

Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Meath County Council

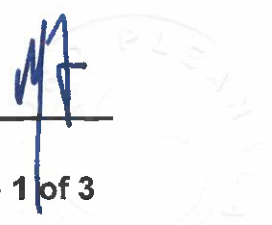
Planning Register Reference Number: VS-MH-0030

Appeal by Saint Finian's Diocesan Trust care of Mason Hayes and Curran of Barrow Street, Dublin 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 Meath County Council on the 30th day of March, 2021 in respect of the site described below.

Description: Churchfields, Ashbourne, County Meath.

Decision

The Board in accordance with section 18(4) of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, as amended, and based on the reasons and considerations set out below, hereby determines that the amount of the levy has been incorrectly calculated, and the amount of the levy shall be zero.



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

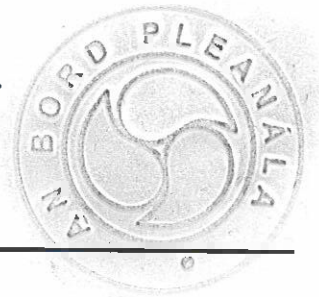
Having regard to:

- (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, and
- (d) a change in ownership that occurred in May, 2021, the amount of the levy has been incorrectly calculated in respect of the site by the planning authority, but the site continued to be a vacant site,

the Board considered that, in accordance with Section 18(4) of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, (as amended), the Board has determined that the amount of the levy has been incorrectly calculated in respect of the vacant site and in accordance with Section 17(1) of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, (as amended), the amount of vacant site levy to be charged in respect of the site for the year 2021, and for the preceding year 2020, shall be zero. The Board considered that it is appropriate that a notice be issued to the planning authority who shall amend the demand made in respect of the year 2020 in accordance with the revised amount (zero) and shall retain the entry on the Vacant Sites Register.



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



Dated this 15th day of March 2022