



Costs Decision

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an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State

Decision date: 13 August 2021

Costs application in relation to Appeal Ref: APP/N0410/D/21/3272442 11 Penn Meadow, Stoke Poges, Slough SL2 4EB

- 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 Sajad Mohidin for a full award of costs against Buckinghamshire Council – South Bucks Area.
 - The appeal was against the refusal of planning permission for 2 storey extension.
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Decision

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

Reasons

2. Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) advises that, irrespective of the outcome of the appeal, costs may only be awarded against a party who has behaved unreasonably and thereby caused the party applying for costs to incur unnecessary expense in the appeal process.
3. The applicant has applied for costs on the basis that following the refusal of the appeal scheme in December 2020, the applicant submitted a revised scheme to the Council for a pre-application view on 18 January 2021. The Council provided an opinion on this scheme on 7 May 2021 indicating that the scheme would not be supported. The applicant considers that extra fees and costs have been incurred during this process due to the Council's delay in responding.
4. The applicant is seeking costs in relation to the Council's behaviour in providing pre-application advice on a scheme outside the scope of the appeal before me. This falls outside the scope of the costs regime for appeals as set out in the PPG.
5. I have been provided with no evidence that the Council has behaved unreasonably in the appeal process. For this reason, I find that an award of costs is not justified.

Rachael Pipkin

INSPECTOR