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## Board Order ABP-304152-19

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**Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015**

**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019**

**Planning Authority: Galway City Council**

**Planning Authority Reference Number: 011 West**

**Appeal** by Cairn Homes Properties Limited of 7 Grand Canal, Grand Canal Street Lower, Dublin 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 Galway City Council on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019 in respect of the site described below.

**Description:** Lands north-west of Fána Buí, Ballymoneen Road, Galway.

### **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 provisions of the Galway City Development Plan 2017-2023,
- (e) that 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 insufficient reason is put forward to cancel the entry on the Vacant Sites Register, and

- (f) that the development of the site is not premature pending the finalisation of the N6 Galway City Ring Road scheme.

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.

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**Maria FitzGerald**  
**Member of An Bord Pleanála**  
**duly authorised to authenticate**  
**the seal of the Board.**

**Dated this          day of                                  2020**