

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs or ‘Drones’) Privacy Notice

Purpose

The use of unmanned aerial vehicle or drone imagery will be assessed on a trial basis by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (DLRCC) in order to undertake research and explore options for assessing compliance with social distancing in the Council’s outdoor, publicly-accessible amenity facilities, including piers, beaches, bathing areas and parks, and to assist the Council in making decisions on additional measures to help the public and amenity facilities users to comply with social distancing guidelines. This research exercise is in support Government’s current Covid-19 response initiative ([Health \(Preservation and Protection and Other Measures in the Public Interest\) Act 2020](#)).

The trial will be operated in the Dun Laoghaire Harbour area or other outdoor, publicly accessible amenity facilities in the Council’s area, as required, over the weekend of Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th March 2020, or other suitable dates within a period of one month thereafter. Notices will be placed at locations, where practicable, of the research test exercise on the day(s) that operations take place.

Entities Involved

The capture of drone imagery is being undertaken by Maynooth University and Compass Informatics Limited at the request of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, and with the consent of the Council as it relates to the Council’s functional area.

What Personal Information is collected?

Oblique and vertical imagery using normal colour and thermal imagery will be captured, as part of a research trial, in order to assess the usefulness of aerial imagery for assessing compliance with safe social distancing in outdoor publicly accessible, amenity facilities, in response to the current Covid-19 crisis. Both flight platform profile and imaging parameters will be set to record solely the presence or absence of a person.

All visible and thermal imagery will be reviewed by the data controller and any imagery containing personal or individual information will be removed and deleted. Data will be processed to produce density plots and inter-person distances. Access to the data will be restricted to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, and Maynooth University and Compass Informatics Limited, with the Council’s consent, which will be stored on secure servers. It is planned to delete all original raw imagery within 4 weeks of the data acquisition date. A risk assessment has been carried out in connection with capture, recording, processing, accessing, storing, analysing and ultimate disposal of this data.

Source of Personal Information

It is not envisaged that any personal data will be captured or recorded as the result of this research trial.

Sharing of Data

This data will only be processed by the Council, and Maynooth University and Compass Informatics Limited, with the Council’s consent, for the purposes outlined above.

Will your data be stored in or accessible from countries with no Irish-equivalent Privacy Law protections?

No

Retention Period

The raw imagery will be processed, ideally, in the week following the trial surveys. Any original raw imagery will be deleted within 4 weeks of the data acquisition date.

Your Rights

You can find out more about your rights at:

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/council-democracy/governance/data-protection-and-gdpr>

Further Information

Further information on our privacy notice can be found at:

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/council-democracy/governance/data-protection-and-gdpr>

Contact Us

If you have concerns over the way we are asking for or using your personal data, please raise the matter with our Data Protection Officer by the following means:

Postal Address

Data Protection Officer, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire

Email

DataProtectionOfficer@dlrcoco.ie

Phone Number

+353 1 2054700

Date: 27th March 2020