STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 35

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Durham) Regulations 2025

Made - - - -	*14th January 2025*
Coming into force - -	*16th April 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 an intended VIP visit there.

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) (Durham) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 16th April 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 0600 hours on 16th April 2024 and ending with 1800 hours on 17th April 2025 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1.5 nautical miles centred at 544646N 0013455W.

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

(a) flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Durham Constabulary, or

(b) insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons and Young Offender Institutions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023(**c**).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David J Best
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Department for Transport

14th January 2025

(**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 one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).
(**c**) S.I. 2023/1101.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of Durham, County Durham where a VIP visit is due to take place on 16th April 2025 and 17th April 2025.

At the request of the Durham Constabulary, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of the area to be visited for reasons of public safety and security.

These Regulations apply except insofar as the flying of unmanned aircraft is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons and Young Offender Institutions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/1101).

The times mentioned in regulation 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)(a), the Durham Constabulary may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Briefing Sheet 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.