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Figure 4.2 Stoney Street, The Lace Market, Nottingham.



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Figure 4.3 Stoney Street, The Lace Market, Nottingham.

of the finest collections of nineteenth-century commercial architecture possibly in Europe (Figures 4.2 to 4.5). In the twentieth century, the lace industry went into decline. Many of the fine buildings were not properly maintained, became run down and were sub divided as workrooms for small clothing

and textile firms. The rents such properties could command were low, so exacerbating the problems of maintenance. Following the destruction of some buildings during the Second World War, further buildings were demolished in the 1950s and 1960s. The road schemes in The Lace Market and its



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proposed comprehensive redevelopment in the 1960s were never completed, fortunately. The area was probably saved when it was declared a Conservation Area in 1969. In 1974 the City Council adopted a renovation strategy in the hope of reviving what had become a badly run down area with



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thirty derelict sites and many more decaying buildings. This strategy for renovation adopted by the City Council in conjunction with the Department of the Environment and English Heritage was remarkably successful, improving over 150 buildings, landscaping derelict sites, redeveloping other sites

Figure 4.4 Broadway, The Lace Market, Nottingham.

Figure 4.5 Broadway, The Lace Market, Nottingham.