

## SPSO decision report

**Case:** 201402169, Aberdeenshire Council  
**Sector:** local government  
**Subject:** handling of application (complaints by opponents)  
**Outcome:** not upheld, no recommendations

### Summary

Mr C complained that the council had failed to formally inform him when a planning application was submitted for development on a neighbouring property. Mr C owned land, on which buildings relating to his business had been erected, next to the proposed development site.

The council said that as there was land near to the planning site that did not contain obvious premises, an advert was placed in the local newspaper to fulfil their obligation to provide notification of the proposed development.

We took independent advice from one of our planning advisers, and we found that the council's actions were reasonable and in line with the relevant guidance on neighbour notification.