

SPSO decision report

Case: 201103056, Aberdeenshire Council
Sector: local government
Subject: estate management, open space & environment work
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C raised a number of concerns relating to the council's decision to allow their contractors to use an area of grass at the end of his street for storage of materials which related to the work they were carrying out. Mr C was dissatisfied that the site was regularly used by the council and complained that they did not consider other sites.

During our investigation the council explained why this site had been used and that other sites had been considered but had been unsuitable. The council also provided evidence that they had addressed the issue of health and safety during contacting and while the work was going on and had taken reasonable action to address any issues raised while the site was being used by the contractor. The council had also provided evidence of the action they had taken to ensure that the site was secure. We found no evidence of maladministration in relation to the council's handling of the issues raised by Mr C.