



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order ABP-303381-19

Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2018

Planning Authority: Westmeath County Council

Planning Authority Reference Number: ATH2

Appeal by John O'Meara of Benown, Glasson, Athlone, County Westmeath in accordance with section 9(1) of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 against the entry on the Vacant Sites Register by Westmeath County Council on the 20th day of December, 2018 in respect of the site described below.

Description: Site at Galway Road, Athlone, County Westmeath.

Decision

The Board in accordance with section 9(3) of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, and based on the reasons and considerations set out below, hereby determines that the above site was not a vacant site within the meaning of that Act for the period concerned.

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,
- (c) the report of the Inspector,
- (d) the inclusion of lands within the site which are not zoned for residential use, and
- (e) the Board is not satisfied that the planning authority have provided sufficient evidence to determine that there is a need for housing in the area or that the site is suitable for housing as required by Section 5(1)(a) subsections (i) and (ii) by reference to Sections 6(4) and 6(5) of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015, as amended,

the Board considered that it is appropriate that a notice be issued to the planning authority to cancel 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