



Adopted Variation to the Skibbereen Town Development Plan, 2009

12th February 2018

The Variation was adopted at the Full Council Meeting on the 12th February 2018.

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Part 3 Implementation

Chapter 16 Implementation

Insert new Section after Section 16.3 as follows:

16.4 Vacant Site Levy-Residential and Regeneration Areas

Vacant Sites Levy

16.4.1 It is the intention of Cork County Council to implement the provisions of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, through the establishment of a Vacant Sites Register, identifying sites on which a vacant site levy can be applied. The planning authority will proactively engage through the Municipal District sub-county structures, to identify suitable vacant sites on lands zoned residential and on lands designated as regeneration areas in this plan, which meet the criteria for inclusion in the vacant site register. This will be achieved through a focused application of the levy, facilitating sustainable urban development and bring such vacant sites and buildings in urban areas into beneficial use.

Regeneration Areas

16.4.2 The Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, provides for the inclusion of objectives for the development and renewal of areas identified as being in need of regeneration. As part of the preparation of the Local Area Plans, regeneration sites have been identified in many of our towns. The main objective in identifying Regenerations Areas is to draw attention to the opportunities that exist to redevelop key areas within the towns, where such sites have the potential to contribute to the rejuvenation of the towns, deliver housing, and perhaps act as a catalyst for other developments. In accordance with the provisions of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, regeneration areas may, in time, be subject to the Vacant Sites Levy where the regeneration area is vacant or idle and this has adverse effects on the amenities / character of the area.

Insert New Objective IMP6 as follows:

Objective IMP6 Vacant Site Levy-Residential and Regeneration Areas

Encourage the development and renewal of areas, on lands zoned as residential that meet the criteria as set out in the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015 and on lands designated as regeneration areas, identified in Municipal District Local Area Plans, having regard to the Core Strategy, that are in need of regeneration, in order to prevent –

- (i) adverse effects on existing amenities in such areas, in particular as a result of the ruinous or neglected condition of any land,**
- (ii) urban blight and decay,**
- (iii) anti-social behaviour or**
- (iv) a shortage of habitable houses or of land suitable for residential use or a mixture of residential and other uses”.**