

Hilton hotel to open in Limerick

by Mary Earls

ONE of the world's most recognised hotel brands is to open in Limerick later this year, when the Hilton chain takes over the former Jury's site.

The Limerick Hilton is

business user in mind."

She explained that the large 130-seat restaurant will focus on fine-dining; while there will be a café bar serving a wide range of snacks, meals, drinks and specialist coffees throughout the day.

"The hotel's bar is sure

dents and members.

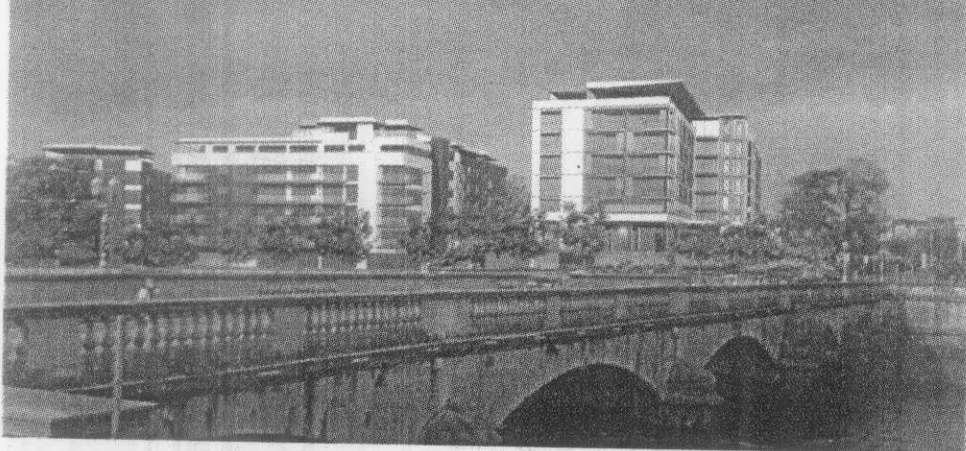
Weddings and events for up to 450 people can also be catered for in the hotel.

"The 5.7m high ceilings add a feeling of grandeur to the large function room and all brides will be pampered with the service of

apartments which will be released for sale in the coming weeks. The hotel will also have full underground parking.

John Lally, managing director of Lalco Development's said that the hotel project gave them "a terrific opportuni-

An artist's impression of what the finished Limerick Hilton Hotel will look like.



due to open in late 2006 at the corner of the Ennis Road and O'Callaghan Strand, delivering 150 permanent full and part-time jobs to the city.

Hotels on this site were previously known to Limerick people as The Inter-continental, Jury's Doyle and recently The Strand.

Hilton International will now operate the seven story-high, 184-bedroom hotel in which Lalco invested 55 million euro to develop.

Lalco Developments, one of Ireland's leading development companies, teamed up with Hilton International to bring Limerick this new premier standard hotel, which will overlook the Shannon.

A landmark building, close to Limerick city centre, the hotel has a number of facilities designed specifically for the requirements of the discerning business, dining, wedding, healthy-living and general accommodation markets.

A spokesperson for the new hotel, which is currently under construction said: "The entire seventh level is dedicated to executive meeting rooms and lounges which will have the latest modern conference and break-out facilities. Exclusive terraces wrap around the executive rooms giving delegates a sense of airiness and spectacular views over the city. Wireless Internet is available throughout the hotel and each bedroom and executive room has been designed and laid out with the needs of the

to become a hub of social activity for those wanting to enjoy a cocktail in sophisticated surroundings or for those looking for a new and alternative venue for post-match celebrations following days out at Thomond Park or the Gaelic Grounds," she added. The LivingWell health club on the premises will have a 20 metre pool, hydrotherapy and plunge pools, sauna, solarium, cardiovascular and resistance gym and a beauty spa. The centre will be available to resi-

a wedding co-ordinator and use of the LivingWell health club and the Presidential Suite.

"The spectacular design of the hotel focuses on height, light and glass. Panoramic lifts to all floors offers a view over Limerick city available from no other building and a four story atrium and glazed winter garden overlook the river," according to the spokesperson.

The hotel is part of a larger development which will include 137 deluxe

ty to regenerate a much-loved and key part of Limerick city's heritage".

"The hotel formerly on the site was a fond part of many local people's lives and many visitors' memories. With the Limerick Hilton we are very proud to be able to bring back to Limerick city a top class hotel with modern and luxurious facilities. We appointed Hilton to operate the hotel because its reputation matches the high calibre we want for this project," he said.

Local area plans for Bruff and Hospital go on public display

DRAFT Local Area Plans for the towns of Bruff and Hospital are currently on public display at the Limerick County Council offices in order to allow the public an opportunity to make formal submissions for consideration in the final plans.

This is the first occasion that both the towns of Bruff and Hospital have had Local Area Plans drawn up to map their future development. And there was unanimous agreement at last week's County Council meeting to put them on public display. Both plans, when finally adopted later this year, will

run from 2006 to 2012.

The Bruff Plan was proposed by Cllr John Clifford who stated that he "welcomed the commencement of the formal period of public consultation as there is much interest in the town of Bruff for development". Cllr Niall Collins seconded the proposal by his colleague, Cllr Clifford and asked the Council to "undertake an extensive public awareness campaign during the period of public consultation in order that all the residents in Bruff would have an input into the plan".

Cllr Collins also stated "that the

town of Bruff is a very attractive and much sought after location in which to live and work as it is in short commuting distance from Limerick City. I would also ask that draft local area plans be made available on the Council website affording people a facility to both view the plan and to make submissions online".

The Hospital Local Area Plan was proposed by Cllr Eddie Creighton and seconded by Cllr Paddy McAuliffe who both welcomed the publication of the first draft of the plan.

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