

60494 Byelaws, PSPOs and Policies Relating to Recreational Drone Use

We seek information regarding your authority's regulations on the recreational use of drones from land under your jurisdiction.

Do you have any byelaws that are used to regulate, restrict, or prohibit the recreational use of drones from land under your jurisdiction?

If yes, please provide:

- a) The dates of each byelaw.
- b) A digital copy of the byelaws or a direct link to the specific document or webpage where the information can be accessed.

[There are no such byelaws, however, new Management Rules are in the process of being drafted.](#)

Do you have any Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) that are used to regulate, restrict, or prohibit the recreational use of drones from land under your jurisdiction?

If yes, please provide:

- a) The dates of each PSPO.
- b) The locations and areas these PSPOs cover.
- c) A digital copy of the PSPOs or a direct link to the specific document or webpage where the information can be accessed.

[Not applicable. PSPOs do not apply in Scotland.](#)

Do you have any policies that are used to regulate, restrict, or prohibit the recreational use of drones from land under your jurisdiction?

If yes, please provide:

- a) The dates of each policy.

[Management Rules apply for 10 years unless revoked.](#)

[Old Management Rules have expired. New Management Rules will come into effect in 2026, although the exact date is not known at present.](#)

- b) A digital copy of the policies or a direct link to the specific document or webpage where the information can be accessed.

[The last set of Management Rules can be found on our website at:](#)

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/22552/management-rules-for-parks-and-greenspaces>

[The new draft Management Rules are available in the committee report published on our website at:](#)

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=139&MIId=7588>

Please refer to 'Item 7.2 – Management Rules for Parks, Beaches, and Green Space'

It is illegal to fly a drone within 5km of an airport. Further information is published on the Edinburgh Airport website at:

<https://www.edinburghairport.com/help/safe-use-of-drones>

The Council also has a Drone Policy. This is published on the Film Edinburgh website at:

<https://www.filmedinburgh.org/Filming/Permits>

Please refer to 'Drone Filming Guidelines'.