

Board Order ABP-309295-21

Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Kildare County Council

Planning Authority Reference Number: May-05

Appeal by Frederick Leavy care of Hughes Planning and Development Consultants of 70 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 Kildare County Council on the 17th day of December 2020 in respect of the site described below.

Description: Lands south of Mullen Bridge, Railpark, Maynooth, County Kildare.

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 placed before 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 Planning Inspector,
- (d) the fact that the site is on residential lands,
- (e) the need for housing in the area, and
- (f) the fact that the site is suitable for the provision of housing by reference to the provision of public infrastructure and facilities (within the meaning of section 48 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended) necessary to enable housing to be provided and serviced,



the Board considered that the site was a vacant site within the meaning of the Act for the period concerned and that it is appropriate that a notice be issued to the planning authority who shall confirm the entry on the Vacant Sites Register.

John Connolly

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

Dated this 23 day of MARCH 2022