

SPSO decision report

Case: 201203213, Orkney Islands Council
Sector: local government
Subject: other
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C raised a number of issues about the adequacy of consultation about a review of a particular water management policy for a local area of water. He felt that the council had failed to take reasonable account of opposition that they had received from statutory consultees to the policy review, and had failed to carry out adequate consultation with the public.

During our investigation we found that the policy review was on-going and that no decision had been taken. We were provided with evidence of the level of consultation carried with the public and the level of interaction with the statutory consultees and the action taken in response to the comments received from the consultees. They had clearly consulted, considered the responses and replied to the complaints, and we found no evidence that the way this was done was inappropriate.