

## Board Order ABP-310423-21

**Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015** 

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

**Planning Authority: Kilkenny County Council** 

Planning Register Reference Number: VSR19-6

**Appeal** by Newpark Hotel Limited care of Peter Thomson Planning Solutions of 4 Priory Grove, Kells, County Kilkenny 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 Kilkenny County Council on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021 in respect of the site described below.

**Description:** Lands adjacent to Newpark Hotel, Castlecomer Road, Kilkenny.

## Decision

The Board in accordance with section 18(3) of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015 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.

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## 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 Senior Planning Inspector, and
- (d) the lack of information to show that the site was no longer a vacant site within the measing of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, as amended, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, 2019 or the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2020, or that the amount of the levy has been incorrectly calculated in respect of the site by the planning authority, and the site continued to be a vacant site on the day the appeal was made.

The Board considered that it is appropriate that a notice be issued to the planning authority who shall confirm the demand for payment.

Maria FitzGerald

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

Dated this 17th day of October

2022