

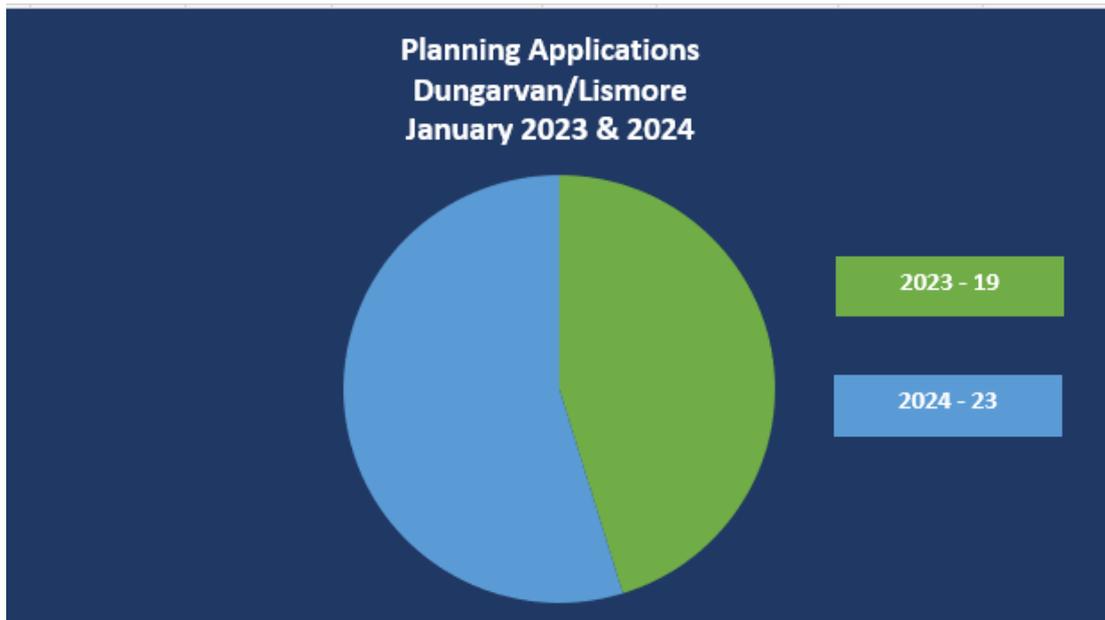
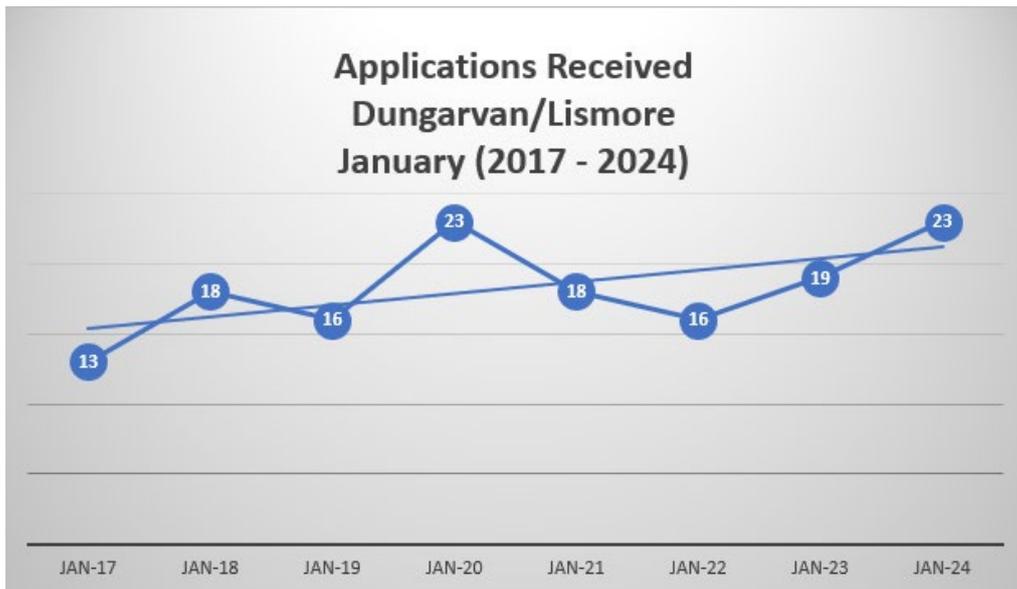


