

Protected building is demolished in City

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A GEORGIAN house, which was once home to the estate manager of the Barrington family has been demolished due to concerns for public safety.

Number 9 Barrington Street was included on the list of protected structures which was compiled by Limerick City Council during the most recent City Development Plan.

Planning permission was granted in February of this year for the construction of a boutique hotel at the premises and at an adjacent building—Number 1 Pery Square.

A number of planning conditions were imposed on the developer and one stated: "All personnel employed in carrying out the development are to be made fully aware of the protected status of the property and to take due care when carrying out the development."

It is understood that last week an external wall at Number 9 Barrington Street collapsed sparking safety concerns.

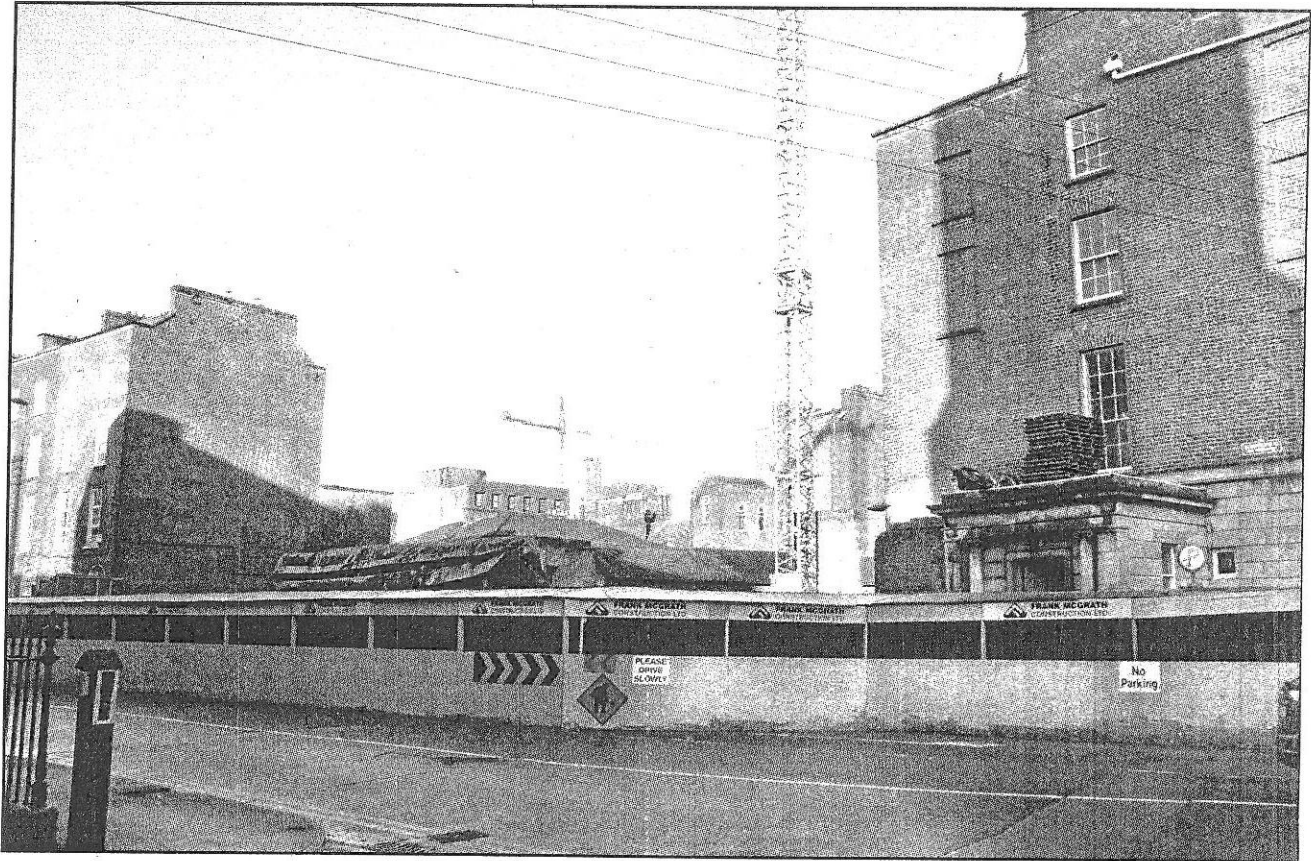
The historic building was knocked after an emergency order was served on the developers by the Chief Fire Officer for Limerick City Michael Ryan.

Mr Ryan told the Limerick Leader: "We were made aware of a safety concern and we carried out our own inspections of the premises. We were obliged to take action as we could not take a chance that either members of the public or workers would be injured."

Following the safety assessment a "dangerous-structure" notice was immediately served on the developers and the house was knocked a number of hours later."

A spokesperson for the planning department at Limerick City Council said they were aware the building had been knocked and the spokesperson added the council would be making further enquiries regarding the incident.

Residents who live in the area told the Limerick Leader they were "very upset" at what had happened and they described the demolition of the building as a "loss to Limerick".



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