

Board Direction BD-002979-19 ABP-303544-19

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 8th May 2019.

The Board determined, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, that, based on the information before it, the site was 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 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) Other.

The Board considers that it is appropriate that a notice be issued to the Planning Authority to confirm the entry on the Vacant Sites Register.

Note: The Board noted that subsequent to the appeal submission, a commencement notice had been entered on the building control register (13th February 2019) for the site, and that construction work was underway on the day of the Inspector's site visit. The Board directs the appellant to section 10 of the 2015 Act and notes that the obligation to notify the planning authority of any changes to the status of the site is on the owner, as follows:

- (1) The owner of a vacant site that stands entered on the register under section 6(2) shall notify the planning authority in whose functional area the site is located if it is no longer vacant or idle,
- (2) If, at any time, a planning authority is satisfied that a site that stands entered on the register under section 6 (2) is no longer a vacant site it shall cancel the entry on the register in respect of that site.

Board Member		Date:	08/05/2019
	Maria FitzGerald		