

Appendix 12

Summary

The complainant complained that a councillor had failed to declare an interest whilst discussing a planning application at a meeting. .

Monitoring officer actions

The monitoring officer reviewed the complaint and as it was in connection with an allegation of a failure to declare Schedule 1 interest contacted the councillor for their comments.

The councillor provided information that they did not have an interest to declare.

The monitoring obtained maps of the planning application and the councillor's land in order to ascertain if a Schedule 1 interest should have been declared.

The independent person's views were sought.

Outcome

The complaint was determined as no breach of the code as the councillor had declared the ownership of the land, it was separated by two other pieces of land from the planning application and the councillor did not live on the land in question. As such the councillor had no direct interest in the planning application.