

Board Order ABP-307358-20

Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020 Planning Authority: Wicklow County Council Planning Authority Reference Number: VS/RN/01

**Appeal** by Blessville Limited care of Downey Planning of 1 Westland Square, Pearse Street, 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 Wicklow County Council on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 in respect of the site described below.

**Description:** Lands measuring 1 hectare at Charvey Lane, Rathnew, County Wicklow.

## 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 not 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, and
- (d) the moderately maintained condition of the site in the context of the surrounding area,

the Board considers that, despite the majority of the site being vacant or idle, it did not have adverse effects on existing amenities or reduce the amenity provided by public infrastructure and facilities within the meaning of Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, in the area in which the site is situated or have adverse effects on the character of the area for the period concerned. The Board considered that it is appropriate that a notice be issued to the planning authority who shall cancel the entry on the Vacant Sites Register.

> Terry Prendergast Member of An Bord Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Board.

Dated this	day of	2020