

As Gayle Killilea fights to keep her assets, the MoS reveals...

# The £5m home of bankrupt developer's 'estranged' wife

By Valerie Hanley

THIS is the palatial £5m mansion that bankrupt developer Seán Dunne's 'estranged' wife Gayle Killilea calls home, the Irish Mail on Sunday can reveal.

The imposing two-storey, red-brick house is set in more than three acres of wooded gardens in the English stockbroker belt of Surrey, just a stone's throw from the royal Windsor Great Park.

The lavish home boasts seven bedrooms, four reception rooms, a

## Speculation over marital status

coach house, stables, a tennis court, and a separate cottage for staff.

It was bought by the former gossip columnist after she paid the previous owners a £1m deposit. The sale was agreed in March 2014 and completed six months later after a confidentiality agreement was brokered, according to Seán Dunne's bankruptcy file.

This prevents the mother of four and the previous owners from disclosing details of the deal as well as 'any confidential information concerning the business and affairs of the other', according to the documents seen by the MoS.

In addition, the previous owners also agreed to cover architectural copyright costs for plans for the multi-million property so that Ms Killilea could use these drawings to



**LUXURY:** The palatial property in Surrey, England, owned by Gayle Killilea, pictured right leaving the Four Courts on Tuesday, is set on over three acres

build her dream home. Two years before the sale, planning permission was granted to demolish the existing property and replace it with a new residence, garages and a separate cottage.

According to locals, both Mr Dunne and his estranged wife live in the luxury mansion with their young family.

Despite the planning permission, they have only carried out some work on the grounds so far.

One local told the MoS this weekend: 'They [Seán Dunne and Gayle Killilea] haven't built a new house. They got planning permission.'

Since Mr Dunne filed for bankruptcy in the US in March

2013 he and his estranged wife have insisted their home address is in Greenwich, Connecticut.

Four months after filing for bankruptcy, Mr Dunne was declared bankrupt here.

He was due to be discharged last year, but the official handling his case now wants to extend the businessman's period of bankruptcy.

In addition, Irish bankruptcy official Christopher Lehane also wants to retain a court order freezing Ms Killilea's assets.

Last week, she was in Dublin to challenge that court order and claimed that she and Mr Dunne were legally separated.

Despite this, in an affidavit sworn by Mr Dunne only a few weeks ago

## STYLE ON TRIAL:

Gayle's patent leather all-in-one sock boots are from Chanel's 2014 summer collection and cost €980. Her sunglasses with rhinestone Coco Chanel logo cost about €400.



Dunne referred to her as Gayle Dunne.

When Judge Caroline Costello asked why a home address was not included on documents submitted to the court, as is standard procedure, Ms Killilea's legal team provided the judge with her address in a sealed envelope.

They claimed this was necessary because there had been intrusions on their client's privacy.

Judge Costello reserved her judgment until a later date.

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**THE BIG TIME:** Irish singer Aimée Fitzpatrick

## Ireland's got talent on X Factor and BGT

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IRELAND will have someone to cheer for in both X Factor and Britain's Got Talent this year, as Irish acts have made it through to the next stages of both shows.

The Irish Mail on Sunday can reveal that singer Aimée Fitzpatrick has made it through to the auditions and will appear on X Factor, which airs in September, while last night comedy act The Lords Of Strut got through to the next round of Britain's Got Talent.

Fitzpatrick has been singing and dancing since she was three.

In 2013, when she was just 17, she appeared on the Late Late Show in a competition to represent Ireland in the Eurovision. While she was unsuccessful in her bid to become the Irish Eurovision entry, it didn't put a

halt to her drive for pop stardom. In April this year, X Factor auditions came to Ireland and thousands of young hopefuls pitched up – and Aimée was plucked from the wannabes and invited to sing again for Simon Cowell and his judges.

And while we wait for X Factor to start, Irish viewers can follow the progress of Lords Of Strut – a comic duo who impressed the Britain's Got Talent judges last night.

The Lords Of Strut impressed got three of the judges on side with their acrobatic comedy dance act to 1980s classic Take On Me. Despite Simon Cowell declaring he 'didn't get it', the other judges voted 'Yes' to the comedy 'brothers', also known as Cian Kinsella from Carlow and Cormac Mohally from Cork.

Alesha Dixon praised their dancing, saying: 'You were doing some really difficult moves.'