



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order ABP-318579-23

Derelict Sites Act, 1990

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Limerick City and County Council

Application received by An Bord Pleanála on the 30th day of November 2023 from Limerick City and County Council pursuant to section 16 of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990, as amended, for consent to the compulsory acquisition of a derelict site at Lower Knockane Road, Knockane, Newcastle West, County Limerick and as more particularly described in the notice of intention to compulsorily acquire the site.

Decision

REFUSE consent to the compulsory acquisition of the said site based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Notwithstanding the current unsightly and objectionable condition of the site which detracts to a material degree from the amenity, character and appearance of the surrounding land in the neighbourhood, taking account of the evidence of the ongoing efforts being made by the notice party to address the dereliction on site, the Board does not consider it reasonable that the local authority now seeks to compulsorily acquire the land as provided by Section 14 of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990, as amended, and that sufficient time was not afforded to the notice party to resolve matters.

In disagreeing with the recommendation of its Inspector to grant consent to the compulsory acquisition, the Board noted the remedial works carried out to date as well as a planning application lodged by the notice party which is currently before the planning authority. The Board further noted that there were alternative statutory provisions available to the local authority to address remaining issues on site.



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

Dated this *29th* day of *May* 2024