

# Trustees are willing to sell the Markets Field

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**LIMERICK** Market Trustees revealed today that they are willing to sell the Markets Field to allow "a multi-million pound" development.

"We are a willing seller, but we have to get an offer that the trustees feel is value for money," said secretary of the body, Brendan Woods.

He was reacting to criticism from Minister of State Willie O'Dea who urged the trustees to do a deal with Bord Na gCon on the sale of the property.

The Markets Field has been used for years as a dog track and the Limerick based Bord Na gCon are very anxious to improve facilities there.

"Virtually every greyhound track in the country has been developed with millions poured in and here in Limerick nothing is happening," complained Minister O'Dea.

"Bord Na gCon want to develop a major

leisure facility and money is available from the Government but I am told a deal can't be struck with the Market Trustees," he said.

"Talks have been going on for a year and it is time they were concluded."

Minister O'Dea said that Bord Na gCon were willing to spend up to £6 million on a major development which would be of huge benefit to the city.

The Market Trustees are over 150 years in existence and include members of the City Council, Chamber of Commerce and County Council.

Mr Woods rejected suggestions that they were holding up the deal.

"We have had a number of meetings on the matter over the past year with Bord Na gCon," he said.

"We would love to see the development, we are not against it, but we have to get a reasonable offer."

He revealed that there had been a number of meetings between both groups in the past three weeks.



**The Markets Field: set for multi-million pound development?**