



---

**Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015**

**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Wicklow County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: VS/W/06**

**Appeal** by Blessville UC of IDA Business Park, Ballynattin, Arklow, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023 in respect of the site described below.

**Description:** Lands at The Murrough, Wicklow Town, 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 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 and subsequent submissions from the planning authority and the appellant,
- (c) the report of the Planning Inspector,
- (d) the vacancy and idleness of the site which contributes to the neglected condition of the area and has adverse effects on the character of the area and reduces the amenity provided by existing public infrastructure and facilities, and
- (e) The calculation of the levy for 2022 at 7% of the duly determined site value,

the Board is satisfied that the site was a vacant site on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2022 and was a vacant site on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023, the date on which the appeal was made, and the amount of the levy has been correctly calculated.

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



**Una Crosse**

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

Dated this  day of  2024