UK UAS
Enabling Infrastructure Programme

Brief to UK Drone Industry Action Group

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Aim
For Atkins to develop, integrate and manage a systems of systems approach across all Enabling Infrastructure (EI) as discussed in the Government Response to the Drone White Paper

Approach

- Atkins believe that for the UK UAS Enterprise to grow and be sustainable both Government direction and a number of foundations, Enabling Infrastructure (EI), are required

- Atkins are looking to harness existing skill sets and capabilities to help Government establish the foundations for the UK UAS Enterprise

- Solution must be system/technology agnostic at this stage

Assumptions

- There is a demand for the UK drone market to expand beyond current constraints and processes

- Atkins believe that the major hurdle is routine BVLOS operations

- Government has the responsibility to establish the UK UAS enterprise

- Neither DfT nor CAA have the resource to develop, implement and manage the EI elements required
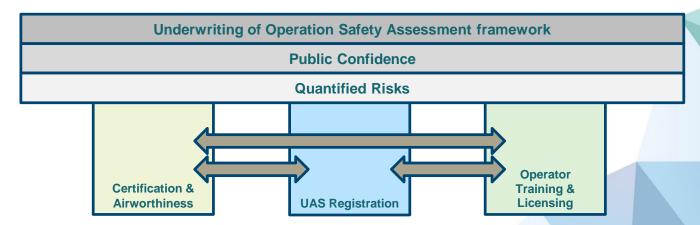
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Atkins Vision of the UK UAS Enterprise

To support all potential UAS operations in the UK by:

- Replacing the current 'case-by-case' approach of seeking approval with one where there are clear guidelines that are applicable to both commercial and leisure users and proportionate to the level of risk

- Reducing the uncertainty, ambiguity and risk through a system of systems, akin to DVLA model:

  - Certification and airworthiness

  - Registration and identification

  - Training and licensing

- The frameworks provide the foundation upon UAS capabilities build

'Regular, routine operations without the need for special authorisation'

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What is Enabling Infrastructure

- National capabilities that enable International, European or National legislation
- Systems and processes that help provide direction, coherence and clarity to all stakeholders
- Systems that will allow greater control AND greater freedoms
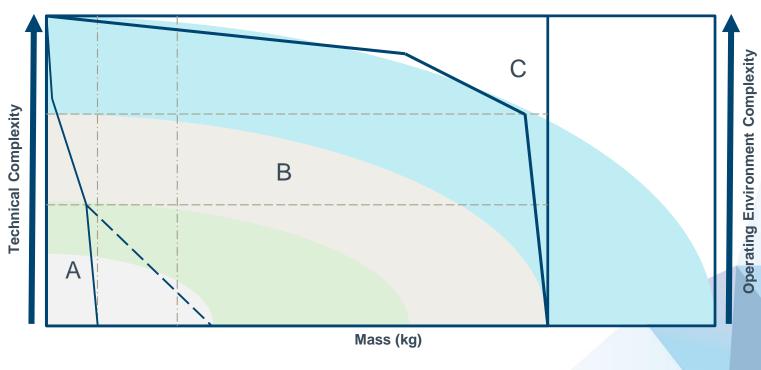- System must be sustainable from a commercial and resource perspective

Underwriting of Operation Safety Assessment framework
Public Confidence
Quantified Risks

| Certification & Airworthiness | UAS Registration | Operator Training & Licensing |

System of systems approach across EI to ensure coherence and reduce risk?

PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

Defining Enabler Requirements - Scalable Approach

Adapted from CAP722 UAS CONOPs Approval Requirements Map

ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY

Separate Maps for:
- Training
- Licensing
- Certification
- Airworthiness
- Registration

Discussion

- Validity of Proposed Approach

- Role for Atkins on Drone IAG and Sub-groups

- Role for Atkins supporting DfT, CAA, BEIS