

Board Direction BD-004080-19 ABP-303518-19

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 20.09.2019.

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 within the meaning of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015, as amended, 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 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 most recent purchase of the site which occurred prior to it becoming residential land, and before, on or after the commencement of section 63 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act, 2018,
- (e) The recorded date of site inspection, (29th August 2018) provided by the Planning Authority in its submitted documentation, and
- (f) 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 considers that it is appropriate that a notice be issued to the Planning Authority who shall cancel the entry on the Vacant Sites Register.

Board Member

Date: 20/09/2019

Terry Prendergast