

Submission 67 – Confidential

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute a submission.

The draft guidelines focus on technical points for land use planning. The type of potential future use of drones is insufficiently considered in the draft guidelines. I wish to contribute my views on where, when and for what purpose the use of drones is acceptable.

The use of drones is acceptable:

- in emergency situations, such as floods or fires, in areas that are dangerous and/or difficult to reach by humans
- to deliver medication and life-saving supplies to people in remote areas that are inaccessible by other modes of transport.

Drones should not be permitted:

- over residential areas
- over animal habitat, such as parks or even golf courses
- for the delivery of consumer goods, such as fast food. No commercial delivery drones!
- absolutely no drones at night; humans need undisturbed sleep.

Public space in our communities, in particular in cities, is already crowded and noisy. Drones would add to noise pollution and diminish our quality of life. There are also impacts on wildlife and our companion animals. Further, drones in residential areas would invade people's privacy.

We need broad community discussion before decisions are made about increased use of drones in our air spaces.