

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 the Respondent in relation to the use of CCTV cameras. The Complainant explained that his neighbor had installed a camera facing the entrance of his premises. He stated that this installation allows the neighbor to monitor his movements. According to the Complainant, such surveillance constitutes an invasion of his 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.

By way of a formal letter, the Police informed the Office that the Respondent had shown them two cameras installed on the premises. According to the Police, when these devices were checked on site, neither of the cameras was found to be capturing any images, whether inside the property or outside its boundaries. The Police further clarified that their inspection confirmed the cameras were not capturing images from inside the premises. In support of their communication, they also enclosed a copy of the site visit report. This report was submitted together with the letter for the Office's consideration and record.

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).