20 STUDLEY AVENUE, MCCUTCHEON HOUSE

Original Use: Residence Date of Construction: c.1917 Architect: Osborne Mc Cutcheon of Bates Peebles and Smart

DESIGNATION B CITATION NO.51

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HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION

This house was built by the leading architect Osborne Mc Cutcheon, of Bates Peebles Smart (later Bates Smart McCutcheon), for his own use. As would be expected of Mc Cutcheon, it was an advanced design that adopted the rendered box-like formality typical of the 1920s, and was devoid of the fanciful decoration that had been the norm in Edwardian architecture of the preceding decade. The house had a two storeyed open balcony projecting out to the front, that is now glazed in, and is entered from a covered porch on the north side. The walls are rendered and the roof is in a series of tiled hips with a very wide eave line. The house attracted some attention when built and was illustrated in the *Real Property Annual* in 1917.¹



Floor Plan in 1917 (Real Property Annual)

SIGNIFICANCE

20 Studley Avenue Kew is of significance as the house built by Osborne Mc Cutcheon for his own use and for the advanced nature of the design.

HERITAGE LISTINGS

HBR: Recommended for inclusion on the register. GBR: N/A RNE: Recommended for inclusion on the register. National Trust: Not currently listed.

1 Real Property Annual 1917, p.36

This building is of local to regional significance as an example of the work of Osborne McCutcheon and for its advanced design. It should be graded C (or possibly B).