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USING DRONES TO GATHER EVIDENCE



Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)

INTRODUCTION



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Path into Enforcement

TODAYS PURPOSE

- ✈ Relevant
- ✈ Ease
- ✈ Capability



JOURNEY



STEP 1

 Purchase

 DJI Mini
Pro 3



Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Usage Policy

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Purpose

The Planning Compliance and Enforcement Team have the benefit of using a drone (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle- UAV) to help investigate breaches of planning control.

Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) have become far more common in recent years and can provide valuable advantages when carrying out Buckinghamshire Council operations.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Unmanned Aerial Vehicle operation, associated with Buckinghamshire Council, is carried out safely and in accordance with regulatory requirements.

The Planning Compliance and Enforcement Team would utilise the UAV to document a site at a specific time from the air, to provide a clear record of both the operational development and use of a site. This can be particularly useful when trying to place a specific marker on a site should there be any potential for issues to arise on a site in the future.

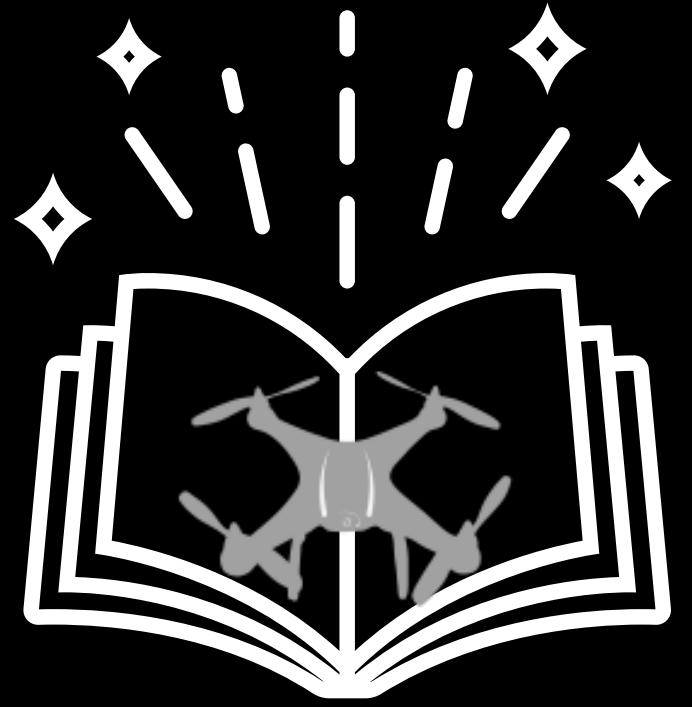
For sites where access is restricted. The drones can be safely deployed near the site and can record the activities/operations being undertaken. This will greatly reduce the risk to staff when dealing with confrontational individuals or on inaccessible/remote or large scale sites and will allow Officers to make better informed decisions on how to proceed with their cases. The use of a drone where a potential vexatious complainant is involved could be a very useful asset.

The use of the drone could also help filter complaints and a site inspection could be carried out without the alleged contraveners being aware, thus removing any unnecessary stress caused by multiple enforcement visits.

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-compliance-and-enforcement/use-of-drones-to-investigate-planning-breaches/unmanned-aerial-vehicles-usage-policy/>



