



Costs Decision

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an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State

Decision date: 13 February 2026

Costs application in relation to Appeal Ref: APP/N5090/X/25/3358520

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- The application is made under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, sections 195, 322 and Schedule 6 and the Local Government Act 1972, section 250(5).
 - The application is made by the Council of the London Borough of Barnet for an award of costs against Mr Nicos Halepas.
 - The appeal was against the refusal of an application for an LDC for use as one self-contained flat.
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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. As set out in the appeal decision an Appellant is entitled to bring forward evidence, in addition to that submitted with his application, in support of his appeal. The Appellant exercised that entitlement in this case and he did not act unreasonably in doing so. An award of costs is not thus justified.

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Inspector