



The Government of Sark
POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

RULES FOR THE USE OF SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT (SUA/DRONES) IN THE VICINITY OF SARK AND ISLETS.

The Sark Government policy setting out the rules can be found on the Sark Government website www.sarkgov.co.uk

This policy was agreed in September 2022 between the Policy and Finance Committee of Chief Pleas and the Director of Civil Aviation, to permit the operation of SUAs/Drones by licensed operators above ground and the territorial seas of Sark and Islets.

Anyone wishing to operate SUAs/Drones for commercial purposes for a specified reason are required to obtain individual approval, and operators must comply with the following conditions –

- All operators must be approved by the Office of the Director of Aviation in Guernsey and the Sark Policy & Finance Committee.
- Operators must not recklessly or negligently, cause or permit their SUA/Drone to endanger any person or property.
- Operators must not fly a drone over people or large crowds.
- Do not fly farther than 400 feet, or past line of sight, whichever is sooner.
- Respect others privacy when flying your drone and not overfly private properties without express permission of the property owner.
- Do not fly a drone within 50 meters of any building, person, or vehicle not associated with the operation of the drone.
- Do not fly within 150 meters of any congested area or gathering of more than 1,000 people.
- Do not fly a drone within 2 miles of airports or in areas where aircraft are operating.
- You must fly during daylight hours and only fly in good weather conditions.
- Do not fly a drone in sensitive areas including government or military facilities. Use of drones or camera drones in these areas are prohibited.
- You must have 5 million pounds of liability insurance if you wish to fly your drone over public spaces.

- Permits will be issued through the Committee Office for a fee of £50.00.
- SUA/Drone operators must be mindful of nesting seabirds in season, domestic animals, and livestock, and be especially mindful of horses and carriages when in operation on the roads.
- The Sark Constables enforce these rules and have the right to instruct any operator to cease flying where the operator has not complied with these rules or, they consider that there is a danger or nuisance to persons, property or animals.
- Commercial operators are required to provide Sark Tourism or other Chief Pleas Committees with copies of the footage without copyright restriction which may be used for the benefit of Sark.

This rule is in force until further notice

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