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Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 9th October 2019.

The Board determined, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, that, based on the information before it, the site is 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 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 residential zoning objective pertaining to the site,
- (e) That there is a need for housing in the area having regard to the provisions of the core strategy and the housing strategy and policies and objectives set out in the Laois County Development Plan 2017-2023 and the Joint Spatial Plan for the Greater Carlow Graiguecullen Urban Area 2012-2018,
- (f) That the site is suitable for the provision of housing by reference to the provision of public infrastructure and facilities (within the meaning of section 48 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended) necessary to enable housing to be provided and serviced,
- (g) That the majority of the site is vacant or idle, there is a need for housing in the

area, the site is suitable for the provision of housing, and that insufficient reason is put forward to cancel entry on the Vacant Sites Register.

(h) The Board is satisfied that the site was a vacant site for the relevant period.

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.

Board Member

Date: 09/10/2019

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