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The submissions on this file, including the planning authority's response to the Board's section 132 notice, and the Inspector's report were considered at a further Board meeting held on 11/05/2022.

The Board decided to CONFIRM the demand for payment of vacant site levy as calculated as the planning authority for the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the information placed before the Board by the Planning Authority, the grounds of appeal submitted by the appellant and the report of the Inspector, it is considered that,

- (a) it has not been shown that the site was no longer a vacant site within the meaning of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015, as amended, on 1 January in the year concerned, or that the amount of the levy has been incorrectly calculated in respect of the site by the planning authority, and
- (b) the site continued to be a vacant site on the date on which the appeal was made.

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Note:

On receipt of the planning authority's response to the Board's section 132 notice, the Board consulted its record of the Vacant Sites Register as updated on the 23rd of July 2022 (printed from the planning authority's website on the 24th March 2022 and placed on the file) and noted that the entries had been recorded in order of the date they had been entered on the register (rather than by site reference number). The Board also noted that the subject site reference number (SL-VS-5) was listed on this record of the register (4th from the end).

Board Member

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Date: 11/05/2022

John Connolly