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request-305xxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx

21 December 2015
Reference: F0002584

Dear Mr Skowronski

I am writing in respect of your recent request of 2 December 2015, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Your request:

I was wondering if you could tell me if there were any areas within the Cambridge City Council borders where it would be illegal to fly an unmanned aerial drone.

Given these probably fall under the same category as model planes, I am guessing there is no issue, but I'd like to know if there was any CCC guidance.

Specifically I'd also like to know about drones that would be carrying photographic recording equipment. (I am well aware of privacy issues, but this is a request for whatever information the Council would have on this matter.)

There must be a no-fly zone around the airport (and Duxford IWM as well, I'd guess) but are there any others?

Our response:

Having considered your request in line with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), we are able to provide the information below.

The regulations regarding the operation of unmanned aircraft with a mass of 20kg or less can be found in Articles 166 and 167 of the Air Navigation Order 2009, and are explained at <http://www.caa.co.uk/Commercial-Industry/Aircraft/Unmanned-aircraft/Small-unmanned-aircraft/>.

These regulations apply anywhere in the UK. We also publish guidance on the safety rules that apply when flying unmanned and model aircraft at <http://www.caa.co.uk/Consumers/Model-aircraft-and-drones/Flying-drones/>.

If you are not satisfied with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you should approach the CAA in writing at:-

Caroline Chalk
Head of External Information Services
Civil Aviation Authority
Aviation House
Gatwick Airport South
Gatwick
RH6 0YR

caroline.chalk@caa.co.uk

The CAA has a formal internal review process for dealing with appeals or complaints in connection with Freedom of Information requests. The key steps in this process are set in the attachment.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under Section 50 of the FOIA to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner at:-

Information Commissioner's Office
FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

If you wish to request further information from the CAA, please use the form on the CAA website at <http://publicapps.caa.co.uk/modalapplication.aspx?appid=24>.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Stevens'.

Mark Stevens
External Response Manager

CAA INTERNAL REVIEW & COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

- The original case to which the appeal or complaint relates is identified and the case file is made available;
- The appeal or complaint is allocated to an Appeal Manager, the appeal is acknowledged and the details of the Appeal Manager are provided to the applicant;
- The Appeal Manager reviews the case to understand the nature of the appeal or complaint, reviews the actions and decisions taken in connection with the original case and takes account of any new information that may have been received. This will typically require contact with those persons involved in the original case and consultation with the CAA Legal Department;
- The Appeal Manager concludes the review and, after consultation with those involved with the case, and with the CAA Legal Department, agrees on the course of action to be taken;
- The Appeal Manager prepares the necessary response and collates any information to be provided to the applicant;
- The response and any necessary information is sent to the applicant, together with information about further rights of appeal to the Information Commissioners Office, including full contact details.