This is a summary of the decision of the Commissioner.

IN THE MATTER OF:-

Complainants {Two neighbours}

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Respondent {Another neighbour}

A complaint was lodged at the Data Protection Office regarding CCTV camera under Section 11 of the Data Protection Act against Respondent. Complainants alleged that Respondent, their neighbour, has placed a CCTV camera which is facing their house.

This office initiated an enquiry and indicated to Respondent that the rules of data protection require that video surveillance system must be positioned to capture images only within his premise. Moreover, signs must be displayed to notify the public of the presence of CCTV cameras when they are entering the premises concerned.

In his statement, Respondent declared that he has displayed a sign on his front wall notifying that there are Camera Surveillance spots in his premises. Respondent also mentioned that he has installed 3 cameras and all three are capturing images within his premises.

The Data Protection Office conducted a site visit at the residence of Respondent to check the positioning and coverage of the cameras. The sign notifying people of CCTV camera surveillance was also verified. Respondent was suggested to lower the position of the camera found upstairs so as to avoid capturing image of a far back building and to include the contact details of the CCTV camera supplier and purpose of capturing the images on the sign.

The Data Protection received Respondent’s statement by post where he informed this office that corrective measures have been taken.

This office wrote to complainants to inform them that:

i. the Data Protection Office has carried out a site visit at Respondent’s residence.

ii. the 3 CCTV cameras were verified and are properly positioned.

iii. this office confirms that no images outside his premises are being captured.

Complainants were requested to notify this office on a given date on whether they have any other issues regarding this complaint. However, this office did not receive any response to this letter from any of the Complainants.

**The Data Protection Commissioner has decided as follows:-**

Respondent has taken the requested corrective actions as suggested by this office and thus cooperated with the enquiry. Therefore, she finds no commission of any offence under the Data Protection Act.