

SILCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

USE OF DRONES ON SILCHESTER COMMON POLICY

INTRODUCTION

In order to monitor the surface water and the streams on Silchester Common, the use of a drone for aerial photography is desirable. The following policy outlines the guidance for the use of the drone on the Common.

GUIDELINES

- The Parish Clerk must be advised in advance when a drone flight is planned.
- The Herdsman must be advised in advance when a drone flight is planned.
- So far as possible, residents adjacent to the planned flight area should be informed via social media when a drone flight is planned.
- There shall always be two operators for the drone, the pilot operating the drone and an assistant following the course of the drone and warning members of the public on the Common of the drone overhead.
- The pilot of the drone must have current necessary licences to operate the drone, currently Operator Licence and Flyer Licence.
- The drone should not operate at less than 3 metres height or more than 16 metres.
- The drone shall not be allowed to overfly private land adjoining the Common.
- The drone must always be in the visual sight of both the pilot and assistant.
- Photographs taken by the drone should not include any areas of private land.
- The drone must comply with the Civil Aviation Authority regulations concerning the AWE No Fly Zone.