

**2023 No. 401**

**CIVIL AVIATION**

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Coventry)  
Regulations 2023**

*Made* - - - - *31st March 2023*

*Coming into force* - - *22nd May 2023*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is in the public interest to restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the intended gathering of a large number of persons in the vicinity of the Coventry Building Society Arena.

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by article 239 of the Air Navigation Order 2016(a).

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Coventry) Regulations 2023 and they come into force on 22nd May 2023.

**Interpretation**

2. In regulation 3(1) the times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time(b).

**Restricted airspace**

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), during the periods specified in paragraph (2) no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 0.8 nautical miles whose centre is at 522653N 0012944W.

(2) The periods referred to in paragraph (1) are—

- (a) between 1500 hours and 2300 hours on the 22nd May 2023,
- (b) between 1500 hours and 2300 hours on the 23rd May 2023, and
- (c) between 1400 hours and 2300 hours on the 31st May 2023.

(3) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by the West Midlands Police Service.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

*David J Best*  
Grade 7

31st March 2023

Department for Transport

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(a) S.I. 2016/765, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.  
(b) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of the Coventry Building Society Arena, Longford, Coventry, West Midlands by reason of the large numbers of persons due to attend three music concerts which are scheduled to be held there. The West Midlands Police Service considers that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of the Arena for reasons of public safety and security and this has been agreed with by the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(2) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(3), the West Midlands Police service may be contacted on telephone number 07823 427514 or by email: [uav\\_team@westmidlands.police.uk](mailto:uav_team@westmidlands.police.uk).

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Briefing Sheet and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

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