

Policy CS2 (as inserted by Variation no.2)

Functional roles of the larger towns shall be maintained and supported by the promotion of appropriate development in these areas and through the development management process and other mechanisms and initiatives, including the vacant sites levy, as opportunities arise. It is an objective of this plan to encourage and facilitate the appropriate development of sites and areas in need of development and renewal in order to prevent:

- Adverse effects on existing amenities in such areas, in particular as a result of the ruinous or neglected condition of any land
- Urban blight or decay
- Anti-social behaviour, or
- A shortage of habitable houses or of land suitable for residential use or a mixture of residential and other uses

Lands designated for regeneration within the “Town Core” and “Residential” character areas in the Longford Town and Environs Local Area Plan may include lands in need of development and/or renewal in the context outlined above and will be examined to determine if there are sites where the Vacant Site Levy is applicable under the provisions of Urban Housing and Regeneration Act 2015 and all associated regulations and guidance.