**Waterford City & County Council Planning Report to Dungarvan Lismore Meeting – February 2024**

**DO: GACH BALL DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH DHÚN GARBHÁN/LEASA MHÓIR  
TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DUNGARVAN/LISMORE**

**Planning Applications Received – Dungarvan/Lismore**

23 Planning applications were received in Dungarvan/Lismore up to 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024. This compares with 19 planning applications received for the same period in 2023.





## DECEMBER/ JANUARY REVIEW – DERELICT SITES

The Derelict sites team are currently dealing with 263 properties that are considered either derelict or potentially derelict. 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.

- Dungarvan - Lismore Municipal District = 81\* Open Files.

The table below provides a snapshot of the activity in December '23/ January '24. All data displayed is in draft form as we are currently switching IT systems from WatMaps to CRM. A full and complete breakdown will be provided for the March '24 Report.

Derelict Sites	Dungarvan - Lismore Municipal District
No. of new files opened	2*
No. of Section 8(2) Notices issued – Intention to enter site on Derelict Sites Register	-*
No. of Section 8(7) Notices issued – Entry of site onto Derelict Sites Register	4*
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	-

\*As of 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Please note figures are in draft form and an up-to-date breakdown will be provided in the March '24 Report this is due to the Derelict Sites Team switching IT systems from WatMaps to CRM.

## COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACQUISITION OF DERELICT SITES (CPA)

We commenced the CPA programme in 2023 and the Table below sets out work carried out by the team to date.

Year	No. of CPA's Commenced	Current Status
2023	24	No. 4 Vested into the ownership of the Council and lodged in PRA. Of the three properties two are on the market for sale.
		No. 3 Properties CPA stopped, and Council are in the process of purchasing by agreement.
		No. 13 Objections to CPA received and have been referred to An Bord Pleanála for consent to CPA.
		No. 4 Early Stage of CPA process.

In addition, the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund will provide funding for CPA's on a rolling basis for Waterford/ Dungarvan and Tramore with the objective being that these properties would then be sold on the open market. A particular emphasis will be on properties that have potential for residential use. It is important to note that only properties that have been pre-approved by the Department Housing, Heritage and Local Government can access this funding.

## DERELICT SITE LEVY

Determination of valuations on the derelict sites which are on the Derelict Sites Register has commenced and notices have issued to 58 property owners. Eight properties have appealed the valuation to the Valuation Tribunal and a decision is awaited. The levy is an annual levy while the property remains on the Derelict Sites Register and amounts to 7% of the value of the property, on an annual basis. This will be further progressed in 2024.



## Conservation Officers Report

### 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 finished in Spring of 2024

## Heritage Officer Report

### Community Monuments Fund 2024

Waterford City and County Council invites applications for the Community Monuments Fund 2024 which provides funding for the care, conservation, maintenance, protection and promotion of archaeological monuments (sites pre1700).

Grants up to €100,000 for essential repairs and capital works for the conservation of archaeological monuments are available for 3 projects in this category.

Grants of up to €30,000 for the development of Conservation Management Plans/Reports and detailed Specification of Works aimed at identifying measures for conservation of archaeological monuments and improving public access are available for 2 projects in this category.

Grants of up to €30,000 for the enhancement of access infrastructure and interpretation (including virtual/online) at archaeological monuments are available for 2 projects in this category. Details are available on <https://www.waterfordcouncil.ie/media/grants/index.htm>

Applications (CMF Form A ) and Method Statement should be submitted by e-mail to [bguest@waterfordcouncil.ie](mailto:bguest@waterfordcouncil.ie) or in hard copy to Heritage Officer, Menapia Building, The Mall, Waterford City no later than **4pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024**.

### Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2024

**The Heritage Council's Community Heritage Grant Scheme will open in February 2024.** This is for community/voluntary and not-for-profit organisations nationwide to apply for funding for heritage projects and details will be available on <https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/funding/funding-schemes>