SPSO decision report



Case: 201100055, The City of Edinburgh Council

Sector: local government

Subject: handling of application (complaints by opponents)

Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mrs C, a solicitor, brought a complaint on behalf of her client (Mrs A). An application for the development of a property neighbouring that of Mrs A was submitted in mid-2010. Mrs A objected to this application. In late August 2010 the application was approved.

Mrs C complained to the council that they did not reasonably consider the planning application – she said there were inaccuracies in the application paperwork concerning the width of a roadway. The council advised that while the location plan showed the roadway as being 2 metres wider than was accurate, the detailed plan showed an accurate width of the roadway. Mrs A was dissatisfied with this response and raised this complaint with us.

We found that as the detailed plan was accurate and objections relating to the width of the roadway were noted in the report by the committee who determined the application, there was no evidence of the maladministration or service failure alleged and did not uphold the complaint.