



# Kent & East Sussex Railway



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## Operational guidance for drone users: flying a drone near a railway track

### Non-qualified remote pilots (hobbyists)

Flying near, on or over the railway is dangerous and could result in significant loss or damage to the railways and/or affect services.

Your aircraft could cause issues, including:

- Endangering people working on the railway;
- Disrupting train services;
- Cause damage to railway property and equipment.

You should:

- Always comply with the Civil Aviation Authority's [Drone and Model Aircraft Code](#);
- Note that you could be personally liable for any damage caused to the railway infrastructure by you or your drone if you do not have Public Liability Insurance of at least £5,000,000; and
- Be aware that you could be prosecuted under Article 241 of The Air Navigation Order 2016:
  - Article 241 - 'A person must not recklessly or negligently cause or permit an aircraft to endanger any person or property'

### Qualified remote pilots (professionals)

You are wholly responsible operating a UAS/drone near, on or over K&ESR infrastructure and must follow relevant UK legislation.

You should:

- Conduct a risk assessment / method statement / safe system of work. This includes but is not limited to:
  - a) boundary ownership
  - b) K&ESR staff distraction
  - c) moving trains / line speeds
  - d) lineside hazards (overhead wires)
- Document a robust and agreed system of alerting the K&ESR Duty Officer of an incident involving the UAS/drone if it causes a safety concern to the running of the railway;
- Have Public Liability Insurance in force with a minimum value of £5,000,000 for drone operations on or near the railway;
- Operate under a current [CAA] Permission supported by an approved Operations Manual

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