

Salisbury Model Flying Club – Flying Site Rules

Operational Guidelines for Flying at Damerham Airfield

Aircraft Recommendations

At present, we recommend using lightweight or hand-launched models only. This is a temporary measure until the weather conditions improve sufficiently to allow work on the strip to commence, enabling the creation of dedicated runways.

No-Fly Zones

To ensure the safety of all participants and maintain the integrity of the site, several no-fly zones have been established. Please adhere strictly to the following restrictions:

Track Leading and Container Area: Do not fly over the track leading into the flying site, container area and car parking. These zones are clearly marked in **red**.

Road at the Bottom of the Airfield: Avoid overflying the road that runs along the bottom edge of the airfield. This area is also marked in **red**.

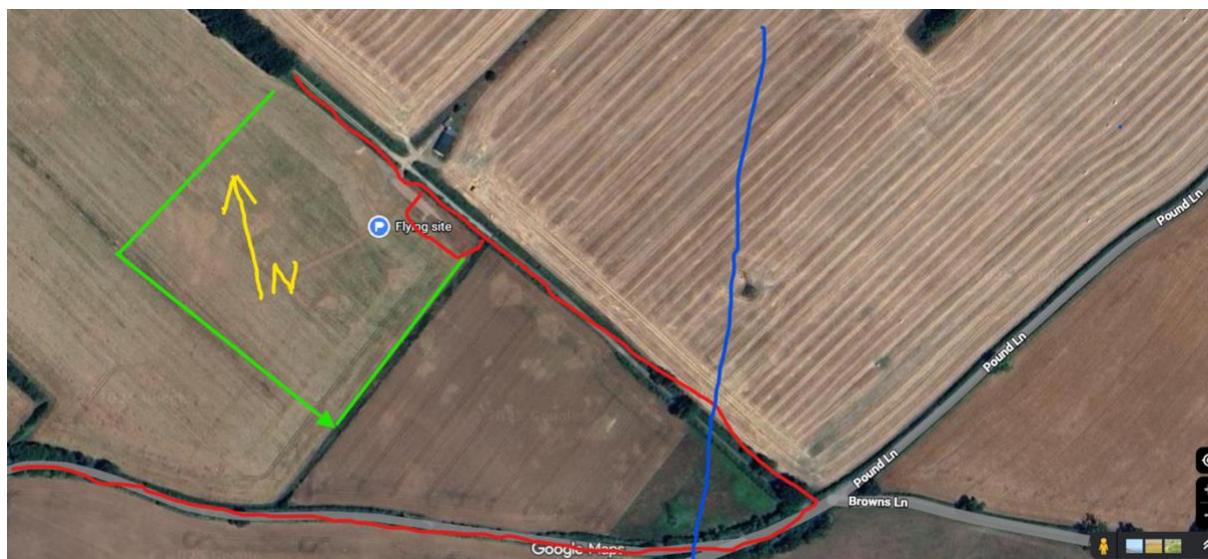
Footpath, Car Park, and Container Area: Flying over the footpath, car park, or container area is strictly prohibited.

Safety Considerations

Please be aware of the presence of power cables located to the south-east of the site. These are marked in **blue**. Exercise additional caution in these areas to prevent any incidents.

Next Steps

Once the weather improves, we will organise a group meeting at Damerham. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss all operational matters in detail, ensuring everyone is fully informed and working together in harmony.



1. General

- Flying is **forbidden** on the **first Saturday of every month**
- Only current **Club members** with valid **BMFA membership** (insurance) may fly.

- Visitors may fly at the discretion of the Club Coordination Team, but **must show proof of BMFA membership**.
- The Club does **not provide training or instruction** — all members are expected to be competent and responsible pilots.

2. Site Access & Conduct

- Members must respect landowner agreements and access arrangements.
- Vehicles must be parked only in designated areas.
- Members are responsible for removing litter and keeping the site tidy.
- Alcohol or drugs must not be consumed before or during flying.

3. Flight Safety

- All flying shall comply with the **BMFA Members' Handbook** and **CAA regulations (CAP 722 & Drone Code)**.
- The **flight line** and **pilot box** must be observed at all times.
- Aircraft must only be flown within the agreed site boundaries and height limits.
- Flying over the pits, car park, or spectators is strictly prohibited.
- A “dead airspace” zone (no-fly zone) over people, roads, and buildings must be observed.

4. Pilots & Frequency Control

- Pilots must not fly alone where possible — a buddy system is encouraged for safety.
- Radio equipment must comply with current **Ofcom/UK regulations**.
- Any frequency control system (if required for 35MHz) must be used properly.
- Pilots must carry out **pre-flight checks** before flying.

5. Noise & Models

- Members must operate models in accordance with **BMFA noise guidelines**.
- The Club Coordination Team reserves the right to ground any model considered unsafe or excessively noisy.
- All aircraft must display the operator's **CAA registration number (Operator ID)**.

6. Flight Operations

- A **flight line limit** of four aircraft in the air at once shall normally apply (unless otherwise agreed by all present).
- A **designated pilot box** must be used for all flights.
- Pilots must call out intentions clearly, e.g. **“Taking off”, “Landing”, “Deadstick”**.
- Landing aircraft always have priority.
- FPV flying must comply with **BMFA/CAA requirements**, including a competent spotter.

7. Incidents & Emergencies

- Any accidents or near-misses must be reported to the **Club Safety Officer** or a Club Coordination Team member.
- First aid equipment will be available at the flying site.
- In case of a fire, members should use available extinguishers or sand buckets (if provided) and call emergency services if needed.

8. Enforcement

- The **Safety Officer**, or in their absence any Club Coordination Team member, may instruct a member to cease flying if safety rules are breached.
- Persistent or serious breaches will be referred to the Club Coordination Team for disciplinary action under the Constitution

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