

This is a summary of the decision of the DPC

The Data Protection Office received a complaint by email from Complainant against Respondent regarding the use of CCTV cameras. The Complainant stated as quoted that: *"I (...) would like to lodge a complaint against my neighbour (...) who has placed two cameras that get my complete yard, garage as well as my children's room.*

One of the cameras is on the wall that separates the yard and one is set to look on the road. I am writing this complaint to ensure the safety of my family as the latter is using his cameras to look at the time my wife leave home for work and he leaves after him and the other one to see what I am doing at home.

I am requesting you to take this complaint into consideration as the concern cameras are seemed as a danger for my family especially my daughters."

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 letter, the Police informed the office that: *"an enquiry was carried out into the matter and a site visit was conducted by personnel of (...) Police, whereby Respondent and Complainant were met and found that the two CCTV cameras in question were repositioned and were capturing images inside respondent's property. Complainant states that he is satisfied with the enquiry."* The Police also enclosed the site visit report together with the letter.

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).