

Milk Market

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Though the councillors also expressed reservations about such aspects of the Casual Trading Act, as the rental cost for market spaces, a requirement on traders to produce PRSI/tax clearance certificates and traders' opposition to the Market Trustees becoming the authorised agents, they were unanimous that "without pedestrianisation of Robert Street, Carr Street and Cornmarket Row, it will not be possible to enforce the bye-laws."

Stressing the urgency of bringing in the bye-laws, "which are aimed at removing fly-by night merchants who descend on Cruises Street, O'Connell Street, William Street and the entire city centre, from all over the country," Cllr Joe Harrington who is a stall-holder inside the Milk Market and whose son was injured by a car in the market area, warned

"If we increase the concentration of traders in Cornmarket Row and the other adjacent street with the traffic situation as it is, we will be guaranteeing injuries there."

Also insisting on "some form of pedestrianisation," Cllr Jack Bourke who is a member of the Market Trustees praised the Milk Market for its "colour and buzz."

Speaking to the

Limerick Post, Cllr John Ryan who is meeting with the market traders on Tuesday insisted: "the only people who should be allowed to move motor vehicles within the three streets from 7am to 1pm on Saturday should be traders or emergency services. I think that in the rush to get rid of the casual traders in the city the Corporation is crucifying the market."

"There is nothing casual about these Casual trading laws, which have failed to take account of the wishes of the people, especially in relation to pedestrianisation, which is constantly being requested by regular customers, many of whom have been injured or had near misses from cars and trucks."

"The Milk Market is one of the finest in Ireland and has been hailed by Irish Times food journalist and critic, John McKenna in his book, McKenna's Ireland as the best open air market in the country, full of colour, atmosphere and vibrancy."

"Everyone, including tourists should be able to browse and shop here in comfort, not find themselves threatened by cars almost on top of them."

"With pedestrianisation, street furniture could be installed and people could relax, take photographs and browse in safety."

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