



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order 25.CD3042

Derelict Sites Act, 1990

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2017

Planning Authority: Westmeath County Council

Application received by An Bord Pleanála on the 16th day of August, 2017 from Westmeath County Council pursuant to section 16 of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990, as amended, for consent to the compulsory acquisition of a site at Abbey Road, Athlone, County Westmeath 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.

Matters Considered

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

- (a) the existence on the land in question of structures which are in a ruinous and derelict condition,
- (b) the neglected, unsightly and objectionable condition of the land and structures on the land in question, and
- (c) the presence, deposition and collection on the land in question of debris and waste.

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 (a), (b) and (c) of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990, as amended, and that the acquisition of the site by the local authority is necessary in order to render the site non-derelict and to prevent it continuing to be a derelict site. It is also considered that the objections made cannot be sustained having regard to that said necessity. The Board was satisfied that the procedures followed by the local authority were not unfair or unreasonable having regard to the provisions of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990.

**Member of An Bord Pleanála
duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.**

Dated this day of 2018