



Costs Decision

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an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State

Decision date: 11 December 2024

Costs application in relation to Appeal Ref: APP/H0520/Y/24/3337679 14 London Road, Wansford, Peterborough, PE8 6JB

- The application is made under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, sections 20, 89 and Schedule 3, and the Local Government Act 1972, section 250(5).
 - The application is made by Mr Darrell Bailey for an award of costs against Huntingdonshire District Council.
 - The appeal was against the refusal of listed building consent for internal and external alterations at Barnaby House, Wansford.
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Decision

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

Reasons

2. Parties in planning appeals normally meet their own expenses. However, 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 appellant submitted an application form for an award of costs. However, the form contained no information setting out or justifying the grounds of the claim, or identifying where the Council had behaved unreasonably, resulting in unnecessary costs associated with the appeal.
4. In the absence of any information to justify the claim for costs I therefore find that unreasonable behaviour resulting in unnecessary or wasted expense, as described in the Planning Practice Guidance, has not been demonstrated.

I A Dyer

INSPECTOR