

Board Direction BD-002550-19 ABP-302873-18

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on March 11th 2019.

The Board determined, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, that, based on the information before it, the site was not a vacant site for the period of twelve months prior to the entry on the Vacant Sites register, within the meaning of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015, as amended, 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 absence of sufficient evidence to support the contention of the planning authority that the site was vacant and idle for the period of 12 months preceding the date of placing the site on the register, and (e) the inclusion of lands within the boundary of the vacant site subject to the Section 7(3) Notice which are not within the area included in Map 4, potential areas for regeneration in the Muine Bheag/Royal Oak Local Area Plan, 2017-2023

It is considered that it is appropriate that a notice be issued to the planning authority to cancel the entry on the Vacant Sites Register.

Board Member

Date: 11th March 2019

Philip Jones