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LOWER CLAPTON ROAD

The Police Station
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Police Station including offices, cells and section house. 1904 by John Dixon-Butler for the Metropolitan Police. Red brick with stone dressings. Slate mansard roof with dormers. 3 storeys, attics and semi-basement; attached buildings 2 and 3 storeys. Main facade double front with 5 windows. Central stone doorcase with segmental arched hood on paired elongated console brackets on pedestals; double panelled doors approached by steps. Outer bays, have 3-light canted bay windows through ground and 1st floors surmounted by stone balconies. Narrow architraved windows flank entrance with rectangular architraved window having small lights above. 2nd floor sill band; architraved windows of 2 lights and central single light (centre 3 grouped). Stone bracketed eaves cornice topped by large central pediment having 3 similar grouped windows and narrow lancet with sill band above. Pediment flanked by 2-light dormers. Return wall gables form chimneys, that to right with 2 chimney breasts rising from 1st floor level and joining to form round-arched recess at 3rd floor level with stone keystone and voussoirs; recessed sash at each floor level. Chimneys continue through apex of gable as separate stacks but linked by stone balustrade. Attached 2 storey extension with 2 sashes at ground floor level paired by a stone lintel with bowed cornice supported on 2 central brackets; 1st floor has 3 slightly bowed central sashes with sill band and continuous cornice, with parapet above. Recessed block with all windows at ground floor; upper floors mostly with 2-light sashes, stone sill and floor bands, and tall slab chimney stacks to hipped roofs. Attached cast iron railings on low brick wall to areas and lamp standard Windsor type lantern having blue glass inscribed "Police".