

Guidance for filming with UAV or drones in South Gloucestershire

Drones are more formally known as Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) and can fly up to 400ft (restricted air space starts at 500ft).

Once you have received the necessary Civil Aviation Authority permission you will need to seek landowner's permission to take off and land the drone on their property.

Applying for permission from South Gloucestershire Council

The Council will only consider applications whereby the drone operator is a Civil Aviation Authority licensed pilot or company.

The following information is essential and must be included on your application:

- The name of the production company, the type of production and a contact person and telephone number
- The scale of the production in terms of numbers of personnel and vehicles
- The removal, alteration and disguising of street furniture and carriageway markings
- The use of cranes, aircraft, cherry pickers, track, low-loaders, A-frames, and any other potentially hazardous equipment in a public place
- The parking of production vehicles on yellow lines, in meter bays or residents' bays
- The use of special effects, rain or snow machines, wet downs and stunt work on public footways or carriageways
- Productions which depict subjects of a controversial nature
- Filming involving children or animals
- Adequate public liability insurance and other relevant insurances including insurance cover for the use of UAV or drones
- A risk assessment
- A site map detailing the exact areas where filming will take place

In addition to these guidelines, you must ensure that you have read the Codes of Practice before filming.

For more information and guidance please contact the Civil Aviation Authority.

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