

Notice concerning Use of Drone on Estate

Definitions:

- 1) **Remotely piloted aircraft** means an unmanned aircraft, which is piloted from a remote pilot station.
- 2) **Toy Aircraft** means a product failing under the definition of aircraft, which is designed for use in play by Children.
- 3) **Model Aircraft** means a non-human-carrying aircraft capable of sustained flight and used exclusively for recreational use.

General:

As Drones have become more accessible to the public, it is important that you know that there are rules and regulations when it comes to flying a drone, as well as safety precautions that need to be followed.

The South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) has introduced certain laws covering the use of Drones that covers, where you can fly and are prohibited from flying drones.

Rules and Regulations

- 1) When flying a drone, it is important to ensure the safety of everyone in the vicinity.
- 2) When Flying the Drone, the pilot must also consider the privacy of the neighbours and the safety of the property.
- 3) The SACC prohibits the Flying of Remotely Piloted Aircraft or Toy aircraft 50m or Closer from:
 - i) Any property without the permission of the Property owner.
 - ii) In controlled airspace or restricted airspace.
 - iii) In prohibited airspace.
 - iv) Near a manned aircraft
 - v) Should not fly higher than 45m from the Ground.

ECHO House Rules (Clause 15.10)

The use of Radio-Controlled cars, aircraft and drones is prohibited. They are considered a potential nuisance and/or danger to other residents and, in the case of the latter, a risk of invasion of privacy.

Note that there are several No-Fly Zones

Note that the George Airport and surrounding area is classified as a No-Fly Area. In this regard Earls Court falls into the George Airport No Fly Zone, and as such any use of a Drone in this area is an offence under the Civil Aviation Rules and may mean fines and loss of the Aircraft.

Some Useful Links

<https://www.westerncape.gov.za/general-publication/no-fly-zones-drones>

<http://www.caa.co.za/Pages/RPAS/Remotely%20Piloted%20Aircraft%20Systems.aspx>