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BRIEFS****Poetry Night**

THIS week's guest poet at the White House pub on O'Connell Street is Dublin-born poet, novelist and artist Frank Golden. Now a resident of Co Clare for more than 20 years, he will read a selection of his work this Wednesday, April 2 at 9pm. His novels include *The Two Women of Aganatz*, *On Route to Leamaneh* and *In Partial Settlement*.

**Chamber Orchestra**

BEFORE the Irish Chamber Orchestra blazes a trail across America, Limerick audiences have a chance to see the orchestra in action this Thursday, April 3. Tickets are priced from €15 to €25. Call 1890 923 543 to book. After this concert, the Limerick-based orchestra will head on to Boston, New York, Connecticut, Virginia, Maryland, Ohio and Arkansas.

**EV+A tour**

A SERIES of walking tours of the venues and sites of OPEN/INVITED ev+a 2008 art exhibition will be held on Monday, April 7, and Tuesday, April 15. This walking tour will commence at Limerick City Gallery of Art at 2pm and the tour will take participants through the primary ev+a venues in the city over two hours. For further details contact Limerick City Gallery of Art on 061 320633.

**Spring race Meeting**

A two-day spring race meeting at Limerick takes place this Saturday, April 5 and Sunday, April 6 at the Patrickswell track. Admission is €30, €15 an €10 for concessions and buses run each day from Corbett Station in Limerick. Saturday is a six race flat card, which gets underway at 2.20pm, while Sunday features the €50,000 Hugh McMahon Memorial Steeplechase, and the €30,000 Kevin McNamee Bookmakers Champion Bumper. For more details contact us at [www.limerickraces.ie](http://www.limerickraces.ie).

**Kant talk at the Hunt**

NEXT week's Hunt Museum luncheon lecture is titled "Getting a Full Picture in Art by Regarding Kant." The talk on Tuesday, April 8, at 1pm, will be given by Dr Nora P Donnelly, a graduate of the National College of Art and Design and the University of Ulster at Belfast. At present she lectures in Mary Immaculate College, and writes on art criticism and related educational matters. Admission is free.

# Bus station appeal right on schedule

By ANNE SHERIDAN

AN Bord Pleanála have confirmed to the Limerick Chronicle that they do not anticipate any delay in deciding whether to grant planning for the proposed €1million redevelopment of Corbett Station.

Last week, the planning authority said the decision to build over 200 apartments on the South Circular Road would be delayed until April 29 due to "the sheer number of cases" before the authority.

However, a spokesperson told this newspaper that the case regarding the bus and train station "is still up for decision" and said they did not foresee any delay. The authority are due to announce this Wednesday, April 2, whether Bus Éireann's plans will get the green light.

Originally, Limerick City Council refused Bus Éireann permission to construct a modern building, which would connect with the 19th century station. Bus Éireann then appealed the decision to An Bord Pleanála and said in their submission that the proposed new station is necessary for passenger safety and improved efficiency.

However, the local planning office said the applicant failed to supply further information in relation to Orbital Route, which it is proposed will cross the front of the site. As Bus Éireann had allegedly failed to demonstrate that the pro-



How the train and bus station could look if An Bord Pleanála give the development the green light

posed development would not adversely impact on the orbital route, the council deemed that the development could "endanger public safety."

However, in the appeal to An Bord Pleanála, Paschal & Watson architects said this refusal was "wholly unreasonable."

The planning department also said that some of the works outlined in the planning application

"would detract from the setting of the protected structure", which was again rejected by the applicants. They stated that contrasting historic buildings with a contemporary design is widely acceptable.

Under plans, the bus station would move from the right to the left hand side of the current station and the existing bus station would be converted into a car park. A new

two-storey bus station, plans to remove redundant rail tracks, a public car park to the north and west of the site, are also indicated. A landscaped garden is planned for the front of the station, where a car park is currently situated. An internal walkway would also connect the rail and bus station, providing greater ease of mobility for customers. If the development is given the

go-ahead, it is believed it would take two years to complete the regeneration of the station.



The proposed Bus Station to the left of the main Corbett train station

**LEAVYS**  
SHOES

113 O'Connell Street, Limerick  
15 William Street, Limerick

DODGER Beige, Brown, Black Wrinkled

KILDARE Tan Lee, Black Lee

ATHY Khaki Multi, Tan Multi

**Wrangler**  
FOOTWEAR