
Costs Decision

Site visit made on 12 August 2020

by Michael Boniface MSc MRTPI

an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State

Decision date:

**Costs application in relation to Appeal Ref: APP/P0240/D/20/3252917
5 Wrestlingworth Road, Potton, SG19 2DP**

- 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 & Mrs Dance for a partial award of costs against Central Bedfordshire Council.
 - The appeal was against the refusal of planning permission for side and rear two storey extensions.
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Decision

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

Reasons

2. The Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) 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. There is no charge for a planning appeal and the planning application fee cannot be attributed to the appeal process. The Council's decision to charge a fee for the planning application leading to this appeal is not a matter upon which I can adjudicate.
4. I therefore find that unreasonable behaviour resulting in unnecessary or wasted expense, as described in the Planning Practice Guidance, has not been demonstrated.

Michael Boniface

INSPECTOR