

SAVE THE BOTANIC GARDENS GARAGE



Arnold Clark Automobiles have submitted a new application to Glasgow City Council's Planning Department for partial demolition and redevelopment of the A-listed Botanic Gardens Garage.

The garage is the oldest surviving multi-storey car park in the UK. Built between 1896 and 1912, and designed by David Valentine Wyllie. Its upgraded listing means it is now in the top category, along with buildings such as Edinburgh Castle.

There will be a
Public Meeting
to discuss the new proposals on
Tuesday 21 October at 7.30pm
in
Hillhead Library

Agenda

Information about the new proposals
Discussion of implications
Support for writing objections
AOCB

www.botanicgardensgarage.org

***“Save the Botanic Gardens Garage”* campaign: what we have achieved so far...**

Following last summer’s Hillhead Library meeting, “Save the Botanic Gardens Garage” campaigners have achieved some clear progress.

In October 2007, Arnold Clark Automobiles (ACA) announced the withdrawal of their initial application to demolish the garage, and public opposition played a large part in this decision.

However, in a subsequent press release, ACA acknowledged they would resubmit their application with minor amendments.

In light of this, and research confirming the Botanic Gardens Garage as the oldest surviving multi-storey car park in the UK, we successfully lobbied Historic Scotland to upgrade the garage’s Listing from Category ‘B’ to Category ‘A’.

“A” Listing does acknowledge the building’s national / international significance in terms of its engineering and architectural design, and historic context.

“A” Listing does not guarantee any building’s future. The Botanic Gardens Garage remains on the Scottish Civic Trust’s Buildings at Risk Register.

***“Save the Botanic Gardens Garage”* current aims:**

- to promote an imaginative viable reuse of the Botanic Gardens Garage
- to safeguard and protect the building rather than allow it to be demolished
- to ensure its maintenance and ultimate renovation.

In a new planning application (July 2008), Arnold Clark Associates once again showed their wish to demolish the majority of the Botanic Gardens Garage buildings, and this time replace them with a four-storey complex, including flats, office space, leisure facilities, and a retail unit.

Save the Botanic Gardens Garage campaigners are pursuing every possible avenue to ensure this new planning proposal gets recommended for **REFUSAL**.

If you would like to help save this historic west end landmark, please register your objections with the council. Representations can be made in writing to:

Development Control
Development & Regeneration Services
229 George Street
Glasgow G1 1QU

Or via email to: planning.representations@drs.glasgow.gov.uk