

Former Debenhams Building
Thames Street Staines

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The former Debenhams building occupies a prominent position on the corner of High Street and Thames Street in Staines town centre. It was purpose-built to replace a collection of smaller buildings in 1956 under the Kennards brand (a Debenhams subsidiary) and was rebranded as Debenhams in 1973. The store was built to designs by the London-based architect George Coles and was completed in 1962. It is four storeys in height plus a basement and is Neo Georgian in style. The building's ground floor consists of almost continuous display windows beneath a canopy. Above the ground floor its elevations are largely brick, punctured by closely-spaced, metal framed windows. Half its longer Thames Street elevation is formed by a bow and this elevation has a strong horizontal appearance moderated by two-storey, stonework surrounds to four of the window bays. Two similar areas of stonework are present on the High Street elevation. The main entrance, with glazing surrounded by stone panels above, sits at the corner of the two elevations.

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