

Board Order ABP-319709-24

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 9th day of May, 2024 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 2 Colbert Terrace, Abbeyfeale, 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

Having regard to the neglected, unsightly and objectionable state of the land and having considered the objection made to the compulsory acquisition, and also:

- (a) the constitutional and Convention protection afforded to property rights,
- (b) the public interest, and,
- (c) the provisions of the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028,

it is considered that the site detracts to a material degree from the amenity, character and appearance of land in the neighbourhood and meets the definition of a derelict site in Section 3 of the Derelict Sites Act 1990 (as amended). However, having regard to the efforts made to date by the owner, to address the matters that gave rise to the derelict condition of the site, along with the works progressing on the adjoining site, the compulsory acquisition of the site by the local authority is not necessary, at this time, in order to render the site non-derelict. The Board is not satisfied, therefore, that the objection made cannot be sustained, having regard to that said necessity, and that the compulsory acquisition and its effects on the property rights of affected landowners, are proportionate to that objective, and justified by the exigencies of the common good.

Mick Long

Member of An Bord Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate

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the seal of the Board.

Dated this

day of October 2024