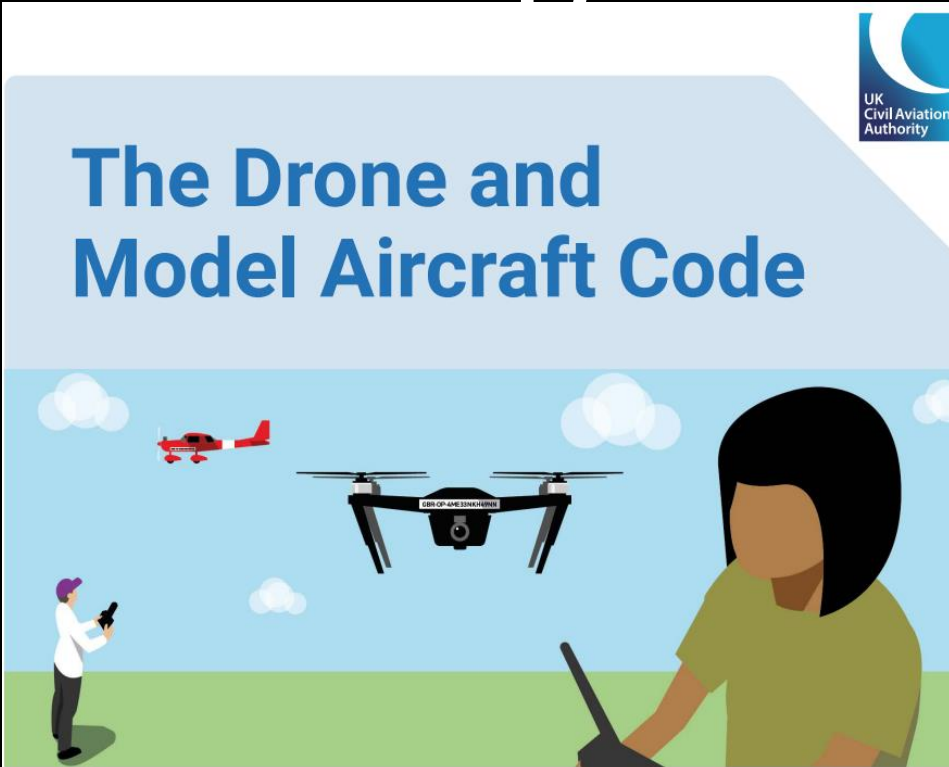
Insurance





Training

<https://register-drones.caa.co.uk/individual>



The Drone and Model Aircraft Code

- › For flying drones, model aeroplanes, model gliders, model helicopters, and other unmanned aircraft systems outdoors in the Open A1 and A3 categories.
- › Follow this Code to make sure you always fly safely and legally.
- › It covers everything you need to know to pass the test to get a flyer ID. This is the starting point for anyone wanting to fly a drone or model aircraft in the UK.
- › Always [check online](#) for the latest version.



Civil Aviation Authority

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Registering to use a drone or model aircraft

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Register and take the test to fly

Use this service to:

- take the theory test to get a flyer ID
- register for an operator ID if you also own or are responsible for a drone or model aircraft

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Process

Drone Flight Request Form

23 May 2023

This form will be forwarded to management to review the reasons for your drone flight request. If approved, you will be notified of the decision and allocated drone operator. If your request is rejected, you will receive an explanation as to why.

Start now

Drone Flight Request Form

Hi, Myles. When you submit this form, the owner will see your name and email address.

* Required

1. Full Name *

Enter your answer

2. Case Reference Number *

Enter your answer

3. What area is the site in? *

North/Central

East/South

West

4. Site Address (or what3words location) *

Enter your answer

5. Is this request urgent *

Select your answer

6. Is the flight due to take place on a specific date? *

Select your answer

Send me an email receipt of my responses

Submit

Pilot		Proposed flight date	
Site location and case reference		Expected flight length	
PRE-FLIGHT SITE RESEARCH			
Constraint	Action to complete	Findings	
Airspace	Airspace Class? (A,C,D,E,F,G) - ATC Permission Required?		
Terrain	What is the Terrain? (Flat, Mountainous, Boggy)		
Proximities	Other Aircraft (Aerodromes, Heli Pads, Model Sites)		
Hazards	Live Firing, High Intensity Radio Transmissions, Gas Venting		
Restrictions	Nuclear Power Stations, Prisons, High Intensity Radio		
Sensitivities	Nature Reserves, Recreational Areas, Bye Laws		
People	Local Habitation (Do we need to Letter Drop?)		
Livestock	Local Farms		
Permission	Local Authority, <u>Land Owner</u> , Military Space permission required for take-off/landing?		
Access	Public Right of Way, Gates & Roads, Public Footpaths, Bridal Paths		
Cordon	Is a Cordon Required? (Do we need extra staff?)		
Ground area	Suitable take-off/landing area, and identifiable alternative Operational Sites		
Risk mitigation	Can the job be done at another time to avoid people, etc		
Weather	<u>24 hour</u> forecast		
PRE FLIGHT NOTIFICATION REQUIRED?			
Local Air Traffic Control	If Notified, Record Date, Time & Contact Name		
Regional Air Traffic Control	If Notified, Record Date, Time & Contact Name		
Military control	If Notified, Record Date, Time & Contact Name		
Local Aero Club	If Notified, Record Date, Time & Contact Name		

