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Dear/Madam,

I protest as strongly as possible at the proposal to, in the case to a legal challenge to a local council not approving an application by a developer to erect an unsuitable building or suite of buildings to require the loser of the litigation to pay the winner's court costs.

On the face of it the proposal looks fair and reasonable, but it ignores the enormous disparity in the finances available to each party. Most developers are quite well heeled while the local or regional councils have only ratepayers money.

The result of this will surely be the absolute uselessness of the councils rejecting any awful development no matter how bad and unsuitable it may be.

So much for local government. Please reconsider.

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