

Building boom in city continues as luxury tower block development gets green light

Right, the proposed luxury tower block building on the former An Post site next to City Hall — which will be the tallest in Ireland — will consist of 222 apartments, ground floor retail, offices and 553 car parking spaces, and will create a landmark at the southern gateway to the city, and far right, an artist's impression of the tower at night.



## Luxury apartments 'twice the size of three-bed semi'

A 17-STOREY city tower block development, which has just been granted planning, will boast penthouse apartments twice the size of a three-bed, semi-detached house.

The €150 million Eglinton Street development by O'Flynn Construction will be the tallest in Ireland — at 70 metres it will be four metres taller than the existing record holder, County Hall. It will hold 222 apartments, five retail units, seven offices, a crèche, gym and 553 parking spaces.

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The apartment element will be world-class according to the architect for the building, Frank O'Mahony of Wilson Architecture.

They will range in size from 600 square feet for the one-bed apartments up to 1,500 square feet for the two-storey penthouse apartments.

The apartments will have their own private balconies overlooking private gardens which will sit on top of a surrounding podium of the buildings.

Mr O'Mahony said these gardens will be bigger than Bishop Lucey Park.

Sherry Fitzgerald will be marketing the units in the development.

A spokesman for developer Michael O'Flynn said the retail element will consist of one large unit selling bulk items, and the rest will be smaller, with boutique and restaurant-type uses.

Despite the size of the development there were only two observations on it during the planning process and the developers are hopeful it will not go to An Bord Pleanála. If that is the case it could be built within two years.

