



A detailed plan of Fitzrovia with a view of the 'New Road'

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 [Fitzrovia .]

London: 1793-4. 565 x 525mm.

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Sheet 1B from Horwood's survey of London, on a scale of 26 inches to a mile, covering Fitzrovia, in an early state, with a separately-printed prospect of the country north of 'The New Road from Paddington' (Euston Road), which was dropped from the completed map. The area mapped is from Tottenham Court Road west to Devonshire Place, marking Fitzroy Square (without the central garden in the completed map). There is little development north of the Euston Road, but of interest is 'Jews Harp House', a coffee house that was a hot-bed of Jacobin insurrection. William Blake refers to it and the farm shown nearby in his poem 'Jerusalem': 'The Jews-harp-house & the Green Man; / The Ponds here Boys to bathe delight: / The fields of Cows by Willans farm: Shine in Jerusalems pleasant sight'. Within twenty years both had disappeared as the area was developed as Regent's Park.

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