STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 479

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Villa Park, Birmingham) Regulations 2025

Made - - - -	*10th April 2025*
Coming into force - -	*23rd June 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 the large gathering of persons due to attend music concerts 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) (Villa Park, Birmingham) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 23rd June 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 1,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile centred at 523033N 0015305W.

(2) The periods referred to in paragraph (1) begin at—

(a) 1000 hours on 23rd June 2025 and end at 0001 hours on 24th June 2025,

(b) 1000 hours on 26th June 2025 and end at 0001 hours on 27th June 2025,

(c) 1000 hours on 5th July 2025 and end at 0001 hours on 6th July 2025, and

(d) 1000 hours on 10th July 2025 and end at 0001 hours on 11th July 2025.

(3) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission granted by West Midlands Police.

(**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).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David J Best
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10th April 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 Villa Park, Birmingham where a large gathering of persons is due to attend music concerts there on 23rd and 25th June 2025 and 5th and 11th July 2025.

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 in the vicinity of the event location for reasons of public safety.

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), West Midlands 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.