



Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2018

Planning Authority: Sligo County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: SL-VS-25

Appeal by D.P. (Sligo) of Merchant House, Old Market Street, Sligo in accordance with section 9(1) of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 against the entry on the Vacant Sites Register by Sligo County Council on the 11th day of December, 2018 in respect of the site described below.

Description: Lynns Dock, Rathedmond, Sligo.

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 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 placed before 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 site was a vacant site for the relevant period by reason of the lack of any discernible use having taken place during the period prior to the entry of the site onto the Vacant Sites Register, 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 land use zoning for the area, that there was not anything affecting the physical condition of the land comprising the site which might affect the provision of housing, that the site is served by the physical infrastructure and facilities necessary to enable housing to be provided and serviced, 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.

Philip Jones

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board.

Dated this day of 2019.