



The former Salvation Army citadel on the corner of Brougham and Powderham Sts, New Plymouth.

# Church sells citadel

Plans are being made for the redevelopment of another old central New Plymouth building in a manner which will retain its original architectural character.

A city firm, Noremac Properties Ltd, has bought the former Salvation Army citadel on the corner of Brougham and Powderham Sts, ending almost 100 years of church association with the site.

A director, Mrs Angela Boon, said the company had no firm proposals for the property but would like to redevelop it in a manner which preserved the building's fine aesthetic points.

"It's a nice looking building and we would like to preserve it in much the way Fletcher Development and Construction Ltd want to redevelop the old Egmont flour mill," she said.

Fletchers have a proposal for rebuilding the interior of the old mill on Powderham St to provide a series of bars and restaurants but has still to announce a taker for the scheme.

Mrs Boon said Noremac was not interested in using the citadel building itself but was looking to develop it for a long-term occupier. The company was now seeking interested users.

Salvation Army commanding officer in New Plymouth, Captain Peter Scadden, said the citadel was built in 1929 to replace an earlier church structure on the site.

He understood the army had been involved with the property for almost 100 years, moving there after a major fire shifted it from closer to Devon St.

The church moved into its new citadel further west on Powderham St in 1976 and the old building had since been on the market.

He declined to release the sale price and said the money would probably go towards future church property development. "We have strict rules covering this sort of thing."

Captain Scadden said the shift was made to gain more space and overcome parking problems.