

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I wish to hereby request the details of any/all permission(s) granted by the CAA for West Midlands Police to operate a small unmanned surveillance vehicle (also known as a drone) on 30 October 2016 in the vicinity of Birmingham City Football Club & Bordesley Circus, Birmingham.

The information requested is:

- 1) For what aircraft was the permission granted for?**
- 2) How long is the permission granted for?**
- 3) What is the minimum operating distance granted by the CAA under any permission from people, vehicles and structures not under the control of the operator?**

- 1) For what aircraft was the permission granted for?**

The Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) or Drone as more commonly known was flown by the licensed pilot as required by the CAA and supported by a payload Operator / Camera Operator and additional Observer to offer extra safety due to the flight location.

- 2) How long is the permission granted for?**

The permission for aerial work is granted by the Civil Aviation Authority. This is granted on a 12 month basis and is reviewed at the end of this period as per any other Commercial Drone Operator

Due to the location of the flight (Category D Airspace) permission was granted from Birmingham Air Traffic Control to conduct flight Operations at this location from 10:00 hours to 16:00 hours with an option to extend if required.

- 3) What is the minimum operating distance granted by the CAA under any permission from people, vehicles and structures not under the control of the operator?**

The drone is flown subject to the Operations Manual which is independently assessed and accepted by the CAA.

The drone operates 30m from buildings, structures, vehicles and vessels during take-off and once in flight 50m from those structures not under the control of the flight team. Further details can be obtained from the CAA website and CAP722 which is available through the following website.

<http://publicapps.caa.co.uk/modalapplication.aspx?appid=11&catid=1&id=415&mode=detail&pagetype=65>

Further information can be found on the following website

<https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/latest-news/news.aspx?id=5077>