



Parks and open spaces

UAV/Drone Statement - Events

Unmanned aerial vehicles, (Drones & Light model aircraft) have become increasingly popular over recent years as their availability has increased & cost of ownership lowered to a point where almost anyone can own one.

Even the smallest toy quadcopters can present a hazard to persons & property. These hazards have been identified & legislated for by the Civil Aviation Authority who have issued guidance on their registration & safe use: <https://dronesafe.uk/>

The main points of the safe use policy are not to fly within 50 metres of a person, vehicle or building not under your control. This therefore precludes their use at any public event held by Telford & Wrekin Council.

Therefore it is the adopted policy of Telford & Wrekin Council not to allow any UAV's to operate within 50m metres of the outer boundary of our events (for clarity, this would mean the perimeter of the park or public space being used for the event)

The only exception to this is where a licenced commercial UAV operator has been engaged by the Culture & Events team to film, monitor or display at the event.

In addition, any events operating on our land, parks and open spaces, as part of our terms and conditions, will be subject to the same exclusions, unless written permission is given by the Telford & Wrekin Council Culture & Events team. This authority would only be given in exceptional circumstances and only for a licenced commercial operator.