



## Mitigating the Threat of Hostile Drones

Over seventy experts have taken part in a workshop, hosted by the Home Office, to discuss how hostile drone activity could be prevented. Plans are now underway to trial possible solutions.



The Security Innovation & Demonstration Centre (SIDC) hosted a workshop at the Home Office Centre for Applied Science and Technology (CAST) on the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

Experts from across government, industry and universities heard from representatives of the police, prisons, the Home Office and commercial companies, all of whom are trying to solve the problem of unwanted drone activity.

The workshop discussed existing technologies and how they could be used to prevent current and possible future problems. It also included a lively discussion about the legal issues faced and the difficulties of putting any solution into practice.

Roger Cumming, Challenge Manager for the drones work at SIDC explained *“this kind of event where experts from the whole range of affected parties work together is essential if the big security challenges we face today are going to be solved. SIDC is uniquely placed to make this happen. This event on drones was particularly successful with lots of novel ideas and positive suggestions.”*

As result of the discussions, a set of trials will now take place in early 2016 to evaluate potential solutions. To express an interest in these, or to find out more about SIDC, please email [sidc@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:sidc@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk) or visit the [website](#).

