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Environment, Heritage and Local Government



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Office of the Minister

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Ms. Mary Maguire,
Meetings Administrator,
Corporate Services Department,
South Dublin County Council,
County Hall,
Tallaght,
Dublin 24.

RE: REP3690/JG/10

Dear Ms. Maguire,

I have been asked by Mr. John Gormley T.D., Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to refer to your recent letter regarding a motion passed at a meeting of South Dublin County Council in respect of the Derelict Sites Act 1990.

Under the Derelict Sites Act 1990, local authorities are required to take all reasonable steps, including the exercise of appropriate statutory powers, to ensure that any land within their functional area does not become or continue to be a derelict site. To this end, they have been given substantial powers under the Act in relation to any such sites, including powers to require specified measures to be taken in relation to a derelict site, to impose a levy on derelict sites, or to compulsorily acquire any derelict site. The Minister expects local authorities to use their statutory powers as they consider appropriate.

While the Minister has no plans to amend the Derelict Sites Act at this time, he will keep the need for further legislative reforms to assist local authorities in addressing this issue under review.

Yours sincerely,


Eddie Kiernan,
Private Secretary

