

## Context, background, proposal

- Drone IAG role and achievements
  - The current opportunity: maximising the benefits of commercial drones
  - Outline 'straw man' proposal of thinking so far
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## Purpose

Aim: The UK needs a vision for safe, efficient, environmentally-friendly and cost-effective use of airspace for all, that supports a thriving commercial drone economy. The aim is to deliver a clear vision/ ambition statement (or statements) outlining how commercial drone services can save lives, boost productivity and deliver new capabilities, with public support and in harmony with other airspace users.

Approach: This vision will engage with broad range of viewpoints, build on current processes, and deliver an agreed ambition between sector and government. The group will own the vision / ambition statement and act as a key link between industry where government support is needed for various initiatives. Scope will be limited to commercial drone use; ie excluding manned aviation (including AAM) or counter-drone activities. The ambition and roadmap is expected to focus on a 2030 time horizon, but with a strong focus on today's opportunities and activities with any barriers identified.

## People

Core 'action' group will comprise a small group of participants from the Drone Industry Action Group. Volunteers are welcomed (in writing to Iain Gray, stating core perspectives, interests and experience, please)

- **Chair**: Iain Gray
- **Government**: supported by officials in BEIS, DFT, Future Flight, Connected Places Catapult (+ engaging CAA, Ofcom and others as required)
- **Sector**: tbc

## Process

**Today**: Engagement with the community on the updated ambition

- Aim today is to gather initial sector views and support for the approach and capture any suggestions, concerns etc
- Outline process ahead, including expectation there will be working groups
- *Note: we aim to be collaborative: input will be principally through direct engagement events and written input, but we aim to keep the community informed throughout.*

## Looking ahead

- *Publication c. Autumn 2021.*
- *Before Summer: scoping and engagement, including where working groups are needed to gather evidence on specific issues or for insights into specific sectors*
- *Late Summer/ early Autumn (tbc): presentation of draft ambition back to wider DIAG*
- *Autumn: Finalisation of ambition. Engagement with Ministers. Launch (date tbc)*

