

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 a CCTV camera opposite to his door entrance where his privacy was being violated.

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.

Following this, the Police informed that the respondent denied access to the Police. The Data Protection Office requested to take recourse to alternative Police procedures and to carry out a second site visit.

By way of a letter, the Police informed the office that the CCTV cameras installed at the respondent's place were capturing images only inside his yard and terrace and at no point capturing images inside the complainant's premises. 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. Thus, no breach of the Data Protection Act has occurred.