

Fairview Former Post Office

Building Inventory Form

Location		Map Information	
Name:		OSI Map Sheet No.:	3198-12&17
Former Name	Fairview Post Office	OSI Map Scale:	1:1000
Street Number:		Revision Date	2005
Street Name:	Fairview Strand		
Town:	Dublin 3	RPS	Not recorded
County:	Dublin		

Classification			
Original Use	Post Office		
Current Use	Retail and Offices		
Original Type (NIAH Ref)	Commercial		
Date From:	1889	To:	1990s
Condition	Good		

OPW Architect	Robert Cochrane
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NAI OPW Archive File Reference	OPW5HC/4/654
NAI OPW Archive File Reference Date	1889
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Categories of Special Interest								
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Standard Fittings	Original	Condition/remarks
Receiver / Letter Box External Box	No	
Receiver / Letter Box Internal Box	No	
Stamp Dispenser	No	
Clock	No	
Post & Telegraph signage	No	
An Post Signage	No	
Fireplace behind public counter	No	
External light fittings	No	
Windows	No	
External Doors	No	
Sorting Room Ventilators	Yes	Poor

Location

This former post office building is located on the south side of Fairview Strand opposite the junction of Philipsborough Avenue, Figure 7/30 and 7/31. It is a detached building located between a row of terraced two storey brick houses to the east side and two semi-detached two-storey shop units, of a later period, to the west side.



Figure 7/30 – Fairview Former P.O., 1889; Base Map Source: Ordnance Survey Ireland²⁹⁵



Figure 7/31 – Fairview Former P.O., c.1889; Photo, Author, 2005

²⁹⁵ O.S. Map No. 3198-12 & 17; Scale 1:1000; 2005 Edition

Original Building Description

Single storey four bay gable fronted brick and stone post office building built 1901. This building was built in two phases and is described in detail in Chapter 5. The first phase consisted of a Sorting Office with Entrance Porch and a Postmen's Room at the rear of the building. The external Yard consisted of a Coals store, an Ashes store, a Urinal area and three W.C.s, all shown uncoloured in Figure 7/32. The second phase consisted of the addition of a Public Office, with Entrance Porch and a Clerks area. This construction brought the building line of the postal office out to the street and the works shown coloured in Figure 7/32 indicate this.

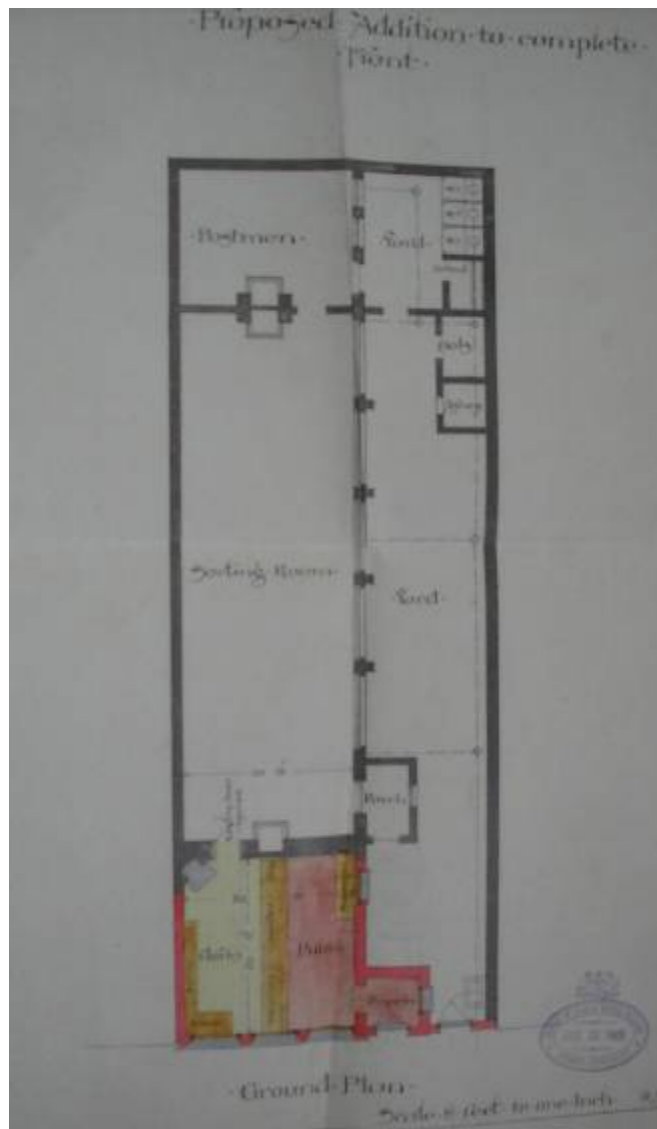


Figure 7/32 – Fairview Former P.O., c. 1889; Ground Floor Plan with additions²⁹⁶

²⁹⁶ National Archives of Ireland; *OPW Drawing Collection*; Ref OPW5HC/4/654

Existing Building Description

Plan

The original footprint survives but the internal layout to the former public office is much changed. Access was not permitted to the remaining areas.

External Wall

The front façade differs from the original elevation drawing as the brickwork below the front windows is now stone, Figure 7/33.



Figure 7/33 – Fairview P.O., c. 1889; Original Front Elevation Drawing²⁹⁷

Windows, Doors and other features

No original windows, doors or features of the area examined have been retained.

Appraisal

This is an example of early OPW purpose built Post Offices. Its location at the road junction gives it a significance on the streetscape.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Although this building has had some changes to its fabric, they are all reversible. This building should be included on the Record of Protected Structure for the council.

²⁹⁷ ibid