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Derek Purcell and Laura McLoughlin, Die for Love, at the launch of their fashion show in Dolans Warehouse on February 26 in aid of the radiotherapy unit at the Mid-Western Regional Hospital (LL)

Fashion show for cancer unit

By JENNIFER
O'CONNOR

CREATIVE designs and daring outfits are set to clash with some world-class dance moves at the upcoming Die For Love charity fashion show.

The show, which is in aid of the radiotherapy unit in the Mid-Western Regional Hospital, is being held in Dolans Warehouse and promises

es glittering styles accompanied by unique choreography for a "fashion show extravaganza".

"It's a great cause. The show will feature our new trends for 2006. You will be sure to see exotic evening gowns, daring outfits and our very own range of jewellery embellished in the finest Austrian Swarovski crystals," said Derek Purcell, who,

along with Laura McLoughlin, are the designers behind Die For Love.

"All Die For Love outfits are one-off originals which create an exclusive look for each client. We pride ourselves in the fact that we do not follow trends or predict what fashion is, this is a completely original concept saying that any colour, any style goes, any time of year."

The show, he said, will be a "fantastic mix of fashion and dance combined", to ensure that entertainment and the latest designs go hand in hand down the catwalk.

"Die for Love have appeared on Ireland AM's fashion slot, TG4, and Cherries Childline Concert. We have also had a very positive press coverage in 2005. 2006 is set to be the year that Die For Love

make our mark on the fashion industry in Ireland. It is set to be a very exciting year for this brand as we are also launching the opening of our second boutique in Limerick along with this fashion show extravaganza," Mr Purcell said.

The show will be held on Sunday, February 26, at 8.30pm. Contact Die For Love at 061-446656 for further information.

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Ardhu site gets go-ahead, but locals claim a small victory

By CLODAGH O'LEARY

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a small victory

By CLODAGH O'LEARY

AFTER months of uncertainty and delays, An Bord Pleanála have decided to grant permission for the second development on the Ardhu site.

In their report, seen by the Limerick Leader, the board have given the go ahead for the mixed residential / commercial venture, subject to 18 conditions.

Controversially, the board has recommended that three villa blocks and the new entrance at Ennis Road, comprising a shared access with Woodfield House should be "omitted" from the development.

The proposed development was for 54 apartments over five villa blocks, 45 aparthotel units and a bar and restaurant, which "physically integrates" with and utilises part of the original Ardhu house, a protected structure.

The board also recommended that one of the two remaining villa blocks be relocated, and a penthouse apartment on the other be left out.

They also want Budelli to give detailed proposals in writing to the board about the protection and reinstatement of protected structures—Ardhu House.

The board state that the proposed development

(with conditions) would not "adversely affect the architectural heritage, would not seriously injure the amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity, and would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience. The proposed development would therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area."

The board agreed with the main recommendations of their inspector, Keith Sargeant, but did not agree that the proposed bar / restaurant would be "visually obtrusive" and considered that it would be not pose any threat to traffic safety.

Resident Donal O'Shea said the decision contained a small victory for those who campaigned against the development

for over two years.

"The board have reduced the number of blocks from five to two, and one of those has to be relocated. That has to be considered a victory for us and for the stance we took. We are also pleased that the entrance to be shared with Woodfield House is gone as we were very concerned about that," said Mr O'Shea, who said that the residents' association would hold a public meeting on the issue next week.

Budelli lodged an application with Limerick City Council in January 2004 for a new aparthotel block comprising 17 units in a three storey block, as well as 94 apartments.

Further information was requested in August and September 2004 and March 2005 which saw substantial changes made to the plan.



Ardhu site: residents are claiming a small victory

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City Hall refused to grant permission and Budelli appealed the decision to An Bord Pleanála last May.

A decision was originally due on the second development in September, but it was deferred several times.

In the meantime, City Council granted permission to Budelli in November 2005 to construct a glass corridor linking the Ardhu House to the bedroom block.

Residents appealed that to An Bord Pleanála last month and a decision is due in May.

Work on the first on-site development, The Clarion Hotel Suites, is nearly complete, with the new 60-bedroom complex due to open in late spring.

A spokesman for Budelli Ltd was unavailable for comment this Thursday.

Fires

HENRY Street Gardaí are investigating a fire in a derelict house in Rhebogoe on Wednesday night. The bungalow opposite the Parkway roundabout was extensively damaged in the blaze which started at 8pm.

Meanwhile, Roxboro gardaí are investigating a rubbish fire beside a portacabin on Edward Street at 1.30am on Thursday.

Quiz

A FUN quiz will be held in aid of Barrack Lane Boat Club at Bill Bourke's Bar, New Road, Thomondgate, next Wednesday at 9pm. Cost of entry per team of four is €20.

Fuel

THE Limerick Fuel for the Poor Fund announced this week that their collection

UL medical unit takes step closer

By BARRY DUGGAN

THE foundation of a graduate entry medical school at UL took a step closer to becoming a reality this week when Tanaiste Mary Harney announced that medical student places in Ireland were to double.

UL authorities now intend to make their case to the Higher Education Authority in a bid to secure a substantial number of the 240 new graduate-entry places for Limerick.

Dr Roger Downer, president at UL, said: "The University of Limerick has put together a very solid and sound proposal for the establishment of a graduate-entry medical school

mate of manpower shortages resulting in the closure of A&E departments in some Irish hospitals it is clear that a focus must be placed on generating a greater number of training places for doctors."

As part of its development of a graduate-entry medical programme, UL has signed a partnership agreement with St George's University of London. This agreement will allow UL to include elements of the graduate-entry programme at St George's in its own degree course.

The agreement will promote future collaboration between the medical programmes at the two Universities, partic-

Prof Paul Finucane, director of the Medical School Development at UL said: "Like the medical programme at St George's, the UL course will provide students with early patient contact and will have a major emphasis on the development of clinical skills, including communication skills."

The announcement of additional places for Irish and EU medical students was welcomed by local politicians.

Labour spokesperson on education Deputy Jan O'Sullivan said that the announcement of 70 extra undergraduate positions from this autumn and a total increase in places from 305 to 725 over the next four years was long

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