

Request

Please may you help me in obtaining copies of some historical planning documents? My enquiry is about **Diggle Green Farm, 8 Wilton Lane, Warrington, WA3 4BD** as shown edged red in the attached plan. The site is on the boundary between Cheshire and Lancashire administrative authority areas, just south of the A580 East Lancs Road.

Whilst the property is *now* within the Warrington Council boundary, planning powers were previously vested within Wigan Council as part of Lancashire.

The Local Government Reform Act took effect between 1972 – 1976; and the land became part of Cheshire – see below commentary. However, my client advises that in his recollection of the farm being bought by the family in 1977 and up until the formation of the Warrington and Runcorn Development Corporation in around 1981 (and perhaps until as late as 1984); Wigan Council still retained control of planning powers. Waste and Minerals powers were transferred in 1998 when Warrington Borough Council regained control of county-level functions when it was made a unitary authority.

I am seeking details and documents planning permissions which we know to have been granted in 1979 and 1981, and possibly 1990-1991. Regrettably, Warrington do not have any records prior to 2000. During the period 1977 – 1998, my client advises that permission was sought and obtained for numerous developments including the erection of stable blocks, demolition and erection of a replacement dwelling and siting of a residential static caravan.

Please may I ask for you to search your records to provide reference numbers and/or copies of any documentation during the period 1949 – 2000 pertaining to the land shown edged in red on the attached plan?

Response

We have researched both our archived paper and digital records for the site concerned. Based on the information available, our historic records reveal three planning applications during the period in question :

Application	Applicant	Situation of Development	Development	Decision
A/77/08563	A. Broster Diggle Green Farm Wilton Lane Kenyon, Culcheth	Diggle Green Farm Wilton Lane Kenyon Culcheth	Proposed Bungalow	Approved with conditions 20/02/78
A/89/32409	AJ PL Broster Diggle Green Farm 8 Wilton Lane Kenyon	Diggle Green Farm 8 Wilton Lane Kenyon	To erect a 8 No Stable block and tack room	Approved with conditions 19/02/90
A/92/37892	Mr A Broster	Diggle Green Farm Wilton Lane Kenyon	Siting of caravan to provide temporary accommodation for owner (mobile caravan)	No decision

Having checked, as we no longer have any documentation relating to the above applications, we are of the opinion that in all likelihood the documentation was transferred to Warrington Council as a direct result of The Cheshire, Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Merseyside (County and District Boundaries) Order 1993 which came in to effect on 1st April 1994. Your comment that Warrington Council do not hold any records prior to 2000 is noted.