

SPSO decision report



Case: 201003994, Aberdeen City Council
Sector: local government
Subject: development plans: objection to proposals; inaccurate report
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C was a member of a group concerned about plans to develop the Union Terrace Gardens area in Aberdeen. He complained about a report 'Aberdeen City Centre – Developing a vision for the future'. He said that this was provided to councillors at a meeting where they took decisions about the proposals and was flawed. He was concerned that the report was biased towards supporting the City Square Project, and that references to the outcome of the public consultation about it were inaccurate. He gave specific examples of what he considered to be bias and inaccuracy.

After reading the report and the data used to inform it, we found that it generally represented the position reasonably. We also noted that the detailed data behind the report, which provided the full details of responses to the public consultation, meant that the councillors concerned had access to all the relevant information in making their decisions.