

NAME: Gladstone Buildings

ADDRESS: 169-187 St. Georges Road

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1888
ALTERATIONS: verandah removed, shop-
fronts altered
ARCHITECT: unknown
BUILDER: James Holden
FIRST OWNER: various
PRESENT OWNER: various
CONSTRUCTION
MATERIALS: rendered brickwork
CONSERVATION AREA: A5



BUILDING CITATION:

This row of 10 two storey shops was constructed in 1888. The contractor was James Holden. There appears to have been verandahs along the front but these have subsequently been removed. Most of the shopfronts were probably altered c.1920, and there is some leadlighting to the shop windows. There have been some more recent shopfront alterations. The upper floor facade, with paired arch headed windows, is intact, but the original pediment has been removed leaving only the corner aedicule with the name "Gladstone Buildings 1888" and a bust of Gladstone.

This building is important as a streetscape component in a local context.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that this building be added to the Register of the National Estate and specified under Clause 8 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Third Schedule).

BUILDING ANALYSIS:

A row of 10 two storey shops constructed in 1888¹ occupying an acute angled corner site. There appear to have been street verandahs all the way along, and most of the shop windows have been replaced, possibly in the 1920's. Some windows have more recently been remodelled.

The first floor however, is intact. Each shop has a pair of arch headed windows. There is a simple dentillated cornice surmounted originally by a parapet or balustrade which has been removed and the top re-capped. This leaves exposed in a rather strange way the corner aedicule containing a bust of Gladstone, and the name "Gladstone Buildings". At the top of this corner motif there were originally urns or balls, of which only the bases remain.

The only other noteworthy feature is that in the ground floor shop windows, what looks like original timber work survives. At the top of all but the corner shop front four long panels with curved timber corners are visible. The corner shop ones may still be there under the sheeting.

The foundation stone adjoining the corner door reads "THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THIS TERRACE OF SHOPS WAS LAID ON THE 30TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1888 BY JOHN McMAHON, OF ALFRED CRESCENT NORTH FITZROY JAMES HOLDEN CONTRACTOR."

1. Foundation stone