

## Board Order ABP-301481-18

Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960 Housing Act, 1966 Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2018 Planning Authority: Waterford City and County Council

**Application** received by An Bord Pleanála on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018 from Waterford City and 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 **Waterford City and County Council Vacant Properties, Waterford Compulsory Purchase Order 2018 (No. 1) (Revised) No.'s 1-4 The Close, John's Hill, Waterford.** 

## Decision

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

## **Reasons and Considerations**

Having considered the objections made to the compulsory purchase order, the report and recommendation of the Inspector who conducted the oral hearing into the objections, 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 documentation on file, including the case made by the local authority, and
- (b) the submissions and observations made at the oral hearing held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2018;

and notwithstanding the numerous supporting policies and objectives in respect of social housing provision and re-use of vacant houses set out in:

- the Waterford County Development Plan 2011-2017,
- the Waterford City Development Plan 2013-2019, and
- 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, and associated circular letters PL8/2016 and PL7/2017,

the Board is not satisfied that, in this instance, the acquisition by the local authority of the lands in question, as set out in the compulsory purchase order and on the deposited map, has been justified and is necessary, at this stage, for the purposes stated.

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

Dated this day of