

Dear

I am writing to you in reply to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to Nottinghamshire County Council. I have the following information.

(1) All costs incurred by the Council in each financial year from 2014/2015 to 2018/2019 in either defending or bringing a claim for Judicial Review in respect of Planning cases including any external professional fees incurred. WIVB\Q\Z

None

(2) All costs incurred (including any external professional fees) by the Council in each financial year from 2014/2015 to 2018/2019 in all Planning Appeals for those years, whether they were by Written Representations, Hearing or by Public Inquiry. Please include information where a costs award was made by the Inspector together with the Planning Appeal reference and the year of the decision.

Planning application reference 8/12/00856/CMA, Planning Inspectorate reference APP/L3055/A/13/2194755

Resubmission of application for the construction of a leisure marina comprising marina basin with 553 leisure moorings and ancillary buildings, associated vehicle parking, landscaping and infrastructure and the incidental excavation and removal of minerals - Redhill Marina, Ratcliffe-on-Soar.

The County Council refused planning permission for the above development and the appeal was heard through a hearing in 2014. Although the applicant had legal representation at the hearing, the County Council did not and the case officer defended the council's position and I am not aware that his appeal statement was reviewed by any bought-in external legal support. As case officers do not record the amount of time they spend on particular projects, and given that the case officer in question in this case has now left the authority, I am unable to confirm how much time he spent on this appeal. I am able to confirm, however, that there were no additional professional costs, over and above the officer's salary.

Planning application reference 8/16/02736/CMA, Planning Inspectorate reference APP/L3055/W/19/3229935)

The proposed construction of an inland leisure marina; associated ancillary building, infrastructure, car parking and landscaping with incidental mineral excavation - Redhill Marina, Redhill Lock, Ratcliffe on Soar.

The County Council refused planning permission for the above development and the appeal was heard through written reps in late 2019/early 2020. The case officer's appeal statement was not looked at by any bought-in legal support. However, following the issuing of the inspector's decision, we received further correspondence from PINs making an award for costs against the appellant to compensate the County Council for the unnecessary costs that it incurred in resisting the appeal and defending its decision. As with the previous appeal, the case officer and other officers involved in the appeal had not recorded the amount of time that they had spent on the appeal process but following a review, officers were able to provide an accurate, albeit cautious, estimate of the amount of time involved in the appeal process. This was split into two distinct areas of work:

- the receipt of the appeal and its booking in, the completion of the appeal questionnaire, the review of the appellant's statement of case, and the writing of the council's statement of case; and
- letters to PINS regarding a change in planning policy circumstances and in response to a Reg 22 request from PINS for additional information.

Based on this review, we are seeking a sum of £3,766.79 from the appellant to cover the costs incurred during the appeal process.

Planning application reference 8/14/01550/CMA, Planning Inspectorate reference L3055/W/16/147055

Land reclamation of former mineral workings through the importation of inert waste with restoration to notable native and alien plant species habitat, characteristic of the Cropwell Bishop Gypsum spoil wildlife site - Canalside Industrial Park, Kinoulton Road, Cropwell Bishop

The County Council refused planning permission for the above development and the appeal was heard through a hearing in 2016. The County Council did not have any legal representation at the hearing and the case officer's appeal statement was not reviewed by any bought-in legal support. Given the amount of time that has passed since the appeal took place, the officer who worked on it is unable to confirm how much time he spent on this appeal.

Enforcement appeal reference APP/L3055/C/18/3208501

Waste transfer operations - Land to the rear of Dalestorth Nurseries, Cockett Lane, Farnsfield, NG22 8JQ

The County Council served an enforcement notice and a stop notice in August 2019 with respect to the above unauthorised development. The notices were appealed. External legal support was engaged and initial advice cost the council £350 plus VAT. However, the appeal was subsequently withdrawn, and so no further legal costs were incurred.

If you have any queries or concerns then please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail foi@nottscc.gov.uk.

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