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Board Order ABP-303983-19

Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Laois County Council

Planning Authority Reference Number: VSL/PL/2016/57

Appeal by Bircrest Limited care of Thornton O'Connor Town Planning of 1 Kilmacud Road Upper, Dundrum, Dublin in accordance with section 9(1) of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 against the entry on the Vacant Sites Register by Laois County Council on the 21st day of February, 2019 in respect of the site described below.

Description: Lands at Summerhill, Portlaoise, County Laois.

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 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 site is suitable for the provision of housing by reference to the provision of public infrastructure and facilities (within the meaning of section 48 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended) necessary to enable housing to be provided and serviced, and
- (e) the majority of the site is vacant or idle, there is a need for housing in the area, the site is suitable for the provision of housing, and that the appellants have failed to provide evidence to demonstrate that the site is not a vacant site within the meaning of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015, as amended,

