



Costs Decision

Site visit made on 20 August 2019 by S Watson BA (Hons) MSc

Decision by R C Kirby BA(Hons) DipTP MRTPI

An Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State

Decision date: 9 October 2019

Costs application in relation to Appeal Ref: APP/W2465/W/19/3230933 52 The Wayne Way, Leicester, LE5 4NT

- The application is made under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, sections 78, 322 and Schedule 6, and the Local Government Act 1972, section 250(5).
 - The application is made by Mr and Mrs Greenwood for an award of costs against Leicester City Council.
 - The appeal was against the refusal of planning permission for 'demolition of garage; construction of 2 storey building to form 2 self contained flats (2 x 1 bed) (Class C3); parking, amenity and bin and cycle store'.
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Decision

1. The application for an award of costs is refused.

Reasons

2. The Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) makes it clear that parties in planning appeals normally meet their own expenses. All parties are expected to behave reasonably to support an efficient and timely process. Where a party has behaved unreasonably, and this has directly caused another party to incur unnecessary or wasted expense in the appeal process, they may be subject to an award of costs.
3. The applicants have indicated that they wish to apply for costs but have not provided any evidence to support their claim. Therefore, in the absence of any evidence to support this claim I recommend the application is refused.

Conclusion and Recommendation

4. In light of the foregoing, I find that unreasonable behaviour resulting in unnecessary or wasted expense in the appeal process, as described in the PPG, has not been demonstrated. I recommend that an award of costs would not be justified in this case.

S Watson

APPEAL PLANNING OFFICER

Inspector's Decision

5. I have considered all the submitted evidence and the Appeal Planning Officer's report and on that basis the application for costs is refused.

RC Kirby

INSPECTOR