

## Board Order ABP-303540-19

Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019 Planning Authority: Westmeath County Council Planning Authority Reference Number: ATH10

**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 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018 in respect of the site described below.

**Description:** Lisseywollen South, Athlone, County Westmeath (folio reference: WH848F; WH10289F, WH19651, WH10636; WH556; WH547).

## 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, and

(d) that the site was a vacant site by virtue of the lack of any discernible use having taken place during the period prior to the entry of the site onto the Vacant Site Register, the need for housing in the area, the site was and is suitable for the provision of housing as demonstrated by the residential land use zoning for the area, and that insufficient reason is put forward to cancel entry on the Vacant Sites Register,

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

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

Dated this day of 2019