

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL  
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**BALBRIGGAN-SWORDS-RUSH-LUSK AREA COMMITTEE MEETING  
(Services B – Strategic & General Matters)**

**THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2020**

**ITEM NO. 12**

**VACANT SITE REGISTER - AI052529**

**Question: Councillor D. Mulligan**

“To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on dwellings in the last 12 months registered to the vacant site register and subsequently the number of which have been reinstated for appropriate housing?”

**Reply:**

Under the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, each local authority must compile a register of lands in its area that are suitable for housing but are not coming forward for development. On January 1st 2017, these registers were established and an associated vacant site levy will be charged, where appropriate, from January 2019 onwards.

The Urban Regeneration and Housing Act defines a vacant site as any land where:

- In the case of residential land (exceeding 0.05 hectares), there is a need for housing in the area, the site is suitable for housing and the majority of the site has not been in use (i.e. vacant) for an extended period of time

And

- In the case of regeneration land (other than residential land), the majority of the site has not been in use (i.e. vacant) for an extended period of time and where the fact that the site being vacant is having a negative impact on existing amenities or on the character of the area.

The aim of the Vacant Site Register (VSR) is to ensure that key sites are brought forward for larger scale housing and regeneration development. FCC have added sites to the VSR in order to ensure that regeneration or housing zoned lands does not lie unused. It is noted that 2 of the sites (VS 0118 & VS 0124) on the VSR have/had 1-2 dwellings on them. These dwellings were uninhabited at the time of entry on the VSR.

In the last 12 months, 4 sites have been added to the Vacant Site Register. One site, VS 0015 relating to lands in Kilmartin, Tyrellstown has been removed from the Vacant Site Register in the last 12 months as works relating to construction of a housing estate have commenced on this site.

Table 1

Fingal County Council VACANT SITE REGISTER			
Register No. (Link to Site Map)	Description	Property Address	Date entered on Register
FCC VS/0009	Greenfield site	Flemington Park / Flemington Lane, Flemington Townland, Balbriggan, Co Dublin.	28/12/2017
FCC VS/0016	Greenfield site	Lands west of the R121 Church Road, Townland of Hollystown, Dublin 15	28/12/2017
FCC VS/0017	Greenfield site	Lands west of the R121 Church Road, Townlands of Kilmartin and Hollystown, Dublin 15	28/12/2017
FCC VS/0018	Greenfield site	Lands to the northwest of Tyrrelstown Public Park, Townland of Kilmartin, Dublin 15	28/12/2017
FCC VS/0117	Yard/car park	Directly east of Ulster Bank, forming part of Deanstown House Site on Main Street, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	08/11/2019
FCC VS/0118	Vacant/neglected site with uninhabited dwelling	Lands at Clonross Navan Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	08/11/2019

FCC VS/0119	Former industrial site	Lands at Howth Road, Howth, Co. Dublin	03/12/2019
FCC VS0124	Vacant/neglected site with uninhabited dwelling	Lands at Weavers Row, Clonsilla Road, Dublin 15 (immediately east of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints).	03/12/2019 (under appeal at present – ABP decision date 05/05/20)