

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 invaded the privacy of me and my family by installing CCTV cameras all around the ground floor.*

I know him to be a malicious man due to his previous actions towards me, to which I have already lodged a complaint. I don't feel safe knowing that there are devices that are capable of watching and listening to me at all times situated in my own premises. Because of his ill-natured character, I feel as if he is watching over me in even my most vulnerable moments.

I would be grateful if actions would be carried out in order to remove these CCTV cameras and for our privacy to be restored."

Subsequently, the Data Protection Office wrote to the Police to seek assistance for investigating his 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 was met and found that his premises was formerly equipped with two cameras in the garage pointing towards the pathway but now he has already removed the CCTV camera."* 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 (DPA).