



Waterford City & County Council Planning Report to Metropolitan Meeting – January 2025

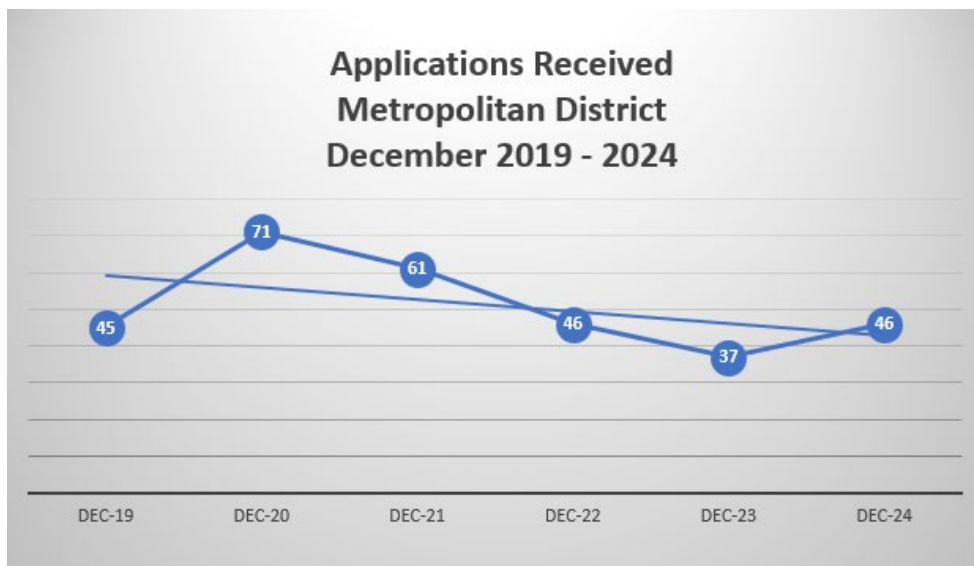
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TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF WATERFORD

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED – Metropolitan Area

46 Planning applications were received in Metropolitan Area in December 2024. This compares with 37 planning applications received for the same period in 2023.

455 applications have been received in the Metropolitan Area in 2024 with 425 applications received in 2023.



HERITAGE OFFICER REPORT

Waterford Heritage Strategy

Waterford City and County Heritage Forum has prepared a Draft Heritage Strategy covering the period 2025-2030. The Heritage Strategy sets out strategic objectives relevant to all aspects of heritage including archaeology, built, cultural, intangible and natural heritage which will guide annual action plans to achieve those objectives. 10 submissions were received under the public consultation process and these will inform the final strategy which will be published in early 2025.

Funding schemes for 2025

The Heritage Organisation Support Fund (HOSF), which provides financial support to not-for-profit NGOs working in the heritage sector, is now open for applications.

<https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/content/images/Heritage-Organisations-Support-Fund-2024.pdf>

The Heritage Stewardship Fund, which provides financial support for staff in local authorities, state agencies and educational institutions with responsibility for heritage programmes, is now open for applications.

<https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/content/images/Heritage-Stewardship-Funding-2024.pdf>

The 2025 Community Monuments Fund is now open for applications until January 31st.



- Stream 1 offers grants of up to €100,000 aimed at essential repairs and capital works for the conservation of archaeological monuments.
- Stream 2 offers grants up to €30,000 for development of Conservation Management Plans/Reports/Assessments and detailed Specification of Works that are aimed at identifying measures for conservation and maintenance of archaeological monuments.
- Stream 3 offers grants of up to €30,000 for enhancement of access infrastructure, interpretation projects and small scale emergency conservation works at archaeological monuments.

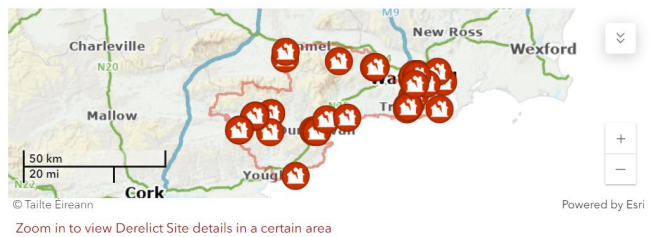
Details on www.waterfordcouncil.ie or contact the Heritage Officer directly.

