# Blossom Motor Company transitions to Blossom Market in Ancoats



Blossom Motor Company, a longstanding fixture in Ancoats, will soon transition from an MOT garage to the Blossom Market, following nearly 80 years of service to the local community. Established in 1948 by Harry Meachin, the family-run business has been operated by his grandsons, Sean and Paul, who have devoted approximately 50 years to the garage. Their dedication has come to a close, prompting a shift in the business model as the area undergoes significant gentrification.

James Ravenhall, the son-in-law of the Meachin family, indicated that the decision to close the garage stems from a desire to continue serving the community rather than succumbing to the pressures of lucrative development offers from various developers. Speaking about the situation, James noted, “They’ve been approached by a number of developers... but they still want to serve the community of Ancoats.”

In light of the evolving landscape of Ancoats—from a hub of cotton mills that once defined Manchester's industrial prominence to a trendy neighbourhood with wine bars and artisanal eateries—the Meachin family has opted to convert the garage premises into an independent market hall. This move is aimed at fostering an environment conducive to emerging businesses, as current commercial spaces in the area have become limited.

James elaborated on the motivations behind the transformation, stating, “Regeneration has pushed people out... affordable retail space that Ancoats once had is very scarce.” The change is anticipated to provide much-needed opportunities for local entrepreneurs. The Blossom Market will host eight retail units catering to diverse interests, including crafts shops, florists, and record stores. The plan has garnered interest from various potential tenants, establishing a proactive approach to ensuring the space supports local commerce.

The project received approval at a council planning meeting, with plans designed by architects Atelier MB. Their supporting statement conveyed the vision of the market hall as “a multi-unit arcade” aimed at encouraging smaller, established businesses to thrive.

The Meachin family's intention to offer low rents within the Blossom Market further underlines their commitment to maintaining Ancoats' independent spirit. As the garage prepares to close in the forthcoming year, the legacy of the Blossom name will endure on Gun Street, transitioning to a new chapter that aims to enhance the community's commercial landscape.

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