

Board Direction BD-003740-19 ABP-303914-19

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 7th August 2019.

The Board determined that the site was no longer a vacant site 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 placed before 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 removal of graffiti from the public realm,
- (e) The erection of hoarding,
- (f) The provision of sports facilities on part of the site,
- (g) The lack of visibility of the interior of the site from the public realm,

it was considered that, while the majority of the site remains vacant and idle, the site no longer has adverse effects on existing amenities or reduces the amenity provided by existing infrastructure and facilities in the area and no longer has adverse effects on the character of the area. The Board considered that it is appropriate that a notice be issued to the planning authority who shall cancel the entry on the Vacant Sites Register and cancel the demand for payment.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to confirm the demand for payment, the Board did not agree that the site continued to have adverse effects on the character or the amenities of the area.

Board Member

Date: 08.08.2019