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CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Helicopter Flight)
(No. 7) Regulations 2026**

Made - - - - *16th October 2026*

Coming into force - - *21st October 2026*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the area specified in regulation 3(1) to (10) by reason of an intended helicopter flight which due to take place 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) (Helicopter Flight) (No. 7) Regulations 2026 and they come into force on 21st October 2026.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (11) and (15), during the period beginning with 0935 hours and ending with 1030 hours on 21st October 2026 no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

- (a) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 513359.00N 0005516.00W, and
 - (ii) 513452.02N 0004945.13W,
- (b) the anti-clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles centred at 513642.00N 0004830.00W between 513452.02N 0004945.13W and 513526.90N 0004600.00W,
- (c) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 513526.90N 0004600.00W, and
 - (ii) 513611.00N 0004133.00W,

^(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).

- (d) the anti-clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 12 nautical miles centred at 512812.00N 0002713.00W between 513611.00N 0004133.00W and 513156.86N 0004527.70W,
- (e) the anti-clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles centred at 513002.37N 0004629.40W between 513156.86N 0004527.70W and 512947.90N 0004940.30W, and
- (f) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 512947.90N 0004940.30W,
 - (ii) 512856.00N 0005516.00W, and
 - (iii) 513359.00N 0005516.00W.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (11) and (15), during the period beginning with 0935 hours and ending with 1030 hours on 21st October 2026, no aircraft is to fly below 3,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 513314.00N 0010000.00W,
- (b) 513359.00N 0005516.00W,
- (c) 512856.00N 0005516.00W,
- (d) 512813.00N 0010000.00W, and
- (e) 513314.00N 0010000.00W.

(3) Subject to paragraphs (11) and (15), during the period beginning with 0945 hours and ending with 1045 hours on 21st October 2026, no aircraft is to fly below 4,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

- (a) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 513755.00N 0020554.00W, and
 - (ii) 513734.93N 0020224.49W,
- (b) the anti-clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile centred at 513757.00N 0020055.00W between 513734.93N 0020224.49W and 513719.16N 0015940.31W,
- (c) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 513719.16N 0015940.31W, and
 - (ii) 513534.13N 0014141.82W,
- (d) the anti-clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile centred at 513614.00N 0014030.00W between 513534.13N 0014141.82W and 513522.10N 0013941.90W, and
- (e) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 513522.10N 0013941.90W,
 - (ii) 513204.00N 0010716.00W,
 - (iii) 513314.00N 0010000.00W,
 - (iv) 512813.00N 0010000.00W,
 - (v) 512705.00N 0010722.00W,
 - (vi) 513259.00N 0020654.00W, and
 - (vii) 513755.00N 0020554.00W.

(4) Subject to paragraphs (11) and (15), during the period beginning with 1000 hours and ending with 1110 hours on 21st October 2026, no aircraft is to fly below 4,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

- (a) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 514409.65N 0031938.80W,
 - (ii) 513755.00N 0020554.00W,

- (iii) 513259.00N 0020654.00W, and
- (iv) 513913.55N 0032045.00W, and
- (b) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 2.5 nautical miles centred at 514143.00