

This is a summary of the decision of the DPC

The Complainant filed an official complaint manually with the Data Protection Office against the Respondent in relation to the use of CCTV cameras. He alleged that his neighbour's cameras are pointed towards his premises and record images from inside his property.

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.

By way of a formal letter, the Police informed the Office: 'Following a site visit, it was observed that the Respondent has two cameras installed in his yard, both of which capture images solely within the Respondent's premises and not of the public road.'

The Complainant was notified of the site visit report and the closure of the complaint in writing. However, he expressed dissatisfaction with the report and objected to the closure. Consequently, this Office requested the Respondent to attend a meeting for the submission of a further written statement and for a review of the evidence. Thereafter, this Office received a statement from the Respondent together with supporting evidence in the form of CCTV footage. It was established that the Respondent's CCTV camera does not capture images of the Complainant's premises, a fact which had also been confirmed earlier in the Police report.

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).