STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 564

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Coventry Arena) Regulations 2026

Made - - - -	*28th May 2026*
Coming into force	*4th June 2026*

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) (Coventry Arena) Regulations 2026 and they come into force on 4th June 2026.

Interpretation

2. The times referred to in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time(**b**).

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), during the periods beginning with 1500 hours and ending with 2259 hours on each of the 4th, 5th and 6th June 2026 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,400 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 0.8 of a nautical mile centred at 522653N 0012944W.

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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28th May 2026 Department for Transport

(**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).

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 Arena, West Midlands. At the request of West Midlands Police, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted for reasons of public safety and security due to the intended gathering there of a large number of persons.

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

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

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

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