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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 29/03/2022.

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 Planning Inspector,
- (d) The site was for the period of 2020 unsuitable for the provision of housing, because the site was not served by the public infrastructure and facilities (within the meaning of section 48 of the Act of 2000) necessary to enable housing to be provided and serviced, thus for the period concerned the site was not in accordance with section 5(1)(a)(ii) as defined by section 6(5)(b) of the 2015 Act (as amended), of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 (as amended),

the Board is satisfied that the site was not a vacant site on the 1st January 2020 and was not a vacant site on 23rd April 2021, the date on which the appeal was made.

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The Board considered it appropriate that a notice be issued to the planning authority who shall cancel the demand for payment.

Note: The Board noted that the planning authority has previously cancelled the entry on the Vacant Sites Register in respect of this area of land, on foot of the Board's Order of the 11th day of May 2021 in the case of a previous appeal (Reg. Ref. ABP-307450-20).

Board Member

John Connolly

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