



Costs Decision

Site visit made on 10 April 2025

by Mrs Chris Pipe BA(Hons), DipTP, MTP, MRTPI

an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State

Decision date: 15 May 2025

Costs application in relation to Appeal Ref: APP/Q5300/D/24/3357350 34 Wilmer Way, Southgate, Enfield N14 7HX

- The application is made under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), sections 78, 322 and Schedule 6, and the Local Government Act 1972, section 250(5).
 - The application is made by Mr Alin Mariciuc for a full award of costs against the Council of the London Borough of Enfield.
 - The appeal was against the refusal of planning permission for vehicular access.
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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 applicant contends that the Council have not provided evidence to justify the reason for refusal and that the Council is inconsistent in terms of decision making with other cases allowed on appeal.
4. It will be seen from my decision that I disagree with the appellant and that there was sufficient justification for refusing planning permission on grounds relating to the effect of the development on highway safety.
5. With regard to consistency whilst the appellant references appeal decisions within their grounds of appeal, despite requesting copies of two of those appeals¹ the relevant decisions have not been provided. The appeal relating to 51 Hedge Lane² has been considered in my decision however the details are not directly comparable to the appeal before me. The appellant has failed to demonstrate that the Council have been inconsistent in decision-making.
6. I therefore find that unreasonable behaviour resulting in unnecessary or wasted expense, as described in the Planning Practice Guidance, has not been demonstrated.

Chris Pipe

¹ APP/Q5300/A/08/20900353 & DCAP37990

² APP/Q5300/D/20/3251862

INSPECTOR