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**Board Direction**  
**BD-000413-18**  
**ABP-300575-18**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.

The Board determined, generally in accordance with the inspector's recommendation, that, based on the information before it, the site is not a vacant site within the meaning of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015, for the following reasons and considerations.

### **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to:

- (a) The information submitted to the Board by the Planning Authority in relation to the entry of the site on the Vacant Sites Register.
- (b) The grounds of appeal submitted by the appellant.
- (c) The report of the Inspector.
- (d) The physical condition of the site,
- (e) the lack of anti-social behaviour in the area and
- (f) the reduction in the number of people living in the area between 2011 and 2016.

The Board considered that the reduction in the number of people living in the area between 2011 and 2016 was not necessarily affected by the vacancy of the site and that it is appropriate that a notice be issued to the Planning Authority to cancel the entry on the Vacant Sites Register.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation, the Board, while agreeing that the site is not neglected or ruinous and that there is no evidence of

anti-social behaviour, considered that there is insufficient evidence that the population decline in the area was affected by the existence of the site.

**Board Member**

**Date:** 06/06/2018

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