

26 SACKVILLE STREET, 'BLACKHALL'

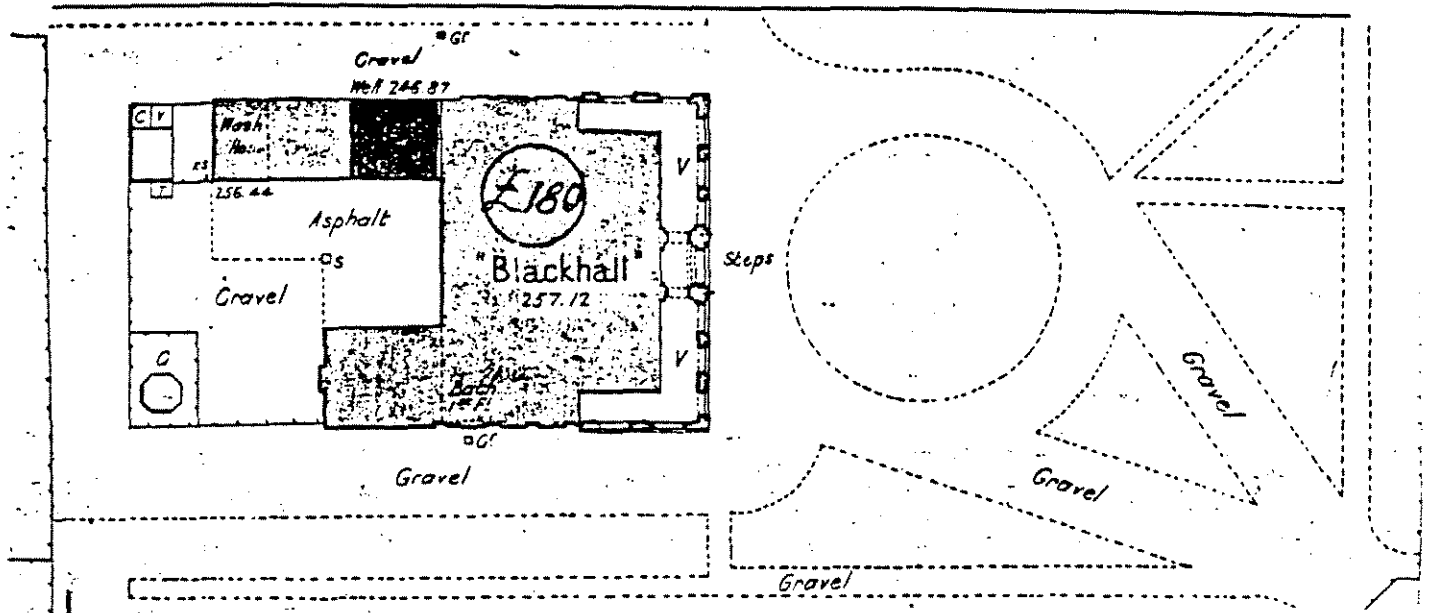
Original Use: Residence
Date of Construction: 1890-91¹
Architect: Unknown

DESIGNATION B
CITATION NO.27



HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION

Documentary evidence records that in 1890 William Henry Roberts was the first owner and occupier of this two-storey mansion² set amongst extensive grounds³. At that date the N.A.V. for the property was £100⁴, while in 1891 the N.A.V. had increased to £350⁵, indicating that the thirteen-roomed house had been completed. The design of the house is dominated by the front loggia, clad in render, that spans across the front and returns down each side. The loggia is superimposed with a trabeated system, doric at ground floor level and ionic above, each with an appropriate entablature. The whole is surmounted with a parapet with blind Italianate balustrading and a very tall central pediment unit. The building is currently used by the Preshil School.



'Blackhall', 1903 (MMBW, Plan No.1563)

SIGNIFICANCE

'Blackhall' is of significance as a typical and intact late Victorian mansion and as such is one of the key Victorian buildings to have been built in Kew. It is integral to the significance of the concentration of Victorian mansions along Sackville Street.

HERITAGE LISTINGS

HBR: Not Recommended for inclusion on the register.

GBR: N/A

RNE: Recommended for inclusion on the register.

National Trust: Recorded No.810

¹ City of Kew, Rate Books, 1890-91

² *ibid.*, 1890

³ M.M.B.W., 'Plan of Kew - 1563', Scale 40 feet to 1 inch, December 1903

⁴ City of Kew, Rate Books, *loc.cit.*

⁵ *ibid.*, 1891

This building, typical for its time and one of a number of such homes in Sackville Street, appears to be of regional or local rather than state significance - it should be graded B and protected through UC1 controls.