

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 his neighbour had installed cameras which were facing towards his gate and the common entrance and hence were invading his privacy. He added that, in his opinion, the CCTV cameras were installed illegally and his movements were being viewed.

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:

- i. Camera 1 was showing the outside staircase giving access to the first floor of the respondent's premises
- ii. Camera 2 was showing the front of the respondent's premises.
- iii. Camera 3 was focusing in the garage of the respondent
- iv. Camera 4 and 5 were showing footage of the rear of the respondent's premises.

Hence, it was found that none of the CCTV cameras were capturing images inside the premises of the complainant. 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 under the Data Protection Act (DPA).