



Costs Decision

Site visit made on 12 February 2020

by M Bale BA (Hons) MA MRTPI

an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State

Decision date: 27 February 2020

Costs application in relation to Appeal Ref: APP/J9497/W/3240883 Silent Woman Mobile Home Park, Moorshop, Tavistock, Devon PL19 9LQ

- 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 Ian and Victoria Stainer for a full award of costs against Dartmoor National Park Authority.
 - The appeal was against the refusal to grant planning permission under section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the change of use of land from tented camping, dormobiles and touring caravans to use for siting caravans for residential use, Higher Longford Farm, Moorshop, Tavistock without complying with a condition attached to planning permission Ref 0746/00, dated 6 February 2001.
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Decision

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

Reasons

2. The Planning Practice Guidance advises that costs may be awarded against a party who has behaved unreasonably and thereby caused the party applying for costs to incur unnecessary or wasted expense in the appeal process.
3. The appellants' claim that the Council has inappropriately applied policies that are not relevant to the proposal. However, whilst the site is an existing mobile home site for permanent residential accommodation, I have found that the policies referred to by the Council should be applied to the proposal. Moreover, I have found conflict with them, the development plan as a whole, and that no material considerations indicate a decision otherwise than in accordance with the plan.
4. Whilst the appellants sought to address the Authority's concerns prior to determination of the application I, therefore, find that unreasonable behaviour resulting in unnecessary or wasted expense, as described in the Planning Practice Guidance, has not been demonstrated. Accordingly, the application is refused.

M Bale

INSPECTOR