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**Board Direction**  
**BD-017162-24**  
**ABP-318808-24**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 01/08/2024.

The Board determined that

- the site was a vacant site for the year 2021, and
- the amount of the levy has been correctly calculated in respect of the vacant site.

The demand for payment of the vacant site levy under Section 15 of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 is, therefore, confirmed.

### **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, and
- (d) the need for housing in the area, as indicated in the Laois County Development Plan 2021-2027,

the Board considered that the site was a vacant site on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2021, and that the amount of the levy has been correctly calculated at 7% of the site value in 2021, confirmed by the Valuation Tribunal to be €150,000. The Board is satisfied there has been no change in the ownership of the site during the period concerned,

i.e., 2021, and the demand for payment of the vacant site levy of €10,500 under Section 15 of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 is, therefore, confirmed.

**Board Member**

*Eamonn James Kelly*

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**Date:** 02/08/2024