

Board Direction BD-016380-24 ABP-318579-23

At a meeting help on 21/05/24, 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 consent to the compulsory acquisition of the site at Lower Knockane Road, Newcastle West, County Limerick based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Notwithstanding the current unsightly and objectionable condition of the site which detracts to a material degree from the amenity, character and appearance of the surrounding land in the neighbourhood, taking account of the evidence of the ongoing efforts being made by the Notice Party to address the dereliction on site, the Board does not consider it reasonable that the Local Authority now seeks to compulsorily acquire the land as provided by Section 14 of the Act and that sufficient time was not afforded to the Notice Party to resolve matters.

In disagreeing with the recommendation of its Inspector to grant consent to the compulsory acquisition, the Board noted the remedial works carried out to date as well as a planning application lodged by the Notice Party which is currently before the Planning Authority. The Board further noted that there were alternative statutory provisions available to the Local Authority to address remaining issues on site.

Board Member Date: 22/05/2024

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