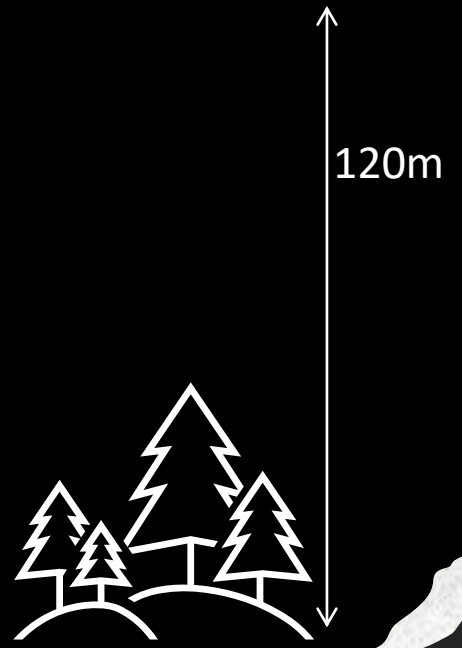
Pilot		Flight date	
		Temperature	
Site location and case reference		Wind direction/speed	
ON SITE PRE-FLIGHT CHECKS			
Constraint	Action to complete	Check	
Check for obstructions	Masts, Power Lines, Buildings, Train Tracks, Trees, Water		
Visual limitations	Anything that May Impair Vision? (Up to 5KM)		
Livestock	Any Animals or Wildlife Present Nearby?		
Terrain	Flat Surface, Rough, Sloped, Wet, Trees?		
Public	Public Right of Way, Footpaths, Gates, Public space, Road		
Air traffic	Do We Need & or Have Clearance?		
Land	Do We Have the <u>Land Owners</u> Permission?		
RIPA	Letter posted to site subject to <u>flight</u> ?		
Operational Zone	Area for take-off, landing, Are We Far Enough Away from Buildings? And people? Clear line of sight		
NOTES			
None			

