The Making of Post-War Manchester

From Industrial City to Industrial Archaeology: Manchester and Industry 1945-76

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Right: Manchester warehouse district.

Manchester and its Traditional Industries: I Textiles
Textile Mills in Manchester, 1781 to 1912

Below: textile mills in Manchester c. 1800
Right: textile mills (red) in Manchester in 1912.
Industry Leaves Manchester: 1945 to 45

The city missed out on the revolution in new forms of high-speed textile production and man-made fibres in the period 1945-86

Textile Manufacturers in Manchester (Worrall’s Lancs Directory)

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Manchester and its Traditional Industries: II Engineering

Engineering moved to Trafford Park and Wythenshawe, 1945-74
Trafford Park aerials
1930 and 1950
Ashbury’s Railway Engineering Works, Gorton, east Manchester Closed 1950s and excavated in 2012

Flues and cupola furnaces from L19 truncated by overhead crane c 1900.
Manchester and its Traditional Industries: III Transport

Below: Central Station, opened in 1880 for the Cheshire Lines committee, closed in 19697.

Above: Railway viaducts and canals at Castlefield - Commercial traffic on the Bridgewater Canal into Manchester ceased in the early 1970s.
New Sensibilities: Manchester’s First Industrial archaeology Dig, 1960
Tomlinson’s work in 1960 was partially sponsored by the Lancashire & Cheshire Antiquarian Society and the CBA.
The Deansgate Dig 1972 – Manchester’s first community excavation (Roman Castlefield) and first excavation of workers’ housing
Saving Manchester’s last timber-framed buildings

The C16 Old Wellington inn, was raised by c. 1.7m in the 1970s as part of the Shambles Square development.
Liverpool Road Station - the first intercity passenger terminus

The 1830 Liverpool Rd Station (right) and (left) the 1830 Warehouse, Liverpool Road, Manchester. The goods depot closed in September 1975, was offered to the GMC in September 1976 for 31 and in 1978 was bought as the home of the North Western Museum of Science and Industry