**Maintenance work on UL’s Living Bridge**

FRENCH contractors are carrying out maintenance work on the University of Limerick’s Living Bridge - the longest pedestrian bridge in the country.

Eiffel Construction, the engineering firm founded by Gustave Eiffel, who lent his name to his firm's most famous structure, the Eiffel Tower in Paris, has sent engineers to Limerick to carry out maintenance work on the Living Bridge.

The maintenance programme forms part of the original contract to build the bridge, and the summer months were chosen as the ideal time of the year to carry out the maintenance work as the campus is quiet whilst students are on holidays.

The work will take a number of weeks to complete.

Designed by Wilkinson Eyre Architects, London, and built by Eiffel Construction, the unique structure, which links Limerick and Clare, has been awarded a number of structural awards.

**Lidl secures permission for Ennis Road extension**

DISCOUNT food store Lidl has won planning permission from Limerick City Council to expand its store on the Ennis Road.

Lidl is seeking a single-storey extension to its existing store in Cabra Park, which opened on the northside. A Dunnes Stores lies adjacent to the site, with a 24-hour Tesco down the road at Coonagh Cross.

Discount food chain Lidl has so far declined to comment on its latest application, but sources say plans are set to go ahead.

The proposed development includes the extension, a new car park, and work on the car parking layout.

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