

2023 No. 444

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Villa Park,
Birmingham) Regulations 2023**

Made - - - - *19th April 2023*

Coming into force - - *13th June 2023*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary 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 there of a large number of persons in the vicinity of Villa Park, Birmingham.

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) (Villa Park, Birmingham) Regulations 2023 and they come into force on 13th June 2023.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), 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 centred at 523033N 0015305W.

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

- (a) between 1100 hours and 2300 hours on the 13th June 2023, and
- (b) between 1300 hours and 2300 hours on the 16th June 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

19th April 2023

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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 Villa Park Stadium, Birmingham, West Midlands by reason of the gathering of a large number of persons due to attend two 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 stadium 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.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr David Ridley, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382471.