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This paper explains when the service is useful and how to test its value.

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Drone Photography & Video

Why businesses need it, how to measure value, and what comes next

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Business case and evidence

Executive summary

Basic aerial photos and video give audiences visual context that ground-level coverage cannot always provide. They are a selective addition to a story, listing or website, not a substitute for survey or inspection work.

Why a business needs it

Aerial imagery is most useful when surrounding context or site scale matters to a viewer, for example a property's location within its landscape or the broad layout of a business campus. Start with a short list of decisions the footage should support; obtain the minimum coverage that meets those needs.

Illustrative: six accepted viewpoints out of eight

Six approved views out of eight requested equals 75% shot coverage. Document unavailable or unsafe views and accept ground-based substitutes where appropriate.

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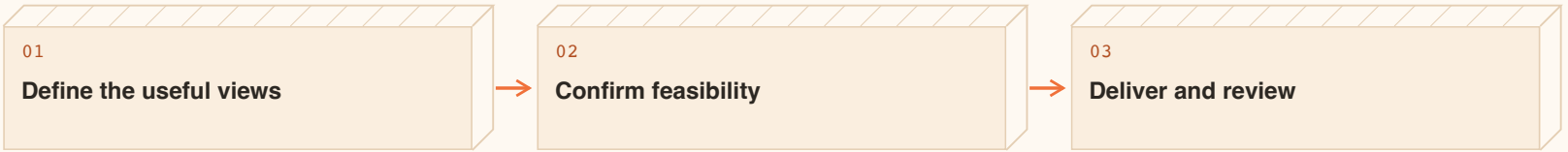
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PROCESS

The diagram shows the sequence of work. It does not represent measured impact. Confirm scope and acceptance criteria before committing.

How the work is done

EXHIBIT / SERVICE DELIVERY WORKFLOW



Conceptual sequence. The agreement defines the actual scope, approval gates, and deliverables.

What the service covers

Basic aerial photography and short video by inquiry only. Confirm site, intended use, approved capture area, requested views and delivery format. Location, access, site safety, weather and airspace may affect whether the job is feasible. Mapping and field documentation are scoped separately under Drone Mapping & Documentation.

Drone services are performed by licensed drone pilots we hire or subcontract. Equipment varies by contractor.

Define the useful views

Specify what the audience needs to see and the approved areas and uses. Avoid unintended capture of people or adjacent property.

Confirm feasibility

The operator confirms permissions and any applicable airspace authorizations, access, weather and safety conditions before committing.

Deliver and review

Provide edited stills and/or video as agreed; note footage gaps rather than implying complete coverage.

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DECISION

Compare the alternatives against the current baseline, not against a hypothetical perfect system. Review costs, access, and ownership.

Use cases and decision tradeoffs

Show property context

Include landscape and site relationships in approved coverage for real estate or business marketing. Use ground photography for details and condition evidence.

Introduce a substantial location

Capture approved exterior views showing a campus, venue or frontage. Use captions and avoid implying the footage establishes measured boundaries.

Build a modest digital asset set

Collect only the requested views needed for a website, proposal or social edit; crop to intended channels without silently changing material context.

Aerial or ground-based imagery

Choose aerial viewpoints only where they explain something meaningful that ground coverage cannot show. Consider elevated fixed cameras or ground footage when weather or access makes aerial capture impractical.

Safety and permissions are scheduling gates

A complete brief is not a flight approval. Location, lawful access, restrictions and operator judgment govern the actual shoot. Keep a ground-based alternative and a contingency window.

Visual context or professional measurement

Use a separate qualified provider if the deliverable requires geospatial accuracy, boundary decisions, safety assessment or inspection findings. Do not use marketing images to make those decisions.

Worked acceptance checklist

Illustrative: request eight named views and two candidate alternate ground views. Accept six aerial and one ground substitute, record which of the eight intended purposes each covers, and note the one unmet view. Deliverable acceptance should depend on usefulness and approved scope, not image count alone.

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MEASUREMENT

Define the denominator, source and observation window before comparing results. Keep an owner for each measure.

How to measure impact and prepare for change

Shot coverage

Accepted viewpoints divided by agreed requested viewpoints; separate impossible or unsafe shots.

Delivery acceptance

Accepted deliverables divided by promised deliverables at the review point.

Asset reuse

Count approved placements per asset and re-check rights before any use outside the brief.

Future outlook

As visual media becomes easier to synthesize, date and label genuinely captured imagery. Keep originals and release records so teams can check the source instead of relying on a convincing edit.

Boundaries and limitations

Field conditions and approvals can prevent capture. This paper is not legal advice or operational flight guidance; confirm requirements for the specific work with a qualified operator.

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