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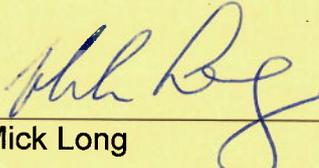
The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 12/02/2026.

The Commission decided to refuse consent for the compulsory acquisition of the site under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 (as amended) the following reasons and considerations.

Planning

Commissioner:

Date: 16/02/2026


Mick Long

DRAFT WORDING FOR ORDER

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the condition of the subject property, 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 provision of Meath Development Plan 2021-2027,

it is considered that notwithstanding the unsightly condition of the subject property which detracts to a degree from the appearance of land in the neighbourhood, the

site does not come within the definition of a derelict site as defined in Section 3 of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990, as amended.

The Commission was not satisfied that the compulsory acquisition of the site by the local authority, at this time, is necessary in order to render the site non-derelict and to prevent it continuing to be a derelict site. It is therefore considered that the objection made can be sustained, having regard to that said necessity and that the compulsory acquisition and its effects on the property rights of affected landowners are not proportionate to that objective and not justified by the exigencies of the common good at this time.

In considering the report of the Inspector and the planning authority's engagement with the site and in deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation the Commission noted the Inspector was satisfied that the buildings are structurally sound and watertight, not in a dangerous or ruinous condition, well maintained and with no litter or rubbish evident on site, albeit the site is somewhat unsightly in it's current vacant condition. The Commission was therefore satisfied the site does not come within the definition of a derelict site as defined in Section 3 of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990, as amended, and the compulsory acquisition of the site was not a proportionate intervention at this time.