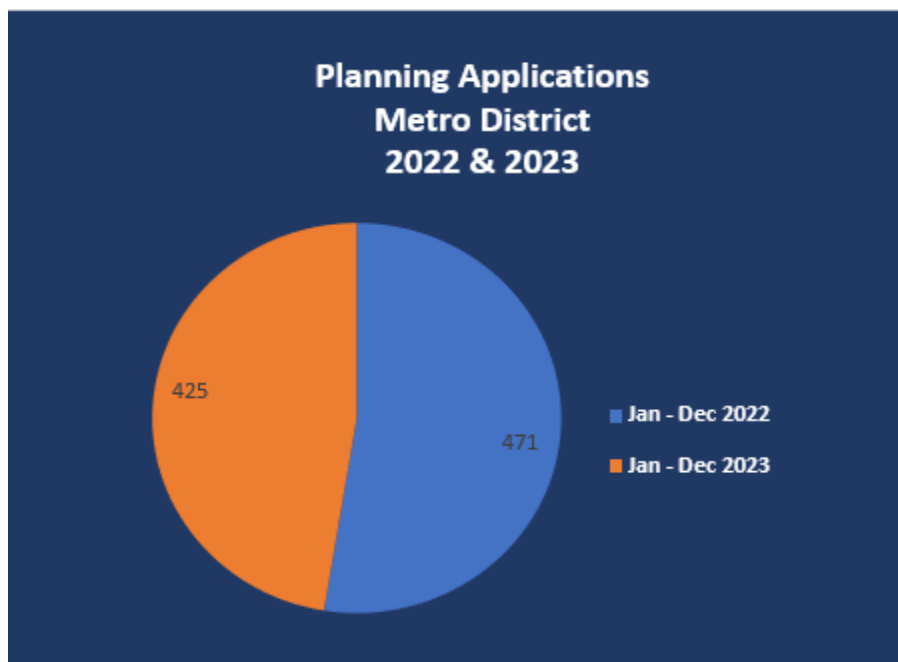
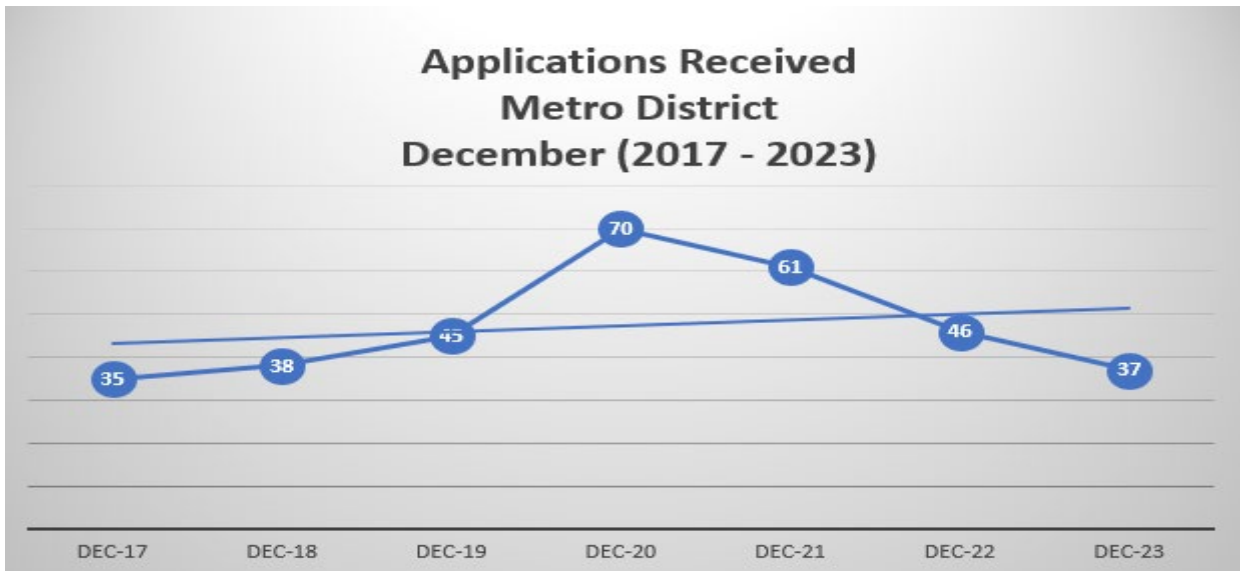
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TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF WATERFORD

Planning Applications Received – Metropolitan Area

37 Planning applications were received in Metropolitan Area in December 2023. This compares with 46 planning applications received for the same period in 2022.

A total of 425 planning applications were received in 2023. This compares to 471 planning applications which were received in the same period in 2022.

1008 applications were received countywide in 2023 compared to 1089 in 2022.





