



BRISTOL FILM OFFICE: FILMING WITH UAV/DRONES – LEGAL GUIDANCE

The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has published clear legal guidance around the flying of drones/UAVs. You can read them in full here: <https://www.caa.co.uk/Commercial-industry/Aircraft/Unmanned-aircraft/Guidance-on-operating-permissions-for-drones/>

When you have obtained the necessary permission from the CAA you will need to seek permission from the landowner or relevant authority in charge of the take-off and landing points.

THE AIR NAVIGATION ORDER ARTICLES 166 & 167 STATE THE DISTANCES AT WHICH SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT MAY BE OPERATED. THESE ARE:

- *NOT WITHIN 150 METRES OF ANY CONGESTED AREA OF ANY TOWN, CITY OR SETTLEMENT*
- *NOT WITHIN 50 METRES OF ANY PERSON, VESSEL, ROAD, VEHICLE OR STRUCTURE NOT UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE AIRCRAFT OPERATOR.*

APPLYING FOR PERMISSION TO FILM WITH UAV/DRONES FROM BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL LAND:

- BRISTOL FILM OFFICE WILL ONLY CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DRONE FILMING AT LOCATIONS WHERE CAA GUIDELINES AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY CAN BE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE FLIGHT. IN THE MAIN, THIS IS POSSIBLE AT LARGER PARKS AND GREEN SPACES.
- ACTIVITY CARRIED OUT AT BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL'S PARKS AND GREEN SPACES ARE GOVERNED BY A SET OF BYELAWS WHICH STIPULATE THAT PERMISSION MUST BE SOUGHT TO FLY UAVS/DRONES IN BRISTOL PARKS. FLIGHT ACTIVITY MAY BE LIMITED TO DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND HERE: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/museums-parks-sports-culture/park-byelaws>
- WHEN SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION TO FILM WITH DRONES, AS WELL AS PROVIDING A **RISK ASSESSMENT & CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE** (MINIMUM £5 MILLION) BRISTOL FILM OFFICE REQUIRES **A COPY OF THE DRONE PILOT'S CAA LICENSE** AND A **SITE MAP** DETAILING TAKE-OFF AND LANDING POINTS AND FLIGHT PATH. IN SOME CASES WE MAY ALSO REQUEST A METHOD STATEMENT DETAILING HOW YOU WILL ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY
- YOUR DRONE OPERATOR *MUST* APPEAR ON THIS CAA APPROVED LIST: <https://publicapps.caa.co.uk/docs/33/20170504RptUAVcurrent.pdf>
- LOCATION FEES APPLY TO COMMERCIAL FILMING ACTIVITY ON COUNCIL MANAGED SITES. IN ADDITION, A FEE OF £100 PER DAY APPLIES TO FILM SHOTS INVOLVING UAVS/DRONES. FURTHER INFORMATION ON OUR FEES AND CHARGES CAN BE FOUND HERE: <http://bit.ly/2q6nDLq>

ONCE ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED, WE REQUIRE A **MINIMUM OF 7 WORKING DAYS NOTICE** TO PROCESS APPLICATIONS FOR DRONE FILMING

FURTHER READING: [https://www.caa.co.uk/Consumers/Model-aircraft-and-drones/Flying-drones/
<http://dronesafe.uk/>
<http://m.screendaily.com/5115466.article>](https://www.caa.co.uk/Consumers/Model-aircraft-and-drones/Flying-drones/http://dronesafe.uk/http://m.screendaily.com/5115466.article)