

## NAMA to begin work on derelict section of Claremorris complex

**CLAREMORRIS:** Work will begin shortly to clean up the derelict section at the Silverbridge Shopping Centre. The project, which will be undertaken by the original developer, Conway Builders from Westport, will be funded by the National Asset Management Agency (NAMA).

Last April, president of Claremorris Chamber of Commerce, Jimmy Flynn, put forward a proposal to NAMA for the rejuvenation of the site, and he is now thrilled the work is going ahead.

"When NAMA wrote to us in June, they were already working on the detail with Conway Builders. This is fantastic news for the commercial fabric of Claremorris and on behalf of the chamber and the business community, I'd like to thank the

agency for moving so swiftly," he remarked.

The project, which is expected to be fully completed by Christmas, will involve landscaping the plaza to the front of the unfinished building, laying new public footpaths from the Knock road / Kilcolman road junction into the shopping and car parking areas, and putting new hoarding immediately around the unfinished building.

In addition, a vacant house and old timber hoarding are being taken down and the public will have access through the plaza area, which is currently off-limits.

"This will restore the connection between the traditional and new shopping areas of our town and send out a clear message that Claremorris is very much open for business," said Mr Flynn.

## First-time renters advised to check small print on landlord contracts

**WEST:** With college places accepted, students are being reminded to choose their landlords and flatmates carefully.

The Private Residential Tenancies Board (PRTB) have advised first-time tenants to remember that renting a property is a business agreement which must be taken seriously.

"First-time renters can sometimes get caught up in the excitement of living away from home, and may not take the time to properly check out that their landlord is an experienced

their new flat-mates," said a spokesperson for the board.

Students are warned to choose flat mates carefully, since each individual tenant may be held jointly responsible for unpaid rent or damage to property caused by other tenants. Tenants are legally obliged to pay their rent and if they (or flat-mates) fall into arrears and do not repay them, they could be prosecuted. Students should also consider whether a 12-month lease suits their needs, if they only need the property for the academic year.

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