

An  
Coimisiún  
Pleanála

## Commission Order ABP-321803-25

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**Derelict Sites Act, 1990**

**Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Meath County Council**

**Application** received by An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025, from Meath County Council pursuant to section 16 of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990, as amended, for consent to the compulsory acquisition of a site at Matthews Lane South, Lagavooren, Drogheda, County Meath 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

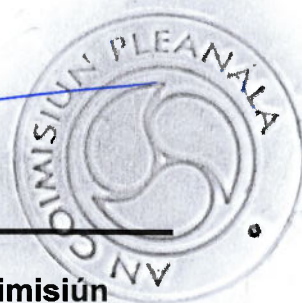
Having regard to the derelict condition of the dwelling and garage structures and the unsightly and objectionable state of the land and structures, having considered the objections made to the compulsory acquisition, and:

- (a) the Constitutional and Convention protection afforded to property rights,
- (b) the public interest, and,
- (c) the provisions of Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027 (as varied),

it is considered that the site detracts to a material degree from the amenity, character and appearance of land in the neighbourhood of the land; 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, including obtaining planning permission for the demolition of the derelict house and domestic garage and the clearance of debris and scrub from the site, the compulsory acquisition of the site by the local authority is not necessary in order to render the site non-derelict. The Commission 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.



**Tom Rabbette**  
**Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún**  
**Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate**  
**the seal of the Commission.**



Dated this  day of  2025