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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 09/04/2020

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 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 Planning Inspector,
(d) 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,
(e) Documentation submitted with the appeal which confirms that the site or a majority of the site is being used for a purpose (agricultural use) that does not consist solely or primarily of the provision of housing,
(f) the most recent purchase of the site occurred before it became residential land.

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.

In deciding not to accept the recommendation of the Inspector, the Board noted the written correspondence submitted with the appeal relating to the use of the land for agricultural purposes and stating that it continues to be used for these purposes.

Board Member
Date: 09/04/2020
Chris McGarry

