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Board Order ABP-303539-19

Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Westmeath County Council

Planning Authority Reference Number: ATH9

Appeal by Westmeath County Council of Mount Street, Mullingar, County Westmeath in accordance with section 9(1) of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, as amended, 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: Loughanaskin, Athlone, County Meath (folio reference: WH9744; WH8063F; WH22106F; WH10494F; WH8382F; WH10493F; WH16229F).

Decision

The Board in accordance with section 9(3) of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, as amended, 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 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 majority of the lands are and were a vacant site as demonstrated by the lack of any discernible use for a portion of the overall lands, in addition to a large proportion of the lands that are or were being used for a purpose that does not consist solely or primarily of the provision of housing or the development of the site for the purpose of such provision because it has not been shown that the most recent purchase of that portion of the lands occurred before it became residential land, and before, on or after the commencement of section 63 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2018, and

