

PROJECT GRANTHAM LIMITED

WORK TO BEGIN ON HAMILTON CLUB REDEVELOPMENT

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Alterations to the historic Hamilton Club building on Grantham Street have now commenced.

Hamilton developer Project Grantham Limited was granted a Resource Consent to redevelop the site and carry out alterations to the heritage Hamilton Club building, which will be transformed into commercial office space.

The project manager Design Management Consultants' managing director Lyall Green said the initial work will include an initial archaeological assessment of the site.

Demolition of one part of the building will follow, before it is temporarily shifted approximately 50 metres south on the site to enable its final site location to be prepared. The building will then be repositioned approx 11m closer to the Waikato River than its current location so car parking from Grantham Lane can be provided. The resiting of the Hamilton Club building to its final position is expected to be completed in January 2012, before seismic strengthening and refurbishment begins.

Mr Green said: "We spent a long time with NZ Historic Places Trust looking at all the options to ensure the building's heritage features were retained and upgrading of the building would enable it's life to be extended.

The work being undertaken includes seismic strengthening and new pile foundations as well as positioning the building so it is able to open out onto a piazza courtyard connected to the river reserve.

We believe this is a great out come for retaining heritage features associated with early 1900 era buildings."