

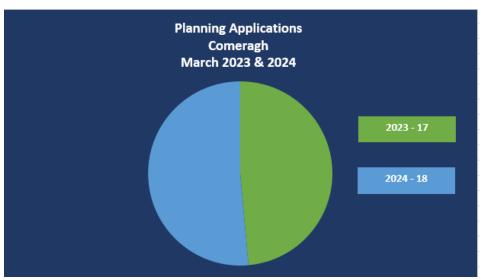
Waterford City & County Council Planning Report to Comeragh District Meeting - April 2024

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Planning Applications Received – Comeragh District

18 Planning applications were received in the Comeragh District in March 2024. This compares with 17 planning applications received for the same period in 2023.



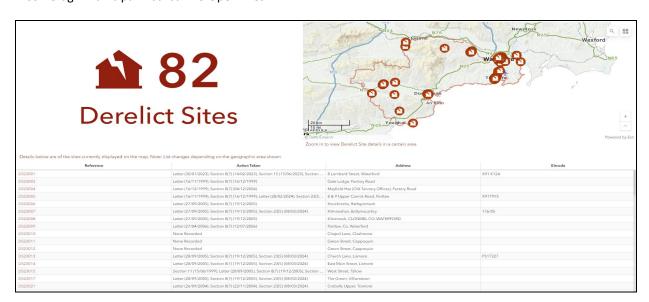




Derelict Sites

The Derelict Sites Team are currently dealing with 280 properties that are considered either derelict or potentially derelict. The activity in recent weeks has substantially increased with 82 derelict 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.

• Comeragh Municipal District = 15 Open Files.



The table below provides a snapshot of the activity in March '24.

Derelict Sites	Comeragh District
No. of new files opened	-
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	-
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	-

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.

Forward Planning

Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) Draft Annual Revised Map

On the 1st of February last, Waterford City and County Council prepared and published the RZLT draft annual revised map for the 2025 tax liability year where the following general stages apply to the annual mapping process:

 Publication of a draft annual revised map followed by a 2-month period of public consultation, accompanied by placement of advertisements in local press and across Waterford Council social media accounts.



- Receipt of written submissions from landowners and consideration thereof.
- Notification of written determinations made by Waterford Council to the relevant landowners who made written submissions to the draft map.
- Making of appeals to An Bord Pleanála where landowners are aggrieved by the determination of the council.
- Publication of final annual revised map at the start of the relevant tax liability year followed by a repeat of the process to prepare a new draft annual revised map.

The public consultation period has now ended and a total of 12 written submissions have been received, the details of which will be posted on the council consultation portal consult.waterfordcouncil.ie in the coming days. We will keep the plenary council updated on principal issues arising during the process of preparing the final annual revised map throughout the year.

Heritage Officer Report

Heritage Plan Grant Scheme

All four projects submitted to the Heritage Council's Heritage Plan Fund have been successful and funding has been allocated to Phase 2 of the Ardmore Head Goat Grazing project, was featured in the Sunday Times on March 31st, Community Heritage Signage, Project Management Services for the Woodstown Viking Site and Heritage Outreach events.

Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2024

Over 10 applications have been submitted from community groups across the county for the Heritage Council's Community Heritage Grant Scheme. The fund is open to community/voluntary and not-for-profit organisations for heritage projects which must be completed by 15th of November 2024. Last year, seven Waterford-based projects were funded through the scheme. These included the restoration of an 18th century oil painting of the Medieval Cathedral in Waterford and the funding conservation management report of a Well House at Mount Melleray Abbey.

Community Monuments Scheme

Six applications have been submitted from projects across the City and County under the Community Monuments Scheme 2024 which provides funding for the conservation and interpretation of archaeological sites and monuments pre-1700. The outcome of the application process will be known by end of April.

Conservation Officer

Waterford receives €506,693 in funding for Built Heritage

Malcolm Noonan TD, Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has announced funding under 2 schemes for Protected Structures and historic buildings - the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2024 and the Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2024.

In Waterford, funding of €242,400 will be provided for 27 projects for private and public buildings in the city and county under the BHIS scheme. This will support works such as the repair of historic roofs, walls and chimneys, repair of joinery and repair of historic stained glass. This funding also includes €73,793 which has been ring- fenced specifically for thatch house projects.

Under the Historic Structure Fund €264,000 has been allocated for 4 projects €50,000 for Mount Melleray €50,000 Whitfield Court, €50,000 for Curraghmore House and €114,000 for St Augustine's Church, Abbeyside, Dungarvan