



Costs Decision

Site visit made on 8 December 2025

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an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State

Decision date: 16 December 2025

Costs application in relation to Appeal Ref: APP/T5150/W/25/3374386

54 Robson Avenue, Brent, London NW10 3SG

- 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 Mrs T Begum for a partial award of costs against the Council of the London Borough of Brent.
 - The appeal was against the refusal of planning permission for part single rear and side extension, loft conversion and creation of two self-contained flats of 2no. of 3 beds for 5 people with associated cycle storage, bin storage, and amenities.
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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 (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. The costs claim raises concerns that technical reports including a Transport Technical Note and an Urban Greening Factor calculation would be necessary, but were not requested, to support the planning application to which this appeal relates against the background that similar applications were refused in 2023 at the appeal site.
4. Limited details are before me as to the Councils handling of those earlier applications and what is suggested to be an earlier similar application in 2019 at 52 Robson Avenue, although it does not appear that this proposal was considered in the same policy context given that decision pre-dated the current local plan.
5. However, regardless, the costs claim appears to largely relate to concerns about the Council's handling of the case at the planning application stage. Therefore, even were I to agree that there was any unreasonable behaviour on the part of the Council in not actively seeking the information, the concerns do not relate to the appeal process itself and are therefore outside the scope of this application.

Conclusion

6. Unreasonable behaviour resulting in unnecessary or wasted expense in the appeal process has not occurred and an award of costs is not warranted.

T Burnham

INSPECTOR