

## **POLICY ON THE USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS ('DRONES')**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

The use of an Unmanned Aircraft System ('UAS'), or Drone, at events or filming run under a London Legacy Development Corporation ('LLDC') permit to the contractors/third parties must be strictly controlled and only flown by licensed operators who have followed the procedures laid out in this policy document. The LLDC only process commercial drone flights and recreational drone use is not permitted at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park ('QEOP').

While the LLDC appreciates that UASS allow for the capture of unique video footage that may offer promotional benefits for the QEOP, the safety of the public, officials and spectators must be the highest priority.

The LLDC Security and Safety Team will require the below documents to operate a UAS on or over QEOP as this is Private Land.

For sub 250g drones:

- Operator ID
- Flight plans (including TOALS)
- Public Liability and Aviation Liability Insurance (must be a minimum of £5 million)
- Risk Assessments & Method Statements, outlining the schedule and shots you will be taking, potential risks, and control measures to mitigate these.

In addition to the above, drones 250g + also require:

- Flyer ID
- PRDA01 Operational Order Document

It is important to remember that other stakeholders may also need to be consulted like, Network Rail, Canal & River Trust, Police or London Stadium, Here East and adjacent partners, and residents to the QEOP.

All applications will be assessed on a case-by-case basis with consideration on the time of day and if there are any events or visits in progress. Times between 06:00 – 08:00 18:00 – 22:00 hrs in the summer months is less busy, whereas the winter months are subject the weather and daylight which is reduced.

## THE POLICY

- Recreational use of a UAS/drone is **not allowed** at the QEOP.
- Commercial/media operators may only use drones for aerial work at events or filming run under a LLDC Permit, provided all the following requirements are met:
  - The UAS operator has written permission from the (LLDC) the landowner/Airspace to the event/filming organiser/promoter, media provider or developer.
  - The UAS operator holds a valid Basic/Advanced Pilots License under the CAA Operational Authorisation (OA) for flying of UAS in the 'Specific' or 'Certified' Categories or a Permission for Commercial Operations (PfCO).
    - NOTE 1 - The UAS operator may have a CAA Permission for Commercial Operations (PfCO), which is still in valid Date. As from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023, you won't need to sit the GVC - you just continue renewing your PfCO.
    - NOTE 2 - An A2 Certificate of Competence (A2COC) for use of an UAS in the 'Open' Category is not valid for any event run under a London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) permit.  
The pilot must operate within the parameters of their CAA Permission at all times.
  - If flying a drone over 250g, the UAS operator must have a PDRA01 Operational Authorisation Document for filming in a commercial area.
    - More information on this document can be found here:  
<https://www.caa.co.uk/drones/pdra01-operational-authorisations/>
  - The UAS operator must fly the UAS in a safe and responsible manner at all times.
  - There needs to be a 50-metre bubble from people outside of the UAS control.
  - There is no flying over people not within their control (this includes groups and crowds) unless there is no other option and it is to get from point A-B. The Pilot is not to operate in winds or weather that is likely to or may affect the effect UAS. The pilot is to only operate in the flight path agreed with the LLDC Security and Safety Team.
  - The UAS operator must hold a minimum of £5 million public liability insurance cover, specific to aerial work.
  - The UAS operator prepares an operations plan and submits it to the event organiser in advance.
  - The UAS operator provides a task specific risk assessment and location plan at least one week in advance of the event.
  - The UAS operator signs on with the event Team before operating the drone in the QEOP and the Security will need to be advised.
  - The Security Team will monitor the UAS operator to ensure it does not overfly the flight plan, assembly areas, spectator/public area.
  - The UAS operator obeys the instructions of event Team and/or Officials/Security Team at all times.

- If permission is granted by the event/ filming organisers, promoter or developer and approved by LLDC, a letter/email of authorisation will be provided which the UAS operator can use to show they have permission to fly at the requested time and location.
- The deadline for applications is 10 working days prior to the first day of the date applied for.
- The UAS operator is fully liable for any claims arising out of breach of this policy or any other claims arising out of negligence of the operator's use of the UAS/Drone.
- You can find more information on drone flying in the UK here: <https://register-drones.caa.co.uk/drone-code>

The London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) reserves the right to refuse permission for individuals or organisations to operate unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) over its land and retains the right to withdraw any granted consent, if it determines that pre-authorisation conditions are no longer being met or if the risk associated with continuing the activity becomes unacceptable to LLDC or its stakeholders.

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