

Building:

57-61 Oxford Street



<u>Allotment Reference:</u>	52
<u>National Trust Register:</u>	-
<u>National Estate Register:</u>	Recommended
<u>Historic Buildings Council Register:</u>	Recommended
<u>Location within Precinct:</u>	Collingwood Slope
<u>Photograph Date:</u>	9.6.87
<u>Grantee:</u>	S.A. Donaldson
<u>Original Owner:</u>	Richard Kefford
<u>Present Owner:</u>	
<u>Former Use:</u>	Residential
<u>Present Use:</u>	57 59 61: Design Lab; Industrial 63: Design Consultants
<u>Construction Date:</u>	1873-1878

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Architect:

Builder:

Description:

A distinctive pair of identical double residential units separated by accessways and consisting of bi-chrome formerly tuckpointed brick parapetted main facades with blue/black body bricks and cream dressings. The sills and plinths are bluestone and the partially concealed hip roofs corrugated iron clad. The front walls are situated on the street alignment.

Condition:

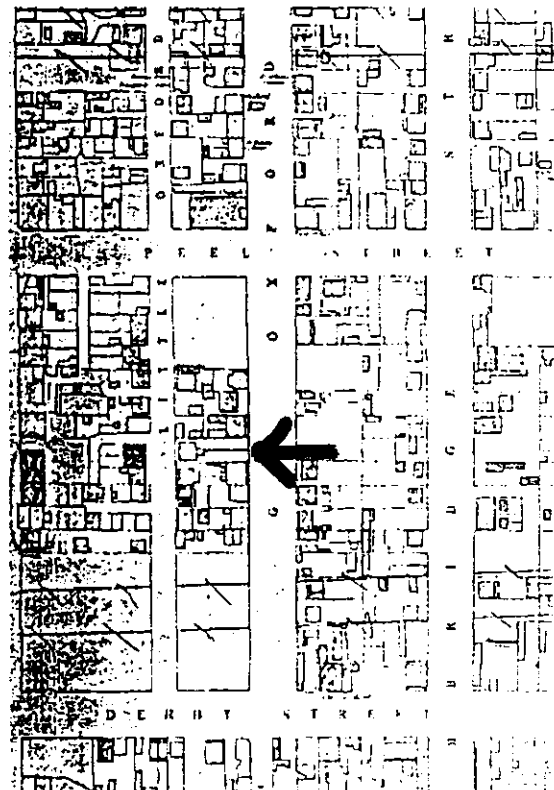
Good

Integrity:

Good. Recent additions to Nos 61-63 are visible at the rear. Form a visual unit with adjoining Nos 51-55.

History:

The 1858 Hodgkinson map shows a small building on this site:



As early as 1866 (RB), Richard Kefford, the contractor, owned three wood houses here and he lived in the middle one. In 1869 (RB), they were described as 5, 4 and 2 roomed houses and there had been no change in 1871 (RB). By 1873 he had built another house here and in 1874 another (1874 RB: "house" x 5). By 1875, Kefford owned 4 "cottages", of which the northern 2 were of timber, and the southern 2 of brick, suggesting a construction date of 1873-1874 for the southern pair. In 1878 (RB) he built a second brick pair, leaving room for him to occupy the last of his wood houses, to the north of the row. The situation remain unchanged in 1891 (RB).

Significance:

Nos 57-61 Oxford Street are important at the State level as a rare terrace of bi-chromatic brick paired units. At the regional and local levels they are important visual elements in the precinct and should be considered in conjunction with adjoining Nos 51-55. They are fine examples of bi-chromatic work, for which the Slope is noted and are of interest also as an example of pre-boom development by the local investor, Richard P. Kefford, who also owned land in Little Oxford Street.

Recommendations:

Recommended for inclusion on the National Estate and Historic Buildings Council Registers, and for planning scheme protection.

References:

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