



Heritage Statement

Sparth House, 185 Manchester Road, Rochdale, OL11 3QY

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This brief Heritage Statement has been produced following a request from the Senior Technical Admin Officer at the Council following ongoing consultation with the Conservation Officer.

2 Heritage Position

- 2.1 There is no historical merit or significance to the current dwelling on the site, known as Sparth House.
- 2.2 Historic mapping below illustrates the loss of the original villa of historical interest sometime between 1915 and 1944. The villa was originally known as 'Sparth House', from which the current dwelling gets its name. It was likely built by wealthy mill owners when Rochdale was at the centre of the woollen trade and was demolished during a period of intense, likely post-war rebuilding.
- 2.3 During the 1915-1944 period, the mapping data provides evidence that the larger site was split into 3 plots, with a pair of semi-detached properties built on the northern 2 plots (now nos. 181 & 183) and the current dwelling built on the remain 3rd (no. 185).
- 2.4 The historic evolution of the site size, configuration, demolition and splitting means that any historical interest has already been removed. It fundamentally altered the historic form associated with the villa house referred to above, including the large sweeping drive-way, off-centre/angled orientation to the road and adjoining buildings/gardens.
- 2.5 The proposals would therefore have no heritage impact on the site and immediate surrounding area.

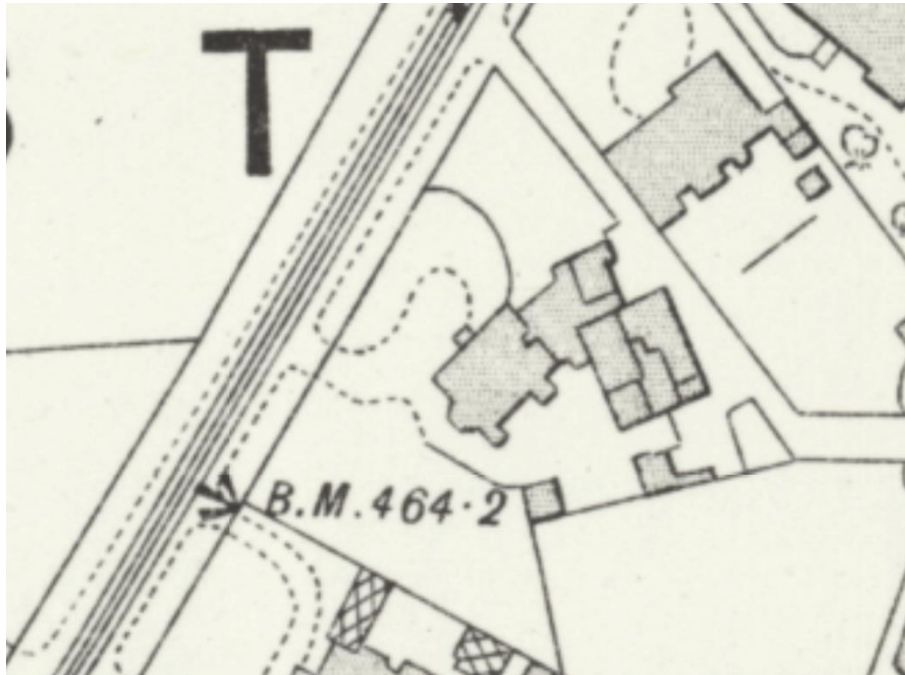
3 Historic Mapping



OS 1:500/1:528 Towns, 1840s – 1890s



OS 6", 1888-1915



OS 25", 1892-1914



OS 1:1,250, 1944-1974