

2025 No. 43

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Birmingham)
Regulations 2025**

Made - - - - 17th January 2025

Coming into force - - 16th March 2025

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.

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) (Birmingham) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 16th March 2025.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), beginning at 0800 hours and ending at 2000 hours on 16th March 2025 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 522922N 0015342W,
- (b) 522818N 0015442W,
- (c) 522730N 0015224W,
- (d) 522834N 0015124W, and
- (e) 522922N 0015342W.

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

(a) S.I. 2016/765, as amended by S.I. 2024/990; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.
(b) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

17th January 2025

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of Birmingham city centre where a large gathering of persons is due to attend a parade on the 16th March 2025.

At the request of the West Midlands Police, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of the parade area for reasons of public safety and security.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2), the West Midlands Police may be contacted as notified.

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.