

This property is at a sensitive site on the corner of Royal College Street and Camden Road in Camden Broadway conservation area within Camden Town Estate (built 1790--1875).

The Design Statement dates of building as 1900s. But the block of Randolph Street/Royal College Street/Camden Road/St Pancras Way was started by local builder Samuel Collard from 1825 and into the early 1830s. Note the arched brickwork over the first storey windows is in seen both in the Royal College Street and Camden Road houses.

The North London Railway came first in 1850 (the bridge buttress next No. 178b still has the original cement-work for the station sign), and was doubled in the 1860s with the new station built on the west side. Now called Camden Road station, it is one of the few originals remaining on the line and Grade II Listed. Structures around the Regents Canal nearby also are Grade II listed..

The facade of 178a has strong conservation importance. Renovation must use original materials wherever possible. There should be well-insulated purpose-built wood window frames - not UVPc - and the door should be solid wood, with mouldings - as next door at No.178. (and also its semi-circular fanlight).

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