

An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Commission Order ACP-324197-26

Derelict Sites Act, 1990

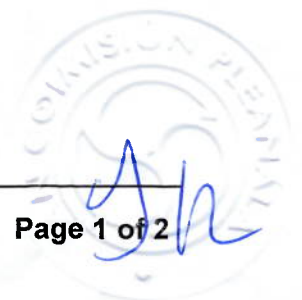
Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Laois County Council

Application received by An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 1st day of April 2026 from Laois 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 The Square, Rathdowney, County Laois and as more particularly described in the notice of intention to compulsorily acquire the site.

Decision

GRANT consent to the compulsory acquisition of the said site based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

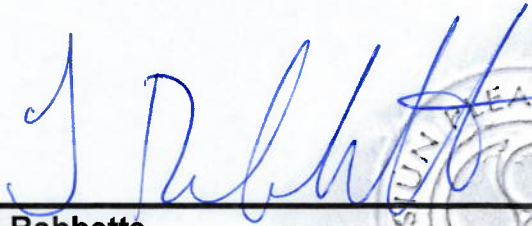


Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the derelict condition of the structure and to the neglected, unsightly and objectionable state of the land and structure, 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 Laois County Development Plan 2021-2027,

it is considered that the site detracts to a material degree from the amenity, character and appearance of land in the neighbourhood and, therefore, comes within the definition of a derelict site as defined in section 3(b) of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990, as amended, and that the compulsory acquisition of the site by the local authority is necessary in order to render the site non-derelict and to prevent it from continuing to be a derelict site. It is also considered 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
Member of An Coimisiún Pleanála
duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Commission.

Dated this 21st day of August 2026