

HERITAGE STATEMENT

**BANK FARM
MARTIN LANE
BURSCOUGH
ORMSKIRK
L40 0RT**

CHANGE OF USE FROM AGRICULTURAL TO SUI GENERIS (WASTE MANAGEMENT/RECYCLING – SORTING, STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION OF NON-HAZARDOUS WASTE

Heritage Category:	Listed Building
Grade:	II
List Entry Number:	1196668
Date first listed:	01-Mar-1993
List Entry Name:	MERSCAR HOUSE
Statutory Address:	MERSCAR HOUSE, MERSCAR LANE

Farmhouse. Late C17 or earlier C18, remodelled in later C18 and subsequently altered. Pebble-dashed render on brick, with sandstone dressings and composition tile roof. Square plan formed by 2-unit baffle-entry range with projecting central porch and additions to rear. Two storeys and attics, 1:1:1 windows, symmetrical, with a 2-storey gabled porch which has a square-headed outer doorway with a wedge lintel, and a 2-light window above with raised sill and rectangular lintel; and 2 oblong windows on each floor, all with raised sills, rectangular lintels and altered glazing. Ridge chimney in centre, gable chimney to left. Gable walls and rear have altered windows. INTERIOR: the 2nd bay has a large inglenook with cambered bressummer and timber heck, both these ovolo moulded with cyma stops; both rooms have lateral beams with similar moulding; and the 1st floor has crudely-chamfered lateral beams.

Listing NGR: SD4111012671

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Heritage Category:	Listed Building
Grade:	II
List Entry Number:	1220405
Date first listed:	01-Mar-1993
List Entry Name:	2 AND 4, MERSCAR LANE
Statutory Address:	2 AND 4, MERSCAR LANE

Pair of cottages. Dated 1819 at 1st floor; altered and enlarged to rear. Brown brick in Flemish bond, slate roof. Double-depth, No.2 to the right single-fronted and No.4 double-fronted. Two low storeys, 2+1 windows; No.2 has the doorway to the left and No.4 has the doorway in the centre, both with wedge lintels and now protected by gabled wooden porches; both have 2-light casement windows with raised sills and large wedge lintels, those at No.2 wider and all with altered glazing. Datestone above doorway of No.4, inscribed: W J + E 1819 Ridge chimney at junction, and gable chimneys.

Listing NGR: SD4131612681

The application site is 237 metres to the East of Merscar House and 30 metres to the East of 2 & 4 Merscar Lane.

The proposal is to carry out recycling of inert waste, i.e. soil/aggregate and hardcore on the site, which is currently agricultural use.

Evaluation

The proposal offers no material change to the site, with the only proposed structures on site being 2 containers, one being a site office and one being storage. The integrity of the listed buildings will not be impacted by the proposed development.

The proposal poses no threat to, loss or changes to the historic fabric. Several farm buildings of a traditional design, using modern materials, have been erected on the wider farm area over the years, and the proposed change of use of the application site will be viewed in the context of this.