FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 299/19

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request / Response:

Please provide the following information:

1. The sum of costs awarded by your authority to appellants that have made successful applications for appeal in planning cases in the years: a) 2015 b) 2016 c) 2017 and d) 2018, excluding residential property planning appeals.

Please provide the itemisation of the above sums by planning case including planning application number, application date and costs.

Answer:

In order to determine this, an officer would have to manually inspect records to determine whether it fell within the scope of your request and if so, extract the relevant data. Given the number of records involved, we believe it to be a reasonable estimate that to comply with your request would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450. This figure is set out in Regulations and is equivalent to one person working more than 18 hours to determine whether we hold the information, and to locate and extract the information.

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Authority is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.

2. The sum of money (referring to spend on officer time, on barristers and other legal professionals, on other experts, on venues and as a contribution to overheads plus any other associated costs) spent by your authority preparing for and during planning appeal inquiries in the years a) 2015 b) 2016 c) 2017 and d) 2018, excluding residential property planning appeals.

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Yours faithfully

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