

162 LIVERPOOL ROAD (An existing heritage item)

Brief description

The former Ashfield School of Arts is an existing heritage item, listed in the Ashfield LEP Schedule. It is a two-storeyed load-bearing parapetted brick building with a facade of face brickwork articulated by rendered pilasters and pebble-dash string courses. The openings have segmental-arch heads and the name of the building is modelled in render in the parapet.

Outline history

This land was owned by James Ireland, who owned the butcher next door at No 160. In 1912 the site was purchased by the trustees of the Ashfield School of Arts for £500. The building was erected in the following year. In earlier times the School of Arts was located in their large building at the Liverpool Road-Holden Street corner. When the Trustees could not meet interest repayments on their building loan, their hall was sold and it eventually became the Baptist Tabernacle, which was demolished in 1936.

Reason for listing

A simple yet handsome element, gentle in streetscape scale. The building symbolises a social movement of importance at the turn of the century. *Criteria (a), (b), (c)*

Other relevant documentation and citations

The *Ashfield Heritage Study 1992*, vol 1, Item 170.

