

Board Direction BD-017441-24 ABP-320223-24

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 11/09/2024.

The Board decided to grant consent to the compulsory acquisition, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

Decision

GRANT consent to the compulsory acquisition of the said site based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the neglected, unsightly and objectionable condition of the site, the ruinous, derelict and dangerous condition of the structures and the deposit and collection of debris within the site and also:

- (a) the constitutional and Convention protection afforded to property rights,
- (b) the public interest, and,
- (c) the provisions of Offaly County Development Plan 2021-2027,

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 definition of a derelict site as defined in section 3 (a), (b) and (c) of the Derelict Sites

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Act 1900, as amended, and that the acquisition of the site by the local authority is necessary in order to render the site non-derelict and to prevent it continuing to be a derelict site. Taking account of the limited details and supporting evidence provided by the objector made to the application and no evidence of steps taken to render the site non-derelict, it is also considered that the objection made cannot be sustained, having regard to the said necessity.

Board Member

Tom Rabbette

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Date: 11/09/2024