

An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order ABP-321010-24

Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960

Housing Act, 1966

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Meath County Council

Application received by An Bord Pleanála on the 3rd day of October 2024 from Meath County Council pursuant to section 76 of, and the Third Schedule to, the Housing Act, 1966 as extended by section 10 of the Local Government (No.2) Act, 1960 (as substituted by section 86 of the Housing Act, 1966) and the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2022, for confirmation of a Compulsory Purchase Order authorising compulsory acquisition of lands and entitled Meath County Council, Compulsory Purchase Order (Number 1), 2024 (Vacant Homes) – 65 Brindley Park Road, Ashbourne, County Meath, A84 C522.

DECISION

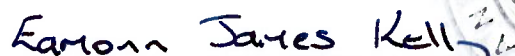
ANNUL the above Compulsory Purchase Order based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having considered the objection made to the compulsory purchase order and not withdrawn, the report of the person who conducted the oral hearing into the objection, the purpose for which the lands are to be acquired as set out in the compulsory purchase order and also having regard to the following:

- (a) the Vacant Homes Action Plan 2023–2026 and Housing for All - a New Housing Plan for Ireland, 2021,
- (b) the policies and objectives of the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027,
- (c) the identified need for housing nationally, in County Meath and Ashbourne,
- (d) the purpose of the compulsory acquisition of Number 65 Brindley Park Road, Ashbourne, County Meath, for refurbishment of this house for use as a social housing unit,
- (e) the suitability of the lands for use as social housing,
- (f) the constitutional and Convention protection afforded to property rights, and
- (g) the public interest,

it is considered that the local authority in seeking to compulsorily acquire the land, having inaccurately described the lands in Part 1 of the Schedule to compulsory purchase order and incorrectly referencing the Board being mandatorily required to conduct an oral hearing, has failed to satisfy the requirements specified in the Third Schedule to the Housing Act, 1966, as amended, in the context of compulsory purchase order issuance and that the application for compulsory acquisition by the local authority has therefore not complied with the provisions of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended.



Eamonn James Kelly

Member of An Bord Pleanála

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

Dated this 17th day of June, 2025