

This is a summary of the decision of the DPC

The Data Protection Office received an official complaint from Complainant against Respondent regarding the use of CCTV cameras. The Complainant stated that he and his family might have been victim of privacy invasion by their neighbour since past few months. Three cameras were set up and one camera which was in their side alley was to his concern. The said camera was capturing footages/images from the complainant's premises as stated. The cameras flashed when someone was passing by it or any movement was detected.

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 the respondent declined to show her CCTV camera images. Respondent was then asked to repositioned the cameras so that they could capture footages only inside his premises. The Police also enclosed the site visit report together with the letter.

Thereafter, the DPO issued another letter to the Police requesting them to adopt alternative Police procedures such as requests of a warrant of entry and search from a District Magistrate to be able to view respondent's CCTV footage.

The Police enclosed a second site visit stating that respondent had already adjusted the cameras and no DVR was found.

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 (DPA).