

## SPSO decision report

**Case:** 201205007, The City of Edinburgh Council  
**Sector:** local government  
**Subject:** unauthorised development/enforcement action  
**Outcome:** not upheld, no recommendations

### Summary

Mr C complained that the council took enforcement action against him in respect of two property developments. He said that they acted outwith their powers, and were vindictive and biased in their treatment of his developments and complaints.

The council said that, as Mr C had not complied with the planning permissions granted for the two properties, they had taken reasonable actions in enforcing those permissions.

We took independent advice from one of our planning advisers. The adviser said that the council, having identified that the properties did not conform to the planning permissions granted, had all the relevant powers to take enforcement action. We also found there was no evidence that the council had been vindictive or biased towards Mr C in considering planning permissions about his properties or the handling of his complaint. We, therefore, did not uphold Mr C's complaint.