

Sports museum planned for Parnell Street site

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PLANS are in train for an international sports museum in the city...and a putting green in the same building.

Marine Pine Ltd. has made application to Limerick City Council for the demolition of the existing shop and amusement hall at 42 Parnell Street, and for the construction of a three storey building (1,644.05 sq m), yard and associated site works.

The new building will contain a coffee shop, merchandising retail area, amusement hall, courtyard and putting green at ground floor level, a snooker club at first floor level and a cinemaette, an

international sports museum and associated offices at second floor level.

There is already a rugby museum at Thomond Park, while the internationally known Ger Hartmann gave Limerick its first ever sports museum at University of Limerick two years ago, and as exclusively reported in the Limerick Post at the time.

Rugby fan Johnny Brennan, from Hyde Road, has a huge range of rugby memorabilia which he transferred from his home, for security reasons, to a licensed premises in Limerick.

It has been suggested that the proposed venture at Parnell Street could accommodate Johnny's vast collection.



The amusement arcade in Parnell Street where it is proposed to construct a new building and which will house a sports museum (pictured inset).

Derelict sites of concern to Cllr Scully

THE owners of sites and uncompleted buildings that have fallen into dereliction should be forced by the city council to take action.

Cllr Diarmuid Scully told a recent meeting that he is concerned that the derelict sites will continue to disfigure the streets of Limerick for years to come.

"We have the facility to penalise these developers. We could issue them with fines and we should do so - it might be a source of badly needed revenue," he said.

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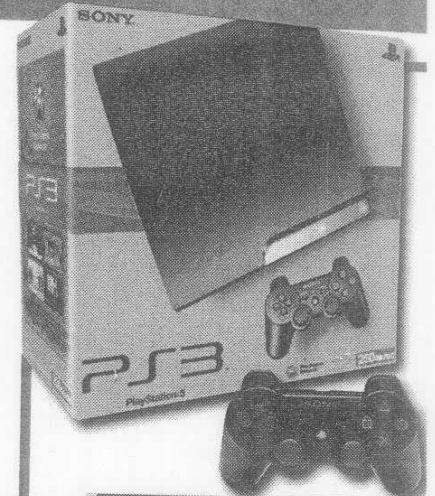
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