

Board Order ABP-307448-20

Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: VS-0049

Appeal by Stargem Properties Limited of Forest Park, Mullingar, County Westmeath in accordance with section 18 of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, as amended, against a demand for payment of vacant site levy issued by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council on the 2nd day of June 2020 in respect of the site described below.

Description: Vacant site at Clonard Lodge, Sandyford Road, Dublin 16.

Decision

The Board in accordance with section 18(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, and the amount of the levy has been correctly calculated in respect of the vacant site.

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 the information submitted to the Board by the planning authority in relation to the entry of the site on the Vacant Sites Register, the grounds of appeal submitted by the appellant, and the report of the Inspector, it is considered that:

- (a) it has not been shown that the site was no longer a vacant site within the meaning of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015, as amended, on the 1st day of January 2019, or that the amount of the levy has been incorrectly calculated in respect of the site by the planning authority, and
- (b) the site continued to be a vacant site on the date on which the appeal was made.

The demand for payment of vacant site levy as calculated by the planning authority under section 15 of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 is, therefore, confirmed.

John Connolly

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

Dated this 28 day of MAY 2021