

Board Order ABP-303998-19

Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Laois County Council

Planning Authority Reference Number: VSL/PG/2016/8a

Appeal by Kingscroft Developments Limited care of The Planning Partnership of The Coach House, Dundanion, Blackrock Road, Cork 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 Laois County Council on the 21st day of February, 2019 in respect of the site described below.

Description: Lands south of Castlelea View, Portarlington, County Laois.

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.

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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) the majority of the site was vacant or idle, there was a need for housing in the area, the site was suitable for the provision of housing and insufficient reason has been put forward to cancel the entry on the Vacant Sites Register.

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The Board is satisfied that the site was a vacant site for the relevant period and on the date on which it was entered on the 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

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