STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 840

CIVIL AVIATION

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

Made - - - -	*10th July 2025*
Coming into force - -	*4th October 2025*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is in the public interest to restrict flying in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the intended holding there of the 2025 Conservative Party Conference.

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) (Manchester) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 4th October 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 0300 hours on 4th October 2025 and ending with 1600 hours on 8th October 2025 no aircraft is to fly below 3,800 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles which is centred at 532837N 0021446W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply—

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

(b) to any aircraft operated by or on behalf of—

(i) a Police Air Support Unit, or

(ii) an Emergency Medical Service, or

(c) to any aircraft—

(**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.

(i) making an approach to, or departure from Manchester Airport under the direction of the air traffic control unit at Manchester Airport or Prestwick Centre, or

(ii) flying in accordance with a permission issued by Greater Manchester Police.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Joe Thompson
Senior Executive Officer
Department for Transport

10th July 2025

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of the 2025 Conservative Party Conference that is due to take place on 4th to 8th October 2025, inclusive.

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.

These Regulations apply except insofar as flying 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)(c)(ii), Greater Manchester 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 Alan Frew, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382734.