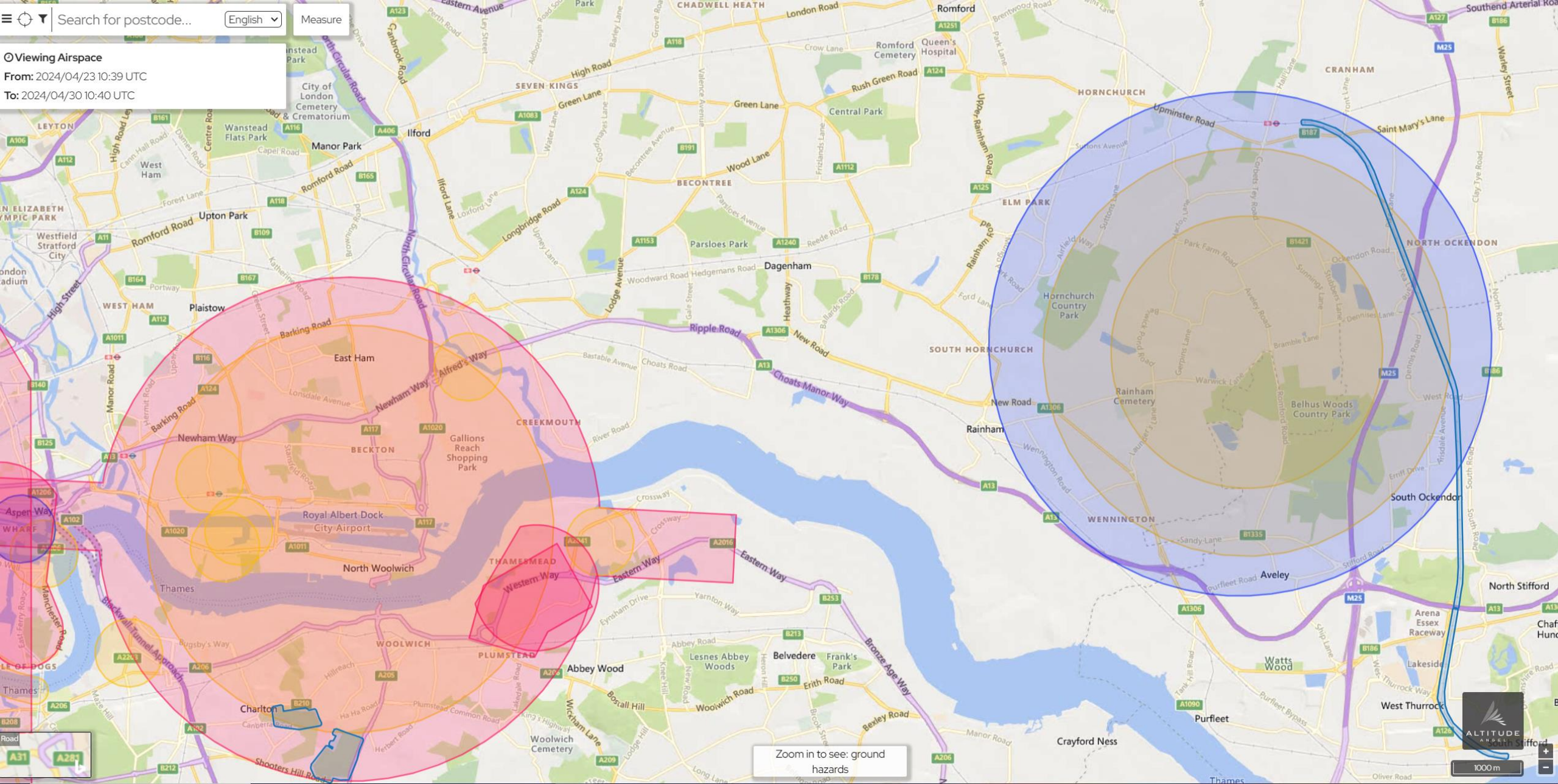
Pilot		Flight date	
		Battery %	
Site location and case reference		Wind direction/speed	
FLIGHT CHECKS			
Item	Action to complete	Check	
Mobile phone	Check reception and <u>battery</u>		
Paperwork	Insurance, BC drone policy, Flight ID		
Officer BC ID badge	Check		
Hard hat/hi-vis	Check (if needed)		
Drone camera	Check. Remove gimbal lock and camera lens cover		
Transmitter	Check. Switch on, check battery power is at least 80%		
Props	Unfold and Check (Splits, <u>chips</u> or cracks - Replace if Required)		
Landing pad	Place landing pad on level <u>surface</u>		
Flight plan / brief	Assess flight plan & carry out site survey, visual check		
Positioning	Calibrate Compass (If <u>Required</u>) Monitor Satellite Capture <u>On</u> Screen Until Satellites Are Captured Fix GPS and home point		
Observers/public	Check everyone at safe <u>distance</u>		
Battery	Final check		
LAND AND DISARM MOTORS. SWICH OFF DRONE AND TRANSMITTER			
Camera	Replace gimble <u>cover</u>		
Props	Check for damage and fold up props. Replace as appropriate		
Safety	Check for damage, wear, tightness of <u>fittings, condition</u>		
Logbook	Complete logbook		
Data	Send data/photos/video to case <u>officer</u>		
Battery	Fully charge all batteries		

