Developers Hold Keys to Supply but They Can’t Control Demand

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epartments such as the fine
courses are becoming increasingly eco-
last year are forcing students to spend
finding a decent— and in some cases any
USI) president Kevin Donoghue,
He believes students are starting to
The general housing shortage and an
such as people moving out and setting
concentrating on the economic and
Dublin have identified the four main
drivers of housing demand— and
Brian Hughes, of the government's
He says. “As an agent for a stand-
students are competing with professional tenants with a prior
interest. In the general rental market,
one, in line with European trends.
emptynesters buy a property for their children.
It can be a good investment,
my sister. "My little sister is
he says. "My little sister is
"Students are a higher risk as there's
be difficult to forget you
would be difficult to remember the
ought to be forgotten, unused and eventually
beyond rescue and reuse.
basically a short, medium and long-term
policy, which was launched in 2014 and
includes the website homes.usi.ie, a
solutions is the Homes for Study cam-
who was last year. "I got really lucky
accommodation, a Dubai group, which paid
residence at Mill Street in Dublin 8.
Conflict, the owner of Mount Juliet golf
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and that population growth
about half of what it needs to satisfy
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but never did.
Finally, there’s what we call the
Obsolescence. You’d think it
also studying at the university and
and paying a holding deposit and then
 permission for a €41m, 392-bed student
emigration should return to natural
levels, and that population growth
be satisfied only very slowly.
Neighbours have come in a variety of shapes and forms. Homeless
or housing is a priority. AI is the
top-notch golf courses, and others still
under pressure to deliver more apartments in the
is available. “After that, I found another
party —gasp —waiting list.
"We need to deal with the problem
from a short, medium and long-term
perspectives.” Donoghue says.
There was no intent whatsoever to
which were first built in 1999.
Ely Wood at Owendoher in Ballyboden,
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Office had to get under way, and at
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