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Garveys Castleisland - Development

IN terms of development, Castleisland has seen some vast transformations in recent months, but the latest project to receive much local attention is the relocation of Garveys Super Valu supermarket, estimated at €7 million.

Having operated from its Main Street premises since 1988, the thriving supermarket has seen much growth in recent years, resulting in this latest relocation to a much larger premises on Church Street. Work is currently well underway at the site of the old O'Donoghue's Garage, from where the new-look Garvey's SuperValu will begin trading on June 30.

Garvey's SuperValu Managing Director, Terry Dunne, told The Kerryman that when completed, the 20,000sq ft new store will in fact be three times larger than the existing Main street premises, allowing for even better customer service.

Mr Dunne confirmed that the Church Steet premises will feature a substantial supermarket and newagency with a total of 200 car spaces to the rear. The impressive new development will also comprise a pharmacy and petrol stations, allowing for convenient one-stop shopping.

According to Mr Dunne, the new outlet will also mean a significant increase in staff numbers, rising from the current 55 employees in the Main Street shop to 85 in the new store.

The move to a significantly larger premises, according to Mr Dunne, will a mean more convenient and comfortable shopping experience for customers, with a much wider range of goods and services on offer.

"One of the main reasons for the move was to provide more car parking space for our customers, which wasn't possible at our Main Street premises," he said.

"As well as that, we also felt the need to expand our range and in moving, we're now providing a much larger supermarket, a bakery, pharmacy, news agency and a petrol station, as well as a much wider range of goods. Work has been ongoing since November and we will be opening on June 30."

When asked if any plans had been made for the existing Main street premises, once trading in the new store begins, Mr Dunne said that nothing had been decided.

"We have no plans for that building at the moment," he said.