



FILMING WITH UAV/DRONES – LEGAL GUIDANCE

ONCE YOU HAVE THE NECESSARY CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY (CAA) PERMISSION YOU WILL NEED TO SEEK LAND OWNER PERMISSION – “YOU WILL REQUIRE THE EXPRESS PERMISSION OF THE LANDOWNER OR RELEVANT AUTHORITY FROM WHERE YOU WISH TO TAKE OFF AND LAND”

THE AIR NAVIGATION ORDER ARTICLES 166 & 167 STATE THE DISTANCES AT WHICH SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT MAY BE OPERATED. THESE ARE:

- NOT WITHIN **150 METRES** OF ANY CONGESTED AREA OF ANY TOWN, CITY OR SETTLEMENT
- NOT WITHIN **50 METRES** OF ANY PERSON, VESSEL, ROAD, VEHICLE OR STRUCTURE NOT UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE AIRCRAFT OPERATOR.

APPLYING FOR PERMISSION TO FILM WITH UAV/DRONES:

- BRISTOL FILM OFFICE WILL ONLY CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DRONE FILMING IN [ESTATES & PARKS](#) LOCATIONS - WE DO NOT CURRENTLY ISSUE PERMITS FOR DRONE FILMING TO TAKE PLACE IN ANY OTHER LOCATIONS.
- WHEN [SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION](#) TO FILM WITH DRONES, AS WELL AS THE STANDARD RISK ASSESSMENTS & PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE PLEASE INCLUDE A **SITE MAP** DETAILING WHICH EXACTLY AREA OF THE LOCATION YOU WISH TO FILM IN & A **METHOD STATEMENT** DETAILING HOW YOU WILL ENSURE THE STATED DISTANCES ARE BEING ADHERED TO
- YOUR DRONE OPERATORS **MUST** APPEAR ON [THIS CAA APPROVED LIST](#)
- LOCATION FEES WILL APPLY

ONCE ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED, WE REQUIRE A **MINIMUM OF 7 WORKING DAYS NOTICE** TO PROCESS APPLICATIONS FOR DRONE FILMING

FURTHER READING: <https://www.caa.co.uk/Consumers/Model-aircraft-and-drones/Flying-drones/>

