



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order ABP-302355-18

Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2018

Planning Authority: Cork City Council

Planning Authority Reference Number: VS0010

Appeal by Cork Diocesan Trustees Public Unlimited Company care of BHK Solicitors of 1 Washington Street West, Cork in accordance with section 9(1) of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 against the entry on the Vacant Sites Register by Cork City Council on the 23rd day of July, 2018 in respect of the site described below.

Description: Site at Farranferris Grounds, Redemption Road, Blackpool, Cork.

Decision

The Board in accordance with section 9(3) of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, and for the reasons and considerations set out below, hereby determines that the above site was a vacant site within the meaning of that Act for the relevant period.

Matters Considered

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

- (a) the information submitted to the Board by the planning authority in relation to the entry of the site on the Vacant Sites Register,
- (b) the grounds of appeal submitted by the appellant, and
- (c) the report of the Planning Inspector,

it is considered that the majority of the site was a vacant site for the relevant period by reason of the unkempt and unused condition of these lands, that it had been established by the planning authority that there is a need for housing in the area, that the site is suitable for the provision of housing as demonstrated by the residential land use zoning for the area and an extant permission for a mixed use and residential development, and that insufficient reason has been put forward by the landowner to justify the cancellation of the entry on the Vacant Sites Register.

The Board considers that it is appropriate that a notice be issued to the planning authority to confirm the entry on the Vacant Sites Register.

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

Dated this day of 2019