ACTIVE LAND MANAGEMENT AND DERELICT SITES TEAM

The team is currently addressing a total of 306 properties classified as either derelict or potentially derelict. In recent weeks and months, there has been a significant increase in activity, with 97 properties now listed on the Derelict Sites Register. Initial engagement with property owners or their representatives is crucial for resolving dereliction issues and gaining insights into the various factors contributing to the properties' current state. Please find below a detailed breakdown by Municipal District:

- Total Derelict Site Files Open **306**
- Waterford Metro District: **187** Open Files

 **97**
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	Address	Eircode
DS24009	Section 8(2) (03/05/2024), Section 8(7) (19/06/2024)	Strand House, The Strand	X91AX80
DS24021	First Correspondence Letter (07/08/2024), Section 8(...)	18 Convent Street, Tallow	P51N2C1
DS24033	First Correspondence Letter (11/07/2024), Section 8(...)	Saraville, Deelish	X35FF67
DS24036	First Correspondence Letter (05/06/2024), Section 8(...)	2 Rockmount, Knockboy Heights, Knockboy	X91KN8Y
DS24041	First Correspondence Letter (11/07/2024), Section 8(...)	Stradbally More, Stradbally	X42HD71
DS24042	First Correspondence Letter (04/07/2024), Section 8(...)	THE REG, 2 The Mall	X91W866
DS24049	First Correspondence Letter (26/09/2024), Section 8(...)	11 Beech Grove, Greenfields	X91E6CC
DS24067	Section 8(2) (17/10/2024), Section 8(7) (14/11/2024)	West Street, Tallow	

Select a Derelict Site to view its location, along with additional information, on the map

The level of activity in the property market concerning vacant and derelict properties has notably increased. Among the properties we have identified as derelict, several have been reintroduced to the private market voluntarily, with some currently at the 'sale agreed' or 'to let' stages. We are actively engaging with the new owners of these properties to ensure they are fully informed of their obligations under the Derelict Sites Act 1990. Additionally, the introduction of the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant has contributed to a significant rise in the number of derelict and vacant properties available on the market at this time.

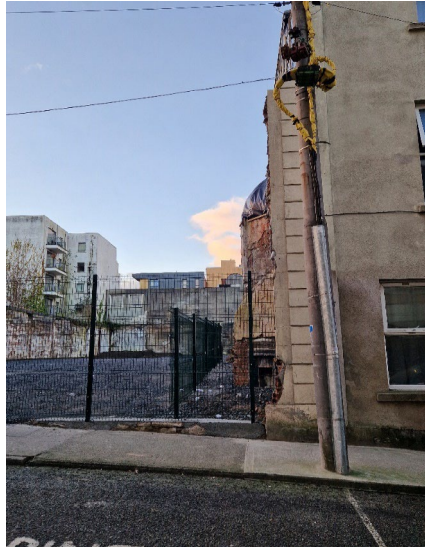
Derelict Sites	Waterford Metro District
No. of new files opened	2
No. of Section 8(2) Notices issued – Intention to enter the site on Derelict Sites Register	6
No. of Section 8(7) Notices issued – Entry of site onto Derelict Sites Register	1
No. of Section 11 Notices issued – Measures required to render the site non-derelict	-
No. of Notices served to Compulsorily Purchase Acquisitions (CPA) (see note below)	1
No of Vesting Orders signed	-



In December 2024, the derelict sites team successfully collaborated with property owners to restore these properties, thereby alleviating their derelict status. Many of these properties also participated in the Urban Façade Improvement Scheme, administered by the Economic Development Department. Please find below a selection of before and after images for your review.



Front Elevation from 7 Thomas Street, Waterford. Before



Front Elevation from 7 Thomas Street, Waterford. After Site Cleared



Front Elevation from 52 Manor Street, Before



Front Elevation from 52 Manor Street, After

COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACQUISITION OF DERELICT SITES (CPA)

In December, 1 CPA was initiated and publicly advertised. The deadline for submissions will conclude on the 21st of January 2025. Should there be no objections to this CPA, the Council will proceed with the vesting process, during which applications for registration of title will be submitted to the Property Registration Authority.