STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 618

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Heaton Park) Regulations 2025

Made - - - -	*22nd May 2025*
Coming into force - -	*11th July 2025*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is in the public interest to restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the intending gathering of a large number of persons in the vicinity for music concerts.

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) (Heaton Park) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 11th July 2025.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), during the periods specified in paragraph (2) 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 1.5 nautical miles which is centred at 533141N 0021546W.

(2) The periods referred to in paragraph (1) begin with 1100 hours and end with 2359 hours on 11th, 12th, 16th, 19th and 20th July 2025.

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

(a) insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons) Regulations 2001(**c**) or the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons and Young Offender Institutions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023(**d**), or

(b) flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Greater Manchester 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).
(**c**) S.I. 2001/1657, amended by S.I. 2007/2377.
(**d**) S.I. 2023/1101.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Joseph Thompson
Senior executive officer
22nd May 2025 Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of Heaton Park, Manchester, due to the intended holding there of music concerts, starting on 11th July 2025 and ending on 20th July 2025.

In view of the expected large gathering of persons attending the music concerts and at the request of the Greater Manchester 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 event for reasons of public safety and security.

These Regulations apply except insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons) Regulations 2001 (S.I. 2001/1657, amended by S.I. 2007/2377) or 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(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)(b), the Greater Manchester Police Service may be contacted as notified.

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

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