



THE PRESENT tenant, Ms M. Ibbotson, stands outside the house which is destined for demolition.

## HISTORIC HOUSE TO BE DEMOLISHED

Another of New Plymouth's historically interesting houses is to make way for progress, but its history and architectural features will be recorded by the Institute of Architects in New Plymouth.

The house at 21 Carrington St. will be demolished to make way for the New Plymouth City Council's next 33-11kv electricity substation.

The town clerk, Mr W. J. Connor, said today when the council made its decision to

site the substation on the property, it did not know the house had any historical significance.

It had relied on the advice of the Historical Places Trust which had looked at all historical places when the district scheme plan was formed two years ago.

The question of preserving trees, historical places, parks and the like, was a policy matter because in considering any of these aspects the local

authority's ability to preserve or assist in the preservation of these objects, had to be assessed Mr Connor said.

"The house is falling apart and has reached the end of its useful life," he said.

The president of the Historical Places Trust, Mr M. J. Moorhead, said the trust had only heard at its meeting last night, that a Carrington St house was to be demolished.

"We did not know the address of the house," Mr Moorhead said.

However the New Plymouth Institute of Architects is going to look at it on behalf of the trust.

Mr Moorhead said there was little chance that the house would be restored but all the facts on the house would be recorded by the institute.

The half acre property was first bought in 1856 by Mr Thomas Mihner, although the Crown grant was not obtained until 1883, long after the house was built.

From 1863 to 1865 the house was leased by Mr R. Standish, a well known pioneer and resident of New Plymouth.

The house was bought in 1866 by Captain F. J. Mace, a distinguished soldier whose decorations included the New Zealand Cross. It was subsequently let to a number of tenants and at one stage was occupied by Governor Sir Thomas Gore Browne during a visit to New Plymouth.

Mr H. H. Mace took over the house in 1917 and sold the property to the New Plymouth City Council in 1951 for £1800.

Until now the council has been leasing the property but the present tenant will have to be out by next year when the house will be demolished and the construction of the substation will begin.