



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Direction
BD-003195-19
ABP-303497-19

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 31st May, 2019.

The Board determined that, based on the information before it, the site was not a vacant site for the period concerned, as set out in the entry in the Vacant Sites Register, for the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations.

Having regard to:

- (a) The information placed before the Board by the Planning Authority in relation to the entry of the site on the Vacant Sites Register, including its consideration in response to the appeal that the site should be removed from the Register,
- (b) The grounds of appeal submitted by the appellant,
- (c) The report of the Inspector, including the details of his inspection of the site,
- (d) The recorded date of site inspection, (10th October 2018) provided by the Planning Authority in its submitted documentation,
- (e) 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.

The Board considered 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 to confirm the entry on the Vacant Sites Register, the Board, while acknowledging the recorded date of site inspection (10th October 2018) provided by the planning authority, it also noted the lack of any evidence of any prior inspections by the planning authority of the subject site, and the absence of sufficient evidence to support the contention of the planning authority that the site was vacant or idle for the period of 12 months preceding the date of placing the site on the register.

Board Member

Date: 31/05/2019

Terry Prendergast