

188-196 LIVERPOOL ROAD: Shops and dwellings

Brief description

A two-storeyed building comprising five ground-floor occupancies originally with six-roomed dwellings at first floor level. It is a pleasing five-bay symmetrical parapetted facade of Inter-War Arts-and-Crafts design of face-brick and render, the centre bay having a raised pediment motif. There is a suspended awning, beneath which all but one of the shopfronts have been modified.

Outline history

These five occupancies were built on a site combined from three titles owned by Sybal Nasaf Mawter as owner-builder, who lodged a Building Application which was approved in 1928. Mawter evidently died in 1952, after which his estate sold the five separate titles. No 188 was sold in 1955 to Nelson Pearson, pastrycook; No 190 in 1955 to a group of five cafe proprietors; No 192 in 1952 to Wilfrid Simpson, draper; No 194 in 1952 to Jemima Alexander, who appears to have operated a florist and newsagency; and No 196 in 1952 to the wife of H Radford, tailor.

Reason for listing

A pleasing building with great potential to be a more important contributor to the streetscape, despite having been modified. *Criteria (a), (c), (c).*

Other relevant documentation

BA Nos 5085-88 and 5229 for 1928; Valuer-General's records, 1928-55; in Ashfield Council Archives. *Sands Directories.*

