

## SPSO decision report

**Case:** 201402727, Fife Council  
**Sector:** local government  
**Subject:** policy/administration  
**Outcome:** not upheld, no recommendations

### Summary

Mr C wanted to buy an area of land behind his property to create a new driveway. The council, however, refused to sell it to him because they believed that any access would impact the status of the green space area concerned. Mr C then complained that land in the same green space had been sold to another residential neighbour and to a utilities company.

We made enquiries with the council and found that their decision to refuse to sell the land was one that they were entitled to make. We also found that they had considered and responded to each of Mr C's concerns. His disagreement with the council's decision was not in itself evidence of maladministration, and we did not uphold the complaint.