

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ARCHIVES

Building Control Plans

Plans for buildings for public and private use were submitted to the appropriate local council from the late 19th century onwards. Plans were required for new buildings and for alterations or extensions to existing buildings.

The Public Health Act of 1875 was the first major national legislation for the development of building control and many plans from the 1870s have been deposited at Nottinghamshire Archives. However, the extent to which these plans survive varies from area to area. Some plans remain with council planning departments while others have been lost or destroyed over the years.

The majority of building plans are filed by plan number and date of application, so it is helpful to have an idea of the year when the property was built. Trade Directories and 25" Ordnance Survey maps may help you to find out when a building or street first appears.

Many of the plans and registers deposited at Nottinghamshire Archives are original documents and will need to be ordered.

This information sheet provides a brief summary list of the district council plans and registers deposited. Further details can be found in the catalogues for the relevant district council (DC) under the Engineer's and Surveyor's Department. Details for Nottingham are located at CA/PL.

Plan Registers

Most councils kept building plan registers. These usually give the street name, a brief description of the work, name of owner, name of architect or builder and date of approval. They may contain an index by street. Street indexes are available for Nottingham (City) in the search room. The registers for Arnold Urban District Council, Carlton Urban District Council and Newark Municipal Borough are available on microfiche in the search room. Other registers will need to be ordered. Please consult the catalogue for the relevant council to obtain the reference number required for ordering.

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Building Control Plans

These are detailed scale plans, usually with elevations, sections and a site plan. They were usually drawn up by professional architects and surveyors or sometimes by builders. In the case of alterations to existing buildings there may be both "before" and "after" plans or just a plan of the relevant part. The plans were accompanied by a copy of the application form and were normally filed in date order of receipt, although some councils kept them in alphabetical order by street.

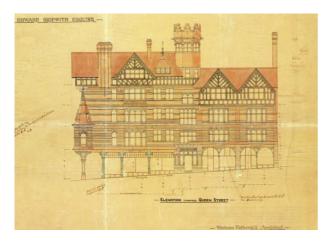
How to order a plan

Consult the plan register and note the following details –

- the plan number if there is one
- the date the plan was submitted
- the address and building description
- the applicant's name.

Please note that even if a plan is recorded in the register the plan may not have survived.

Some plans are very fragile and may need conservation treatment before they can be seen.



Summary List of District Council Plans and Plan Registers

Arnold Urban District Council (DC/A)

Registers 1885-1974 on microfiche. Street indexes 1876-1974 on microfiche. Plans 1880-1974 filed by plan number.

Basford Rural District Council (DC/BA)

Registers 1903-1974

A typed list of surviving plans for 1961-1966 is available in the search room.

Plans 1920-1974 filed by year and plan number. A list of miscellaneous plans for 1877-1911 can be found in the catalogue.

Beeston and Stapleford Urban District Council (DC/BS)

Registers 1878-1968

Plans 1878-1968. From 1878-1937 the plans are filed in street order. Later plans are filed by plan number. Plans numbered 1-179 have not survived. Indexes are available in the search room for 1878-1937 (plan numbers 179-1482), and 1934-1940 (plan numbers 1000-2583).

Bingham Rural District Council (DC/BI)

Registers c1920s- Jan 1960 are arranged by place. Register 4/2/1 includes references at the end of the register for Radcliffe on Trent 1887-1913.

Plans c1902-1974 filed by plan number. A list of miscellaneous plans for 1887-1929 can be found in the catalogue.

Carlton Urban District Council (DC/C)

Registers 1889-1974 on microfiche. Street indexes 1948-1974 on microfiche. Plans 1884-1937 filed by street order, 1937-1973 filed by plan number.

Eastwood Urban District Council (DC/E)

Registers 1945-1974 Plans c1900-1974 filed by three different systems. Please consult catalogue.

Hucknall Huthwaite Urban District Council (DC/HH)

A typed list of surviving plans 1883-1935 can be found in the catalogue. Plans 1883-1935.

Hucknall Torkard Urban District Council (DC/HT)

Registers 1896-1957 and 1969-1974 Plans 1894-1974 filed by plan number.

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Kirkby in Ashfield Urban District Council (DC/K)

Registers 1896-1974.

Plans arranged by year for 1891-1924 and by plan number for 1925-1974.

A few miscellaneous undated plans c1895-1959 are also available.

Mansfield Municipal Borough Council (DC/M)

Registers 1875-1883, 1891-1938 Plans 1875-1950 filed by plan number. A typed list of surviving plans 1875-1883 can be found in the catalogue.

Mansfield Woodhouse Urban District Council (DC/MW)

Register 1921-1939

Plans c1890-1949 in two series filed by street and plan number. Only a small number of plans survive pre 1921.

Newark Municipal Borough (DC/NK)

Registers 1875-1974 available on microfiche. Plans 1875-1973 filed by plan number.

Newark Rural District Council (DC/NR)

Register 1958-1963.

Only one plan has been deposited – No.2261 Bungalow at Thorney Rd, Wigsley.

Nottingham Borough Council (CA/PL)

Registers 1874-1948, indexed by street. There is also an index of plans, arranged by street, for 1959-1974. These are available as typed volumes in the search room.

Plans 1874-1948, 1959-1974

Retford Borough Council (DC/R)

Plans 1931-1943 filed by plan number

East Retford Rural District Council (DC/RR)

Plans 1937-1944 filed by plan number.

Skegby Rural District Council (DC/SK)

Plans 1923-1935 filed by plan number.

Southwell Rural District Council (DC/SW)

Registers 1907-1974

Plans 1910-1974 filed by plan number. The catalogue also lists miscellaneous plans 1884-1950. These include housing schemes at Bilsthorpe and Blidworth.

Stapleford Rural District Council (DC/ST)

Registers 1895-1935 Plans 1907-1934 filed by plan number.

Sutton in Ashfield (DC/SA)

Registers 1898-1974

Plans 1898-1974 filed by plan number.

Warsop Urban District Council (DC/WA)

Plans 1893-1949 filed by plan number. Indexes available in the search room are arranged by date.

West Bridgford Urban District Council (DC/WB)

Registers 1895-1956

Plans 1913, 1935-1961, 1968-1974 filed by plan number.

Plans 1895-1965 are available on microfilm.

Worksop Rural District Council (DC/WR)

Plans 1930-1935 and 1941 filed by plan number.

Building control plans for any council not listed either may not have survived or may still remain with the successor authority.

Other Sources of Information

Maps and Plans Index Public House Plans (C/PS/B) Church Plans (PR.DR) Nottingham Council Estates (CA/PL 10) Nottingham City Housing Schemes 1919-1928 (90.9)

Nottinghamshire County Council Planning Development Applications covering the Newark and Southwell areas. (CC/SV/15) Watson Fothergill Archives Resource Pack

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