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**Board Order
ABP-306517-20**

Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Kilkenny County Council

Planning Authority Reference Number: VSR20-12

Appeal by City Cinemas Limited of Astor House, 29 Lower George's Street, Dun Laoghaire, County 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 Kilkenny County Council on the 31st day of December, 2019 in respect of the site described below.

Description: John's Green, Kilkenny.

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 Senior Planning Inspector,
- (d) the provisions of the Kilkenny City and Environs Development Plan 2014-2020, and
- (e) the vacant and idle nature of the site and the resultant adverse effects on the character of the area resulting from the neglected condition of buildings on the site, and that insufficient reason is put forward to cancel the entry on the Vacant Sites Register,

