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**Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015**

**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Wicklow County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: VS/Rathdrum/07**

**Appeal** by Henry and Sheena Cullen of Glebe House, Rathdrum, County Wicklow 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 Wicklow County Council on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022 in respect of the site described below.

**Description:** Lands measuring 0.27 hectares at Poundbrook Lane, Rathdrum, County Wicklow.

## **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.

## Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

- (a) the information submitted 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 ruinous condition of the building on site which detracts from the amenities of the area,
- (e) the fact that the majority of the site is and was vacant,
- (f) the fact that the amount of the levy has been calculated at 7% of the site value in 2019, and
- (g) the fact that there has been no change in the ownership of the site,

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



**Patricia Calleary**

**Member of An Bord Pleanála**

**duly authorised to authenticate  
the seal of the Board.**

**Dated this 27 day of September 2023**