

Redbourn Parish Council

Drone Policy November 2018

Introduction

Redbourn Parish Council does not permit the use of, or over flying by, drones on its Common, green spaces or other Council owned land for any recreational or commercial purposes.

The Policy decision and reasons consider the following:

- The close proximity of the Common and open spaces or other Council owned land adjacent to neighbouring residential properties and the potential risk of causing alarm, distress or harassment to said occupants.
- The Common and open spaces are open to the public at any time and we are required to ensure that they are safe for all to use.
- Potential risk of accident, injury to other visitors to the Common and green spaces or Council property (including buildings and natural features) as a result of user or drone error.
- Potential risk of causing alarm, distress or harassment to the wildlife and biodiversity within the Common and green spaces.
- The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) "Drone Code" specifying that drones must not be flown within 50m from people, vehicles and buildings and/or over congested areas.
- Granting permission could leave the Council liable for subsequent actions brought about by drone activity when operated from land in the Council's ownership (including over flying land in the Council's ownership, even from and to, a destination which may not be in the Council's ownership).
- Exemptions will rarely be given but may be considered in special circumstances, such as a professional service, e.g. festivals or events. Any exemptions will be subject to CAA guidelines and permissions.