

This is a summary of the decision of the DPC

The Data Protection Office received an official complaint submitted manually by the Complainant. The complaint was lodged against her neighbour (the Respondent) regarding the installation and use of CCTV cameras. The Complainant alleged that the Respondent had placed surveillance cameras in such a way that they captured areas directly affecting her private use, including her balcony and the entrance to her dwelling. She also claimed that the cameras were capable of recording images which she considered to be intrusion into her privacy.

Subsequently, the Data Protection Office wrote to the Police to seek assistance for investigating this complaint and to conduct a site visit at Respondent's premises to verify the camera as to whether the CCTV footage shows viewing outside Respondent's premises.

Through a formal letter, the Police informed the Office that the Respondent's cameras had been inspected and that she was instructed to reposition them so as to capture images within the boundaries of her premises only. A follow-up site visit was subsequently conducted, during which the Police confirmed that the Respondent had complied and repositioned the cameras accordingly.

The Data Protection Commissioner has decided as follows:-

In view of the above, the enquiry is closed to the satisfaction of all parties under section 6 of the Data Protection Act 2017 (DPA).