

Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Sligo County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: SL-VS-33

Appeal by Lidl Ireland GmbH of Head Office, Main Road, Tallaght, 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 Sligo County Council on the 26th day of October, 2022 in respect of the site described below.

Description: Cranmore Road, Abbeyquarter South, Sligo.

Decision

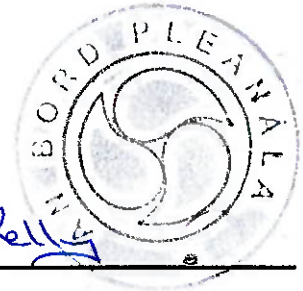
The Board in accordance with section 18(3) of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, as amended, and based on the reasons and considerations set out below, hereby determines that the above site was a vacant site on the 1st day of January, 2021 within the meaning of that Act, and the amount of the levy has been correctly calculated in respect of the vacant site.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

- (a) Section 18(1) of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 (as amended) which states that the owner of a site who receives a demand for payment of vacant site levy under Section 15 may appeal against the demand to the Board within 28 days after the date of the demand,
- (b) the information placed before the Board by the planning authority in relation to the entry of the site on the Vacant Sites Register,
- (c) the grounds of appeal submitted by the appellant,
- (d) the report of the Planning Inspector,
- (e) the need for housing in the area and the site being suitable for the provision of housing as demonstrated by the residential land use zoning for the area,
- (f) insufficient detail concerning the extent to which the site encompassed by the boundaries described in VS-SL-33 was not vacant on the 1st day of January, 2021 or on the date on which the appeal was made being put forward by the owner to cancel entry on the Vacant Sites Register and cancel the demand made in respect of 2021,
- (g) the amount of the levy being correctly calculated at 7% of the site value in 2021, and
- (h) there being no change in the ownership of the site,

the Board is satisfied that the site was a vacant site in 2021 and the amount of the levy has been correctly calculated. The demand for payment of the vacant site levy under Section 15 of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 is, therefore, confirmed.



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Member of An Bord Pleanála

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

Dated this *22nd* day of *January*, 2024.