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The famous Queen St Mill in Burnley, Lancashire, is one of eleven museums that the country council is closing under pressure of Britain’s austerity measures. The famous mill still contains 308 Lancashire looms in the once-typical north-lit weaving shed, driven by a horizontal steam engine and hand-stoked Lancs boilers. See Ian Gibson’s report.

Opinion

Save the last coal processing plant of Flanders

Patrick Viaene

A few years after the Beringen coalmine in Flanders, Belgium, closed in 1989, all the important constructions preserved on site were protected as historical monuments. Since legal protection was adopted in 1994, Beringen is the only coalmine of the Flemish basin to be integrally preserved.

But in 2013, the coal processing or washing plant, the most impressive part of the former coal mine, was threatened with demolition for the first time. Public authorities came under pressure from the real estate agency redeveloping the mine grounds partially for additional new functions (a swimming pool, shopping area, housing, etc.) to repeal the status of protected monument.

After a successful action and press campaign, the competent Minister (Geert Bourgeois) luckily decided to maintain the monument status of the plant.

Today, the real estate developer on site (‘B-Mine’) insists on partly demolishing these outstanding technical installations for unclear reasons… Once again, local experts and associations, the Beringen Mining Museum, the heritage platform “Coalface - Het Vervolg” and individual experts have joined efforts to convince the authorities of the uniqueness and the great importance of the coal processing plant.
Upcoming - 2016

Portugal
ICOHTEC Symposium, Technology, innovation, and sustainability: historical and contemporary narratives.
www.icohtec.org/proposal-guidelines.html
26-30 July: Porto

Portugal
Docomomo Annual Congress, Adaptive Re-use workshop considering the huge MMC industrial facility.
6-9 September: Lisbon

UK
Understanding Industrial Assets - Conservation & Management
5-6 September: University of Leicester

Guatemala
VI Encuentro sobre Patrimonio Industrial, Museo del Ferrocarril
5-7 October: Ciudad de Guatemala

Spain
XVIII Jornadas Internacionales de Patrimonio Industrial – Incuna 2016
5-8 October: Laboral Ciudad de la Cultura Gijon

Portugal
ERIH Annual Conference, “European Industrial Heritage - How to tell the International Story?
26-29 October: Porto

2018
Chile
XVII TICCIH Congress, the first in Latin America.
13-15 September: Universidad Central de Chile, Santiago.

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