Date	Take Off	Landing	Duration	Remote Pilot	Drone	Location



Responsibility

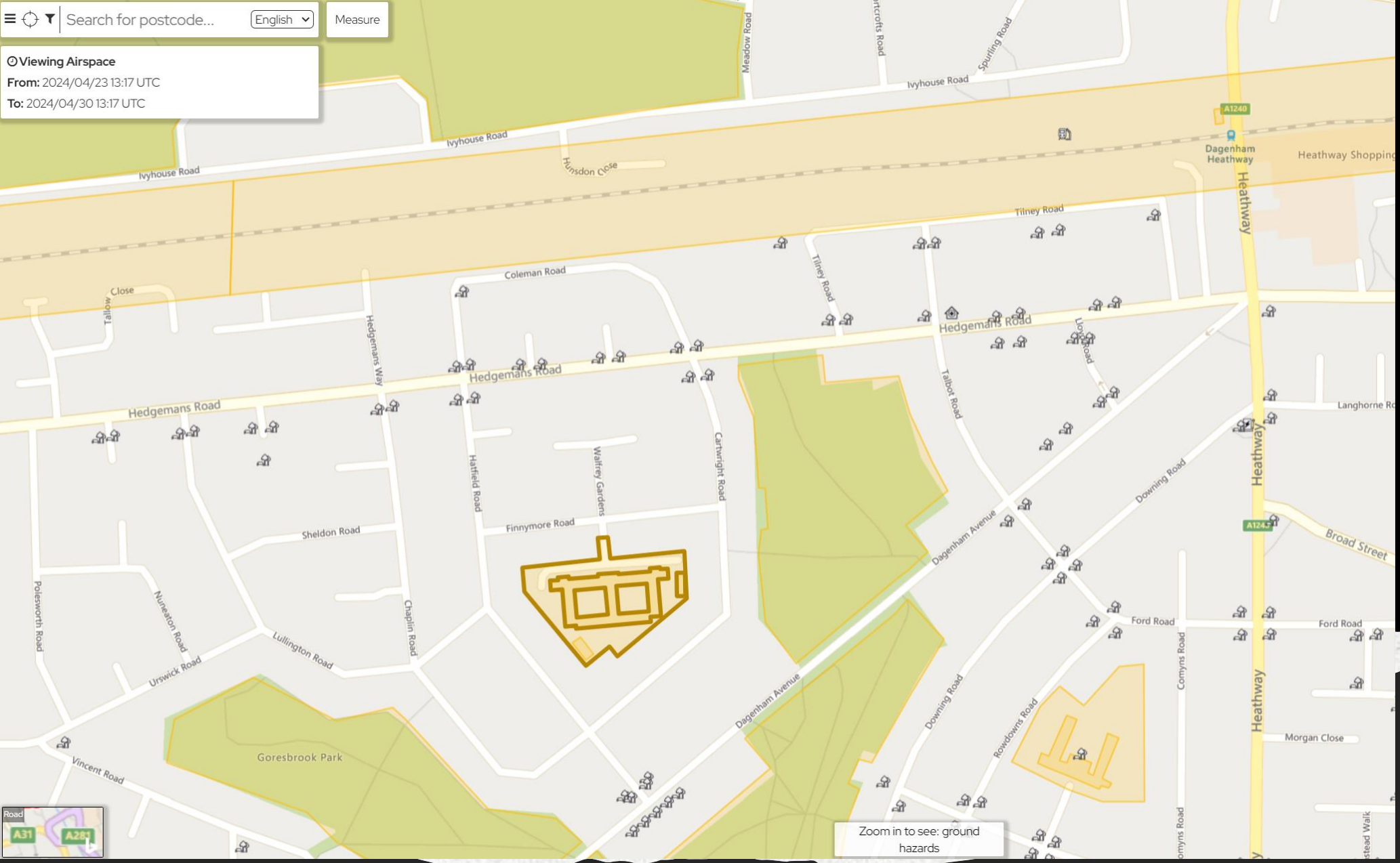




<https://dronesafetymap.com/>

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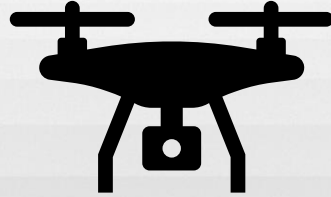


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PPE





**PROTECT
PLAN**

**METHOD
EDUCATE**

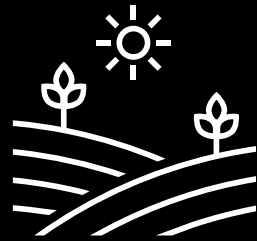
COVER

BROADCAST

INVEST

DECISION

WHEN TO USE THE DRONE



DEMONSTRATION



FAQS



RIPA








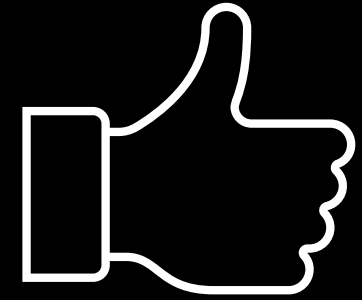
COST



TRAINING

CONCLUSION

-  D – irect
-  R – eactive
-  O – pen & Omissible
-  N – ow go get one.!
-  E – fficient



QUESTIONS?

