STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 955

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Blenheim Palace) Regulations 2025

Made - - - -	*8th August 2025*
Coming into force - -	*11th August 2025*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the visit there of a VIP.

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) (Blenheim Palace) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 11th August 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 with 1100 hours and ending with 1900 hours on 11th August 2025 no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1.25 nautical miles centred at 515028N 0012139W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft—

(a) making an approach to or departure from Oxford Airport whilst under the direction of the air traffic control unit at Oxford Airport,

(b) operated by or on behalf of—

(i) a Police Air Support Unit, or

(ii) an Emergency Medical Service, or

(c) operating with the permission of the Thames Valley Police Service.

(**a**) S.I. 2016/765, amended by S.I. 2024/990; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.
(**b**) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Joe Thompson
Senior Executive Officer
Department for Transport

8th August 2025

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire, for reasons of a VIP visit which is due to take place there on 11th August 2025.

The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the event for reasons of public safety and security.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour before British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(c), the Thames Valley Police Service may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by 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.