

SPSO decision report

Case: 201304802, The City of Edinburgh Council
Sector: local government
Subject: policy/administration
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C complained about the council's assessment of a planning application for the construction of a dormer window and roof-light in a neighbouring house in a conservation area. He said that they had not properly assessed the application against the relevant planning policies, local development plan and the area conservation appraisal.

The council responded to the complaint by acknowledging that the case officer's report did not fully detail the consideration of the application, and made it difficult to understand the council's decision-making. However, they had reviewed the way the application was considered and concluded that the decision was appropriate.

We took independent advice on this from one of our planning advisers, considered the relevant case files and reviewed the planning application and relevant planning policies. From our review we were satisfied that the application had been properly considered, taking into account the conservation status of the area and the relevant local conservation appraisal document, local development plan and planning policy. We found no evidence of administrative failure in the way the application was considered, and did not uphold the complaint.