

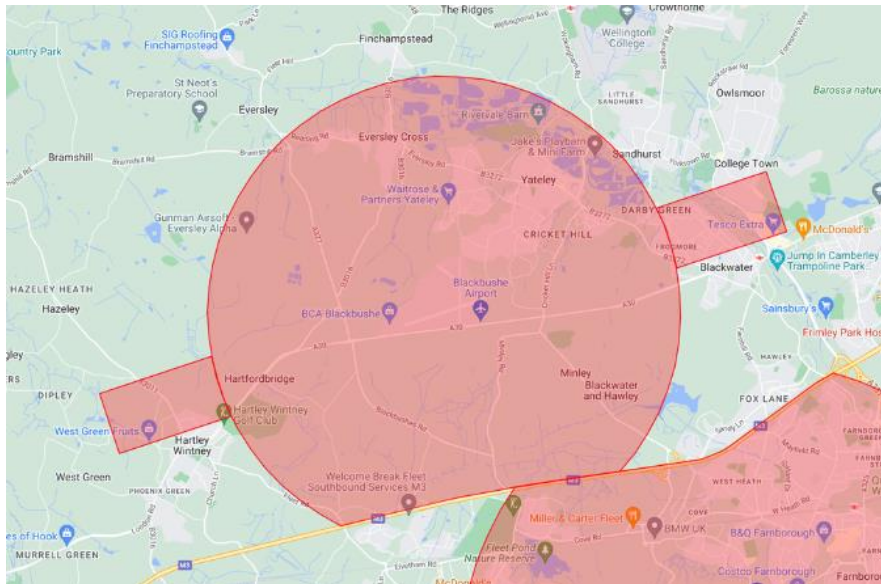
Yateley Town Council

Policy on use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones) on YTC Public Open Space 2025



1. Yateley Town Council is committed to ensuring the safety, security, and enjoyment of its public open spaces for all residents and visitors. In line with the Civil Aviation Authority's (CAA) *Drone and Model Aircraft Code* and to uphold public safety, protect privacy, and safeguard the environment the following will apply on all council owned land.
2. All Yateley Town Council owned land falls in the Blackbushe Airport Flight Restriction Zone (FRZ) **IT IS ILLEGAL** to fly any drone / model aircraft / SUA at any time within these restricted zones unless you have permission from Blackbushe Airport.

www.blackbusheairport.co.uk/drones



3. Should permission be obtained from Blackbushe Airport then the following rules in the *Civil Aviation Authority's (CAA) Drone and Model Aircraft Code* apply.
 - Drones over 250 grams are not permitted to fly within 50m of people and 150m from a residential and recreational site. All public open space owned by Yateley Town Council are recreational sites and therefore you should not be flying there.
 - All drones under 250 grams must be flown below 120m and must not fly over crowds. You should consider having third party insurance as even small drones could injure people if you don't fly them safely.
 - For drones under 250 grams with a camera you will need an Operator ID from the CAA and this must be marked on your drone. You must respect other people's privacy when in use and consider the implications of data protection regulations.
4. Yateley Town Council prohibits the take off, landing and flying of all drones from its land except for limited exceptional circumstances which will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

Applications should be made to the council at office@yateley-tc.gov.uk and include

- Evidence of appropriate CAA registration
- Blackbushe Airport FRZ authorisation,
- Proof of public liability insurance (min £5 million)

- A risk assessment
 - Details of the UAS device to be flown and how the camera footage is to be captured
 - The purpose of the flight
 - Flight location
 - Flight dates and / or schedule
5. The policy will also be published on Yateley Town Council's website and shared through Council communication channels.
6. This policy will be reviewed every 2 years or more frequently if necessary.

For further guidance, please refer to the following;

Civil Aviation Authority's website

<https://www.caa.co.uk/drones>

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

Blackbushe Airport website <https://www.blackbusheairport.co.uk/drones>

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