



An  
Coimisiún  
Pleanála

## Commission Order ACP-323428-25

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**Derelict Sites Act, 1990**

**Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended**

**Planning Authority: Meath County Council**

**Application** received by An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 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 derelict site known as Petrol Station, Metges Road Junction, Navan, 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 condition of the subject property, 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 Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027,

it is considered that, notwithstanding the unsightly condition of the subject property which detracts to a degree from the appearance of land in the neighbourhood, the site does not come within the definition of a derelict site as defined in Section 3 of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990, as amended.

The Commission was not satisfied that the compulsory acquisition of the site by the local authority, at this time, is necessary in order to render the site non-derelict and to prevent it continuing to be a derelict site. It is therefore considered that the objection made can be sustained, having regard to that said necessity and that the compulsory acquisition and its effects on the property rights of affected landowners are not proportionate to that objective and not justified by the exigencies of the common good at this time.

In considering the report of the Inspector and the local authority's engagement with the site and in deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation, the Commission noted the Inspector was satisfied that the buildings are structurally sound and watertight, not in a dangerous or ruinous condition, well maintained and with no litter or rubbish evident on site, albeit the site is somewhat unsightly in its current vacant condition. The Commission was therefore satisfied that the site does not come within the definition of a derelict site as defined in Section 3 of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990, as amended, and the compulsory acquisition of the site is not a proportionate intervention at this time.



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**Mick Long**  
**Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún**  
**Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate**  
**the seal of the Commission.**

Dated this  day of  2026