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**Board Order  
ABP-317639-23**

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**Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015**

**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Sligo County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: SL-VS-14**

**Appeal** by Bernard Mullen care of Michael J. Horan of Floor 1, Millenium House, Stephen Street, Sligo 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023 in respect of the site described below.

**Description:** Caltragh Road, 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 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 submitted by the appellant,
- (c) the report of the Planning Inspector,
- (d) the need for housing in the area, the site is suitable for the provision of housing as demonstrated by the residential land use zoning for the area, and that insufficient reason is put forward to cancel entry on the Vacant Sites Register,
- (e) that the site is and was vacant/idle for the period concerned,
- (f) the amount of the levy has been correctly calculated at 7% of the site value in 2022, and
- (g) there has been no change in the ownership of the site during the period concerned, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2022 to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 2022,

the Board is satisfied that the site was a vacant site for the year 2022 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.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Rabbette', is written over a circular stamp. The stamp contains the text 'AN BORD PLEANÁLA' around its perimeter and a central emblem.

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**Tom Rabbette**

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

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024