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**Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015**

**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021**

**Planning Authority: Galway City Council**

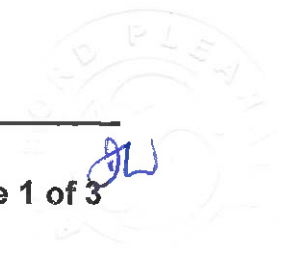
**Planning Register Reference Number: 058A East**

**Appeal** by Caroline Burke of 2 Old Doughiska Road, Galway 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 Galway City Council on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2021 in respect of the site described below.

**Description:** Lands West of Doughiska Road, Doughiska, Galway.

## **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:

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

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

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



**Dave Walsh**

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

Dated this *14<sup>th</sup>* day of *January* 2022