



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order ABP-301144-18

Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960

Housing Act, 1966

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2017

Planning Authority: Laois County Council

Application received by An Bord Pleanála on the 6th day of March, 2018 from Laois County Council pursuant to section 76 of, and the Third Schedule to, the Housing Act, 1966 as extended by section 10 of the Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960 (as substituted by section 86 of the Housing Act, 1966) and the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2017, for confirmation of a compulsory purchase order authorising compulsory acquisition of lands and entitled **8, 9 and 11 Hepburn Court, Portlaoise, Co. Laois Compulsory Purchase Order No. 1 of 2018.**

Decision

CONFIRM the above compulsory purchase order for the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the objection made to the compulsory purchase order, and not withdrawn, and also having regard to:

(a) the purposes of the compulsory acquisition in question,

- (b) the provisions of the Laois County Development Plan 2017-2023 and the Portlaoise Local Area Plan 2012-2018,
- (c) the objectives of Rebuilding Ireland: Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness published by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government in July 2016,
- (d) the social housing need and public interest served, and
- (e) the report and recommendation of the Inspector who conducted the oral hearing into the objection,

it is considered that the acquisition by the local authority of the properties in question, as set out in the compulsory purchase order and on the deposited maps, is necessary for the purposes stated and that the objection cannot be sustained having regard to the said necessity.

**Member of An Bord Pleanála
duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.**

Dated this day of 2018