



Knowsley Council

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Our Ref: 25/00457/AGR

Date: 26 August 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT)
ORDER 1995

APPLICATION FOR DETERMINATION

PROPOSAL: PRIOR APPROVAL FOR THE ERECTION OF 4NO. POLYTUNNEL FOR
AGRICULTURAL USE

LOCATION: Cronton Farm, Cronton Road, Cronton, Knowsley, WA8 5PX

I can confirm that the above application has been determined by the Council.

The Council has determined that pursuant to Part 6 of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015, the applicant be informed that

1. The proposal complies with the requirements of Schedule 2, Part 6, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended).

If you require any further information please contact Louise Robinson, Planning Services, Regeneration and Economic Development Department, PO Box 26, Archway Road, Huyton, Knowsley, Merseyside, L36 9FB. Telephone 0151 443 3160

Informatives

1. The proposed development lies within a coal mining area which may contain unrecorded coal mining related hazards. If any coal mining feature is encountered during development, this should be reported immediately to the Mining Remediation Authority on 0345 762 6846 or if a hazard is encountered on site call the emergency line 0800 288 4242. Further information is also available on the Mining Remediation Authority website at: Mining Remediation Authority - GOV.UK Standing Advice valid from 1st January 2025 until 31st December 2026.



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2. See attached response from Merseyside Fire Authority.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dale Milburn'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'D' being large and prominent.

Dale Milburn

Executive Director - Regeneration and Economic Development

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Our ref:00436992/1348909/DS/LD

Date:12th August 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

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ADDRESS: Cronton Farm Cronton Road Cronton

The Fire Authority requests that any decision notice includes the following information.

The plans relating to the above application have been examined and below are the Fire Authority's observations:

Access for Fire Fighting

- Access for fire appliances should comply with the requirements of Section B5, Schedule 1 of the Building Regulations. Provisions for access will depend on the size and use of the building. The design of the access route, for example minimum road widths and maximum reversing distances, should also be considered (Appendix A, attached).
- In accordance with Section 55 of the County of Merseyside Act 1980, the position of the premises should not compromise or impede existing means of fire service access to a neighbouring building.

Water Provision

- Water supplies for firefighting purposes should be risk assessed in accordance with the undermentioned guidance in liaison with the water undertakers (United Utilities - 0161 907 7351) with suitable and sufficient fire hydrants supplied.
- Consideration should be given to the recommendations within the 'National guidance document on the provision of water for firefighting', produced by the Local Government Association and Water UK, available for free download via: <https://www.water.org.uk/national-guidance-document-provision-water-firefighting>

Further information regarding access requirements can be found in the current version of Approved Document B, which is available for free download via:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fire-safety-approved-document-b>

Should you require any further information in respect of this correspondence please contact the Officer named above.

Yours faithfully

David Shawcroft

Authorised Fire Safety Inspecting Officer
And on behalf of Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority

Appendix A - Access and Facilities for the Fire Service as given in Section B5 of Approved Document B

Domestic Dwellings

For dwelling houses, access for a pumping appliance should be provided to within 45m of all points inside the dwelling house.

For flats, either: access for a pumping appliance should be provided to within 45m of all points inside each flat of a block, measured along the route of the hose; or fire mains should be provided.

Commercial Buildings

Small buildings (up to 2000m², with a top occupied storey a maximum of 11m above ground level), require access for a pump appliance to 15% of the perimeter, or within 45m of every point of the footprint of the building, whichever is the less onerous.

Larger buildings will require access to a percentage of the perimeter that increases incrementally with size of the total floor area and height of building – please see details in Approved Document B Volume 2 Section 15.

Elevations to which vehicle access is provided will require a door, to give access into the building. The maximum distance between doors, or between a door and the end of the elevation, is 60m (i.e. a 150m elevation would need a minimum of two doors).

All Buildings

Access routes and hardstanding should comply with Table 13.1 ADB Volume 1 / Table 15.2 ADB Volume 2. Please note: MFRS appliances are 17 tonnes (pump) and 26 tonnes (high reach).

Dead-end access routes longer than 20m require turning facilities (e.g. a turning circle or hammer head, or other turning point).

Where fire mains are fitted, access should be provided for a pumping appliance to within 18m of each fire main inlet connection point. Inlets should be on the face of the building and visible from the parking position of the appliance. The run of horizontal internal connecting pipe should be a maximum of 18m in length.

Buildings with a storey more than 18m above the fire service vehicle access level, or a basement more than 10m below, should have one or more firefighting shafts containing fire-fighting lifts and fire mains (a minimum of two fire-fighting shafts will be required for buildings with a floor area of 900 m² or more).

Buildings in the 'shop and commercial', 'assembly and recreation' or 'industrial' purpose groups (Groups 4, 5, or 6), with a storey area of 900m² or more and a storey height of 7.5m or more above fire service vehicle access level will require at least two firefighting shafts (firefighting lifts may not be needed).

Entry to a firefighting shaft at fire service access level should be available either directly from the open air or by way of a protected corridor not exceeding 18m in length. The corridor is deemed to be part of the firefighting shaft, and any access to it from the accommodation should be by way of protected lobbies.

Hydrants

Where a building has a compartment with an area of more than 280m² and is being erected more than 100m from an existing fire hydrant, additional hydrants are required as follows:

Buildings with fire main – hydrant within 90m of dry fire main inlet;

Buildings without fire main – hydrant within 90m of an entrance to the building; and a maximum of 90m apart.