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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

By JENNIFER O'CONNOR

CREATIVE designs and daring outfits are set to clash with some worldclass dance moves at the upcoming Die For Love charity fashion

The show, which is in aid of the radiotherapy unit in the Mid-Western Regional Hospital. is being held in Dolans Warehouse and promises glittering styles accompanied by unique choreography for a "fashion show extrava-

"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 Swavorski crystals," said Derek Purcell, who,

McLoughlin, are the designers behind Die For Love.

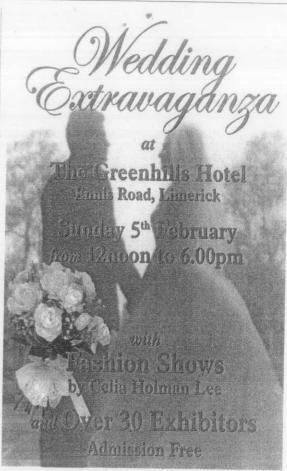
"All Die For Love outfits are one-off originals which create an exclusive look for each client. We pride ourselves in the fact that we do not follow trends or predict what fashion is, this is a completely original concept saying that any colour, any style goes, any time of

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 Cherrios 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.



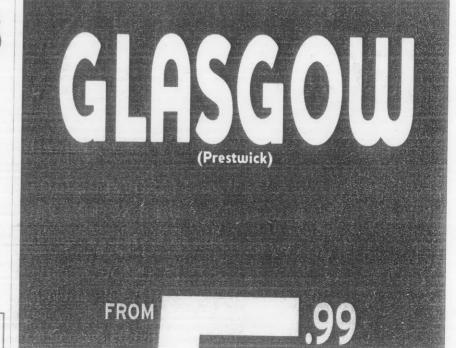
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# Ardhu site gets go-ahead, but locals claim a small victory

By CLODAGH O'LEARY

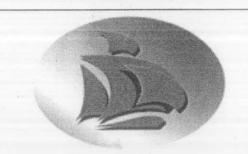
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## a small victory

### By CLODAGH O'LEARY

AFTER months of uncertainty Bord aelays, An Pleanala 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 condi-

Controversially, 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 recommend 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

The board state that the

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 Ire-

UL authorities now

intend to make their

case to the Higher Edu-

cation Authority in a

bid to secure a substan-

tial number of the 240

Dr Roger Downer, president at UL, said: "The University of Lim-

erick has put together a

very solid and sound

proposal for the estab-

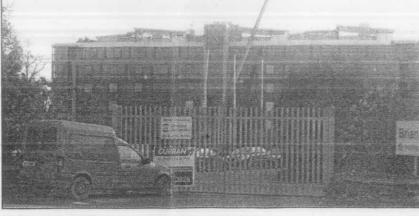
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land were to double.



Ardhu site: residents are claiming a small victory

(with conditions) would not "adversely affect the architechtural 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

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 proposed development against the development

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 doc-

ment of a graduate-

entry medical pro-gramme, UL has signed a partnership agree-ment with St George's University of London.

This agreement will

allow UL to include ele-

ments of the graduate-

entry programme at St

George's in its own

promote future collabo-

ration between the med-

ical programmes at the

two Universities, partic- four years was long

The agreement will

degree course.

As part of its develop-

**UL** medical unit

takes step closer

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 made to the plan.

director of the Medical

School Development at

UL said: "Like the med-

ical programme at St George's, the UL course

will provide students

with early patient con-

tact and will have a major emphasis on the

development of clinical

skills, including com-

munication skills."

The announcement of

additional places for Irish and EU medical

students was welcomed

Labour spokesperson on education Deputy

Jan O'Sullivan said that

the announcement of 70

positions from this

autumn and a total

increase in places from

305 to 725 over the next

undergraduate

by local politicians.

City Hall refused to grant permission and Budelli appealed the decision to An Bord Pleanala

A decision was origi nally 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 Pleanala last month and a decision is due in May.

Work on the first onsite 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.

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

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