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**Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015**

**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019**

**Planning Authority: Wicklow County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: VS/W/06**

**Appeal** by Blessville Limited of IDA Business Park, Ballynattin, Arklow, County Wicklow in accordance with section 18 of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, as amended, against a demand for payment of vacant site levy issued by Wicklow County Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019 in respect of the site described below.

**Description:** Lands measuring 0.29 hectares at The Murragh, Wicklow Town, County Wicklow.

**Decision**

**The Board in accordance with section 18(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 continues to be a vacant site within the meaning of that Act, as amended, and the amount of the levy has been correctly calculated in respect of the vacant site.**

## **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 and subsequent submissions from the planning authority and the appellant,
- (c) the report of the Inspector,
- (d) the neglected condition of the site, which has adverse effects on the character of the area and reduces the amenity provided by existing public infrastructure and facilities, and
- (e) the calculation of the levy for 2018 at 3% of the duly determined site value,

the Board is satisfied that the site was a vacant site on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2019 and was a vacant site on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019, the date on which the appeal was made, and the amount of the levy has been correctly calculated. The demand for payment of the vacant site levy under section 15 of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015 is, therefore, confirmed.

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**Philip Jones**

**Member of An Bord Pleanála**

**duly authorised to authenticate  
the seal of the Board.**

**Dated this            day of            2020**