

UK privacy watchdog clears Google Street View

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(AP) -- Britain's privacy watchdog says Google Street View should not be removed or shut down.

The Information Commissioner's Office rejected a complaint Thursday by London-based human rights group Privacy International which had argued that Google's high-quality photos of houses and streets breached people's privacy.

The ICO says it would not be in the public interest to remove the service in a world "where many people Tweet, <u>Facebook</u> and blog."

The agency says it received 74 complaints and inquiries about Street View but argued it caused little <u>privacy</u> intrusion.

<u>Google</u> obscures individuals' faces and car license plates by pixelation and removes images on request.

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