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# Fire-hit Glasgow hotel Inn on the Green to be bulldozed for new flats under new plans

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The former Inn on the Green, on Greenhead Street, could be turned into flats under new plans

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**A FIRE-DAMAGED former hotel near Glasgow Green could be turned into 45 flats under new plans.**

Glasgow City [Council](#) has received a planning application from charity LAR Housing Trust requesting permission to demolish the B-listed building, but retain its facade, and erect the flats.

The Inn on the Green, on Greenhead Street, was closed in 2006 and had its roof destroyed by fire in 2014, with fire crews reporting the blaze was started deliberately.

A structural report has revealed the property is not at "immediate risk of sudden

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"There is urgency to secure **planning** permission for development with façade retention works, or to prepare for demolition the building in the very near future to ensure public safety," the planning application states.

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LAR Housing Trust, a Scottish charitable incorporated organisation, was "established to provide below market rent homes in perpetuity, for households that would otherwise be at risk of financial hardship".

It currently has nearly 500 units spread throughout **Scotland**, with hundreds more in the pipeline.

This car-free development would provide a mix of eight one-bed flats and 37 two-bed flats.

A planning report states: "This proposal provides an opportunity to bring a derelict site back into use, securing the future of a severely damaged and critically at risk listed building, by carrying out a façade retention, and developing the site to bring much needed affordable housing to the area.

"The site has had planning permission for over 15 years but the original previously approved schemes were not built due to the unsuitability of the listed building for conversion to alternative uses.

"The development would bring economic benefit to the existing shops & services, and would provide an overall positive contribution to the area."

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The building passed between several owners from 2006 to 2019 but has never been developed and no maintenance work has been carried out. Water ingress "which has irreparably damaged" the building's structure was caused by the 2014 fire.

"There is evidence of further fires in the building, including a basement fire which has destroyed the ground floor structure." the report adds. "As a consequence of the fire damage and water ingress over six years, the damage to the interior and structure of the building is severe and un-salvageable."

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