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Not up to us to decide on BBGS frontage, says City Hall

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - It is not City Hall's decision on whether or not the two oldest buildings of the Bukit Bintang Girl's School should be preserved, Kuala Lumpur Datuk Bandar Tan Sri Kamaruzzaman Shariff said today.

"The question of whether or not those buildings are to be retained should be posed to the owners of the building. Ask the Education Ministry".

Kamaruzzaman said this at a Press conference after receiving the Sea Games torch from Bukit Bintang MCA division chief Dr Lee Chong Meng at City Hall today.

Kamaruzzaman also said that the developer had submitted plans and that they are under consideration.

When asked to comment on DBKL's decision on the premises, Kamaruzzaman said that it was not up to them. He said it was not up to DBKL to decide whether or not to demolish the old buildings.

In an article published in the New Straits Times, thousands of former students and the general public had appealed to the authorities to preserve and integrate the frontage of the two oldest blocks of the former Bukit Bintang Girl's School into the proposed re-development plan for the school site.

Signed petitions have been sent to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, his deputy Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, cabinet ministers and City Hall.

Badan Warisan Malaysia and the Malaysian Institute of Architects have also submitted appeals to the authorities to preserve and integrate the buildings into the new plan.

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