



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Direction

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At a meeting held on 13/06/2025, the Board considered:

- (a) the objections made to the Compulsory Purchase Order,
- (b) the report of the Inspector who held the oral hearing and
- (c) the documents and submissions on file generally.

The Board decided to annul the Order based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Having considered the objection made to the compulsory purchase order and not withdrawn, the report of the person who conducted the oral hearing into the objection, the purpose for which the lands are to be acquired as set out in the compulsory purchase order and also having regard to the following:

- a) The Vacant Homes Action Plan 2023–2026 and Housing for All - a New Housing Plan for Ireland, 2021,
- b) The policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027,
- c) The identified need for housing nationally, in County Meath and Ashbourne,

- d) The purpose of the compulsory acquisition of No. 65 Brindley Park Road, Ashbourne, Co. Meath, for refurbishment of this house for use as a social housing unit,
- e) the suitability of the lands for use as social housing.
- f) The Constitutional and Convention protection afforded to property rights,
- g) The public interest,

it is considered that the Local Authority in seeking to compulsorily acquire the land, having inaccurately described the lands in Part 1 of the Schedule to Compulsory Purchase Order and incorrectly referencing the Board being mandatorily required to conduct an Oral Hearing, has failed to satisfy the requirements specified in the Third Schedule to the Housing Act, 1966 (as amended) in the context of Compulsory Purchase Order issuance and that the application for compulsory acquisition by the Local Authority has therefore not complied with the provisions of the Housing Act, 1966 (as amended).

Board Member: Eamonn James Kelly Date: 13/06/2025
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