

SPSO decision report

Case: 201800070, Aberdeen City Council
Sector: local government
Subject: handling of application (complaints by opponents)
Decision: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C complained about the council's handling of a planning application. He complained that the council had not ensured that there was accurate information to determine the application, that they had not considered the appropriate landscape policy, that they did not require additional public consultation after a change and did not ensure that the applicant adhered to planning conditions.

We took independent advice from a planning adviser. We found that the council had accurate information to determine the application and had considered the appropriate landscape policy. Councils can exercise their own judgement when deciding whether additional public consultation is required. The council also have discretion on how to respond to reports of breach of planning control. We found that the council provided a clear explanation of their actions in their complaint response. We did not uphold Mr C's complaints.