

KINGSLAND HIGH STREET

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No 41
(F.Cooke's Eel, Pie & Mash Shop)
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Eel, Pie & mash shop, restaurant & dining room with accommodation over. Building 1902-3 by James Hood; shop & restaurant 1910; rear dining room 1936. Painted brick with stucco columns and dressings. 4 storeys. 3 bays. Renovated shop front of original central part-glazed doors with overlight flanked by large sashes, above marble risers, for the dispensing and display of eels. Gold lettered fascia between elaborate brackets, with octagonal 1930s lanterns on curved projecting brackets. Upper floors with pilasters to each floor at angles. 1st and 2nd floor, later windows set behind 4 column screens. 3rd floor bracketed cornice above which a shouldered architraved segmental headed window with large keystone projects into the pediment. Interior of shop and restaurant lined with glazed tiles; blue and green dado with. Art Nouveau Style frieze, cream walls with, to right, panels containing lozenges of Delft-type scenes of wherries and ketches harvesting the catch and, to left, large mirrors with later brass clips of entwined eels, blue patterned cornice frieze. Marble topped counter with corrugated metal front, marble topped tables and wooden benches all probably 1930s. entrance floor with mosaic inscribed "Cooke" with an eel slithering through the letters and beneath, a shell, inscribed "established 1862", set in waves. Archway to rear of restaurant leads to kitchen with stained glass panel depicting a monk with an eel in one of the double doors. To left, the dining room with beige and green tiled and mirrored walls; lit by 4 glass domes, partly of stained and patterned glass with enriched architraves in a panelled ceiling, and architraved lunettes with stained and patterned glass. Similar tables and benches to restaurant. A rare surviving example of a once common type of establishment in London.