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SIXTEEN derelict site notices have been served by Limerick City Council to date this year, and a further 76 notices are due to be served within the next month.

Economic development officer Mary Hayes told councillors that apartments on Clare Street were being demolished, and a number of derelict sites on Mallow Street, Glentworth Street, Cecil Street, and O'Connell Street will be targeted this year.

One hundred inspections of derelict sites have been carried out this year.

Cllr Kiely raised concerns that a shop on Kileely Road had been derelict for three years and said he was "sick and tired of bringing this up" at planning meetings.

Cllr Scully said "we need to look at this issue from the other side" and prevent properties from becoming

derelict in the first place.

He said 50 per cent of apartments in the city centre were vacant, and queried why the council's planning continued to grant new applications for residential developments in the city.

Cllr Kathleen Leddin expressed concern over the state of Boru House on Mulgrave Street, the former home of Limerick writer Kate O'Brien.

She noted that there have been various suggestions in relation to the council buying the property (which is on the market for over €4m) and turning it into a museum, but also noted that council resources were finite at present.

Ms Hayes said the council will be looking at all options to remove the house from dereliction, and said proposals had been mooted for the neighbouring garage, which is also lying vacant.

Leddin wins battle to have play area in park

ARTHUR'S QUAY

DESPITE mooted proposals for the redevelopment of Arthur's Quay, Cllr Kathleen Leddin was successful in having a motion passed at the meeting to provide a children's playground in Arthur's Quay Park.

She raised objections that proposals surrounding that area appeared to be "a fait accompli", even though they had yet to be lodged with the city council's planning department.

However, Mr Field stated that, while the whole site was identified

for redevelopment in the City Centre Strategy, the site, including Arthur's Quay Park, could not be developed as an expanded retail centre under the current zoning.

He acknowledged that the plans had received some very positive feedback, as well as some negative feedback.

Cllr Kevin Kiely disagreed with Cllr Leddin's proposal.

"We should be putting the red carpet to get developers into this city.

"This city is on its knees. We need more development," he said.



Cllr Kevin Kiely: 'This city is on its knees. We need more development'

in brief

■ AFTER years of having to travel to City Hall to view planning applications in full, Limerick City Council is in the process of uploading all planning applications since January 2008 to its website, www.limerick.ie

These applications will be available to view by January 2009.

■ CLLR Kathleen Leddin described the revised plans for Limerick Boat Club as worse than the original designs by its developers Fordmount Developments.

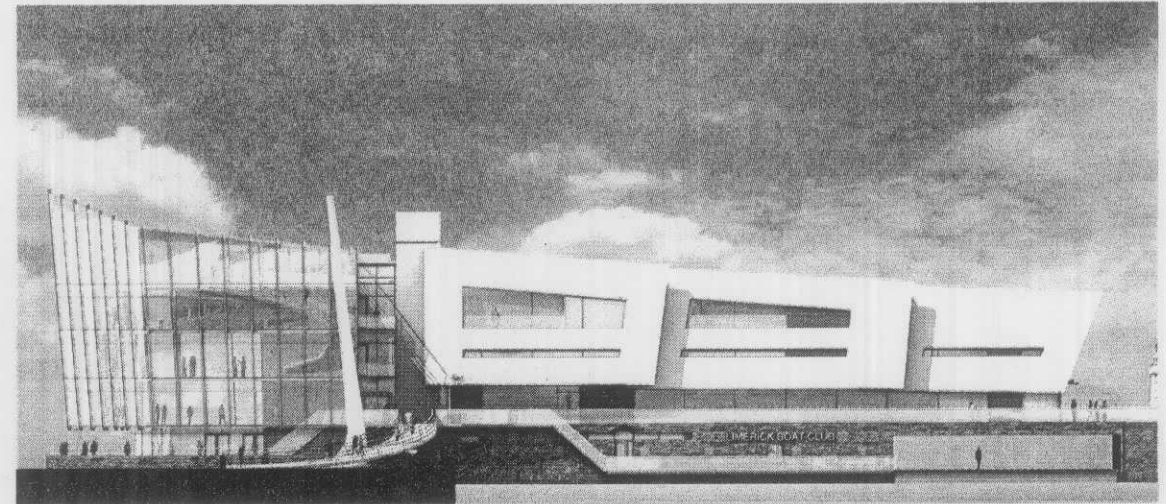
"It is a most ugly development. They have modified it and made it even worse," she said.

Three appeals against €350m retail centre

OPERA CENTRE

THE progress on the €350m Opera Centre was queried by Cllr Scully this week, who was told by Mr Tobin that three appeals had been lodged with An Bord Pleanala. The appeals have been made by Trinity Rooms, local architect Cait Ni Cheallachain and the Irish Georgian Society.

An Bord Pleanala is due to come to a decision on the centre by next February 13. However due to the backlog of appeals before the board, this decision may be delayed. The developers, Regeneration Developments, recently placed two advertisements at Bank Place and Patrick Street in their search to attract retailers.



Limerick Boat Club plan: its revised design was described as 'worse than the original' by Cllr Kathleen Leddin

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