



A fine large-scale map of early-Victorian London

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A Plan of London and Its Environs, Shewing the Boundaries of the Cities of London and Westminster, Metropolitan Boroughs and Parishes and Distances in Miles & Quarters of the Principal Roads from the General Post Office.

London, c.1840. Lithograph with original hand colour, dissectioned & laid on linen as issued. 890 x 1080mm.

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A large and superbly detailed map of London engraved by Dower, with an elaborate foliate engraved border. The plan extends from Hammersmith in the West, clockwise to Hampstead, Highgate, Stoke Newington, the River Lea, the East India Docks, Greenwich, Lewisham, Dulwich, Brixton and Putney. A feature of this map is London's last race course, the Kensington Hippodrome at Notting Hill. Opened in 1837 a journalist for the "Sporting Magazine" described it "the most perfect race-course I have ever seen". However the heavy clay soil was frequently waterlogged, so only 13 meetings were held before the venue closed in 1842. Over the next thirty years the area of the racecourse disappeared under the Ladbrooke Estate. Among the early railways marked are the Greenwich, Southampton and Blackwall, although it is likely that several were still under construction.

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