

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 CCTV cameras which are facing my private path.*

I believe that my neighbour is violating the constitutional right of privacy of members of my family and myself.

I would be grateful if necessary measures could be taken to prevent the CCTV cameras from focussing on our private path."

The office acknowledged receipt of the complaint and requested the Complainant to fill the official complaint and declaration forms. The Complainant did not reply to this office.

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 whereby complainant was contacted and she stated verbally that she does not wish to proceed further with the complaint as her neighbour has already done needful. However, personnel of (...) Police carried out a site visit at complainant's place at (...) and verified the cameras and found to have been lowered in a way only to capture images within respondent's compound.*" 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.