



An
Bord
Pleanála

**Board Order
ABP-317641-23**

Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Sligo County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: SL-VS-16

Appeal by Bernard Mullin 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 30th day of June, 2023 in respect of the site described below.

Description: Newtownholmes 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 incorrectly 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, and
- (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 majority of the site is and was vacant/idle for the period concerned,
- (f) the amount of the levy has been incorrectly calculated, as 7% of the site value, being €450,000 in 2022, is €31,500 (and not €32,500 as indicated in the Notice of Demand),
- (g) there has been no change in the ownership of the site during the period concerned, the 1st day of January 2022 to the 31st day of December 2022,

the Board is satisfied that the site was a vacant site for the year 2022 but the amount of the levy has been incorrectly calculated. The demand for payment of the vacant site levy under Section 15 of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 is, therefore, amended.

The Board considered that it is appropriate that a notice be issued to the planning authority who shall amend the demand for payment of the Vacant Site Levy with the revised amount being €31,500 (thirty one thousand, five hundred euro).



Tom Rabbette

Member of An Bord Pleanála

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

Dated this 20th day of March 2024