

Board Direction BD-016927-24 ABP-317500-23

At a meeting help on 05/07/24, the Board considered the objections made to the Compulsory Purchase Order, the report of its Inspector as well as the documents and submissions on file.

The Board decided to refuse to grant consent to the compulsory acquisition of the site at Units 3 and 5, Harriston Student Village, Old Cratloe Road, Limerick based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Consideration

Having regard to the current unsightly and objectionable condition of the site, having considered the objection made to the compulsory acquisition, and also:

- a) The constitutional and Convention protection afforded to property rights,
- b) The public interest, and
- c) The provisions of the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028,

it is considered that the site detracts to a material degree from the amenity, character and appearance of land in the neighbourhood and therefore, comes within the

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definition of a derelict site as defined in section 3 (b) of the Derelict Sites Act 1990, as amended. Notwithstanding this, taking account of the minor interventions required to take the property out of dereliction, the Board does not consider it reasonable that the local authority now seeks to compulsorily acquire the land (at this point in time), as provided by Section 14 of the Act.

Date: 05/07/2024

Board Member

Joe Boland

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