

SPSO decision report

Case: 201104062, The City of Edinburgh Council
Sector: local government
Subject: handling of application (complaints by opponents)
Outcome: not upheld, recommendations

Summary

Mr C said that when considering a planning application the council failed to take into account a number of policies in the local plan for the area. He said that this was wrong, and that the council should also have asked the applicant to submit the planning application and the application for listed building consent together.

We reviewed the planning report, the relevant policies within the local plan and the legal framework under which decisions are made and recorded. We noted that the planning officer's report to the committee did not document all relevant policies. However, we were satisfied that the issues highlighted in these policies were taken into consideration. We were also satisfied that listed buildings consent need not be applied for at the same time as planning consent.

We did not uphold the complaint but we made a recommendation about the information that should in future be in officers' reports.

Recommendation

We recommended that the council:

- review the way they produce and document reports to the planning sub-committee to ensure that these properly, and fully, reflect the policy considerations required by the local plan.