

SPSO decision report

Case: 201100182, Dumfries and Galloway Council
Sector: local government
Subject: handling of application (complaints by opponents)
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C raised concerns about the planning process followed by the council and the content of the planning officer's report into a planning application for a wind turbine.

In particular, he was concerned that the council failed to carry out further neighbour notification and statutory consultation following the developer's relocation of the turbine to a nearby site. In addition, Mr C was of the view that the planning officer's report was partial and skewed in favour of the applicant.

Having reviewed the planning file and complaints correspondence, it was clear that the decisions reached by the planning officer were those he was entitled to reach in the exercise of his professional judgement and appeared to be consistent with national and local planning policy. For this reason we did not uphold Mr C's complaints.