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# City of car and food c

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LIMERICK'S inner city could consist of high-rise multi-storey car parks and fast food outlets if a people-friendly plan for the city is not devised immediately, according to Cllr John Ryan.

He was reacting to comments made by Alderman Peter Power, who welcomed budget changes made to the Finance Bill which will encourage the construction of multi-storey car parks in Limerick city.

"As chairman of the economic and planning committee of Limerick Corporation, which has overall responsibility for every aspect of city planning including urban renewal, I believe that Ald Power's unconditional welcome for tax breaks that encourage the building of more multi-storey car parks in the city centre and surrounds is ill advised and detrimental to the long term proper development of the city," said Cllr Ryan.

"The city is overrun with car parks and fast food outlets as it is and is becoming less and less people friendly while oth-



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er European cities are moving in the opposite direction."

Cllr Ryan commented that building multi-storey car parks is a quick fix solution that will further congest the city centre.

"We need to invest in public transport like the rail link proposal that I suggested almost three years ago," he continued.

"The Government has done absolutely nothing at all to advance this idea