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To: - Vacant Property Unit

From: - Tadhg Madden

Subject: - VHO229 – Moffett's Lane, Hacketstown, Co. Carlow, R93WR58

Date: - 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025

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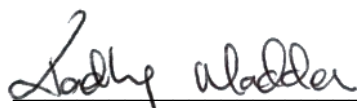
I have inspected the above property and confirm that it is a bungalow located within the village streetscape of Moffett's Lane, Hacketstown, Co. Carlow, R93WR58. The property occupies a central and accessible position, close to key community services including the local school, shops, churches, and community facilities. Its location within the heart of the village makes it an integral part of the built environment, and its reactivation would significantly enhance the vitality and character of the area.

There is a clear housing need in Hacketstown and the surrounding area, evidenced by a current waiting list of 14 households seeking accommodation. While the Housing Delivery Action Plan includes some small-scale developments, these will not be sufficient to meet the growing demand for housing, particularly in rural and village locations such as Hacketstown.

Hacketstown is an important settlement in North Carlow and has experienced steady population growth. There is a particular need for family-type accommodation, which this property would be well-suited to provide once refurbished.

The redevelopment of this vacant residential unit would align with national policy objectives under the Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities guidelines and support the objectives of the Vacant Homes Action Plan. Bringing this property back into use would also contribute to the overall enhancement of the village, prevent dereliction, and support compact growth. In light of the above, I recommend that the Vacant Homes Unit pursue the acquisition of this property, either through a negotiated acquisition at market value or by initiating a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) process if necessary.

Once acquired, it is proposed that the property be refurbished and brought back into use under the Social Housing Investment Programme (SHIP), with capital funding to be provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.



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