



FOREST ROW PARISH COUNCIL POLICY ON THE USE OF DRONES

Following an upsurge in usage of drones on publicly-owned recreation grounds and open spaces, the Council has resolved that the flying of drones on Council owned land for recreational or commercial purposes be prohibited.

The reasons for this decision are:

- The close proximity of many of our sites to neighbouring residential and business properties and the potential risk of causing alarm, distress or harassment to occupants.
- The proximity to commercial aircraft flight paths cause potential danger to the safety of aircraft.
- Potential risk of accidents, injury to other site users or property as a result of use.
- Granting permission could leave the Council liable for subsequent actions brought about by drone activity when operated from land under our ownership

Exceptions will only be considered where usage of a drone device helps reduce risk in the workplace, i.e. working at height, building survey work, etc

Policy due for review:
May 2021