



Costs Decision

Site visit made on 28 February 2025

by Chris Baxter BA (Hons) DipTP MRTPI

an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State

Decision date: 14 March 2025

Costs application in relation to Appeal Ref: APP/C1625/W/24/3356136

Land To The East Of Stamages Lane, Painswick GL6 6UX

- 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 The Development Studio for a full award of costs against Stroud District Council.
 - The appeal was against a refusal to grant consent, agreement or approval to details required by a condition of a planning permission.
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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 applicant considers the Council have acted unreasonably by preventing or delaying development which should clearly be permitted and failing to produce evidence to substantiate the reason for refusal. The applicant explains that two independent civil engineering firms reviewed and commented on the submissions, and also that it is felt that the Council has not fully reviewed the submissions, making a decision using historic information.
4. As can be seen from my appeal decision, I have found that the submitted details do not satisfy the requirements of the relevant condition and do not accord with the development plan or the National Planning Policy Framework. Subsequently, I have dismissed the appeal. The Council have therefore not acted unreasonably in determining the application.
5. Therefore, unreasonable behaviour resulting in unnecessary or wasted expense has not occurred and an award of costs is not warranted.

Chris Baxter

INSPECTOR