

Board Order ABP-319163-24

Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015

Planning Authority: Wicklow County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: VS/B/04

Appeal by Silverbow SPV Limited of 1st Floor, Block One, Quayside Business Park, Dundalk, County Louth 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 13th day of February 2024 in respect of the site described below.

Description: Land measuring 0.6 ha at Castle Street (former Heiton Buckley site), Bray, 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, the levy calculation and charge,
- (b) the grounds of appeal submitted by the appellant,
- (c) the report of the Planning Inspector, and
- (d) the absence of information to demonstrate to the Board that the site was no longer a vacate site within the meaning of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, as amended, on the 1st January 2023, or that the amount of the levy has been incorrectly calculated in respect of the site by the planning authority, and the site continued to be a vacant site on the 23rd day of February 2024, the day that the appeal was made.

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

Paul Caprani

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

Dated this 18th day of February

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