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419-23 Sussex Drive

### HERITAGE CHARACTER STATEMENT

This now truncated three storey Italianate commercial structure was erected during the decade 1865-75. A serious fire led to the eventual removal of its fourth storey and a prominent cornice. Constructed of red brick its facade was completed with decorative piers and belting in a contrasting yellow brick, stone arcading and large shop windows on the ground floor and segmentally-arched windows with hooded stone voussoirs on the second storey. Its original features and proportions gave its design a more typically Italianate appearance than it has today. In its architectural essence, this building is structurally diminished but still a stylistically harmonious, if unassuming, component of the contemporary Sussex Drive street-scape. Its design is still compatible with the dominant character of the remaining commercial buildings in the area. The building has a certain environmental impact because it is one of the two surviving structures on the block that marked the northern extremity of the once-thriving Sussex Street commercial district. As a result it is of particular importance in maintaining this once locally pre-eminent commercial street-scape.

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