DERELICT SITES REPORT

The activity in recent months has substantially increased with 81 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.

Link to register: <https://waterford-ie.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/7ec4239f21e641f2abc1ddc3d4eb3600>

 **81**
Derelict Sites



Details below are of the sites currently displayed on the map. Note: List changes depending on the geographic area shown

Reference	Action Taken	Property Known As	Address	Eircode
DS23001	Section 15 Issued: 15/06/2023 Section 8(2) Issued: 30/01/2023 Section 8(7) Issued: 14/02/2023	Kings Pub	8 Lombard Street, Waterford	X91 K124
DS23003	Section 8(2) Issued: 16/11/1999 Section 8(7) Issued: 16/12/1999	The Gate Lodge	Gate Lodge, Factory Road, Portlaw, Co. Waterford	
DS23004	Section 8(2) Issued: 16/12/1999 Section 8(7) Issued: 04/12/2004	Mayfield House (Old Tannery Offices)	Mayfield Hse (Old Tannery Offices), Factory Road, Portlaw	
DS23005	Section 8(2) Issued: 16/11/1999 Section 8(7) Issued: 16/12/1999		8 & 9 Upper Carrick Road, Portlaw, Co. Waterford	X91T9Y5
DS23006	Section 8(2) Issued: 27/09/2005 Section 8(7) Issued: 19/12/2005		Knockreha, Rathgormack, Co. Waterford	
DS23007	Section 8(2) Issued: 27/09/2005 Section 8(7) Issued: 19/12/2005		Kilmanahan, Ballymacarby, Co. Waterford	176/05
DS23008	Section 9 Issued: 23/07/2015 Section 8(2) Issued: 27/09/2005 Section 8(7) Issued: 19/12/2005		Kilnamack, CLONMEL CO. WATERFORD	
DS23009	Section 8(2) Issued: 27/04/2006 Section 8(7) Issued: 12/07/2006	Old Tannery, Portlaw & associated site and buildings	Portlaw, Co. Waterford	
DS23010			Chapel Lane, Clashmore, Co. Waterford	
DS23011			Green Street, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford	
DS23012			Green Street, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford	

The level of activity in the property market for vacant and derelict properties has increased and of the properties we have identified as derelict, a number of them have been brought to the market and some are at 'to let' / 'sale agreed' stage. We continue the engagement with the new owners of those properties to ensure they are aware of their responsibilities under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990. Due to the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant, there is a noticeable increase in the number of derelict and vacant properties on the market at the current time.

Community Monuments Fund 2024

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage launched a **Call for Projects for the Community Monuments Fund 2024** on the 16th November 2023. Funding is prioritised for local authorities, private owners and custodians and community groups for the care, conservation, maintenance, protection and promotion of archaeological monuments.

Total funding available nationally for projects under Community Monuments Fund 2024 will be €7,000,000.

The Community Monuments Fund invests in archaeological heritage and helps owners and custodians of archaeological monuments to safeguard them into the future for the benefit of communities and the public.

The core aims of this Fund are the conservation, maintenance, protection and presentation of archaeological monuments. It will:

- **enable** conservation works to be carried out on monuments which are deemed to be significant and in need of urgent support
- **build** resilience in our monuments to enable them to withstand the effects of climate change
- **encourage** access to monuments and improve their presentation.

The Department encourages project promoters to incorporate a traditional skills training element in projects.



The Community Monuments Fund has 3 Streams:

- **Stream 1** will offer grants up to €100,000 aimed at essential repairs and capital works for the conservation and repair of archaeological monuments
- **Stream 2** will offer grants of up to €30,000 for development of Conservation Management Plans/Reports that are aimed at identifying measures for conservation of archaeological monuments and improving public access.
- **Stream 3** will offer grants of up to €30,000 for enhancement of access infrastructure and interpretation (including virtual/online) at archaeological monuments.

The Community Monuments Fund provides funding for projects in relation to:

- Archaeological Monuments that are included in the Record of Monuments and Places (RMP) under the National Monuments Act 1930 (as amended)
- Archaeological Monuments that are identified in the Sites and Monuments Record compiled by the National Monuments Service.

Eligible projects will be drawn from the following categories:

- projects proposed by a Local Authority in relation to **archaeological monuments in public ownership**, where a clear heritage focus and community or public benefit has been demonstrated
- projects proposed by a Local Authority on foot of applications from **private applicants who are the owners or custodians of relevant archaeological monuments** where there is a tangible public benefit
- projects with a clearly defined heritage focus and community or public benefit proposed directly to the department by a **State-funded organisation** working in the heritage area.

Last date for submission of projects for consideration is close of business on the 14th of February 2024

A Regulatory Impact Analysis for the Planning and Development Bill 2023 is available here:

[Regulatory Impact Analysis of the Planning and Development Bill 2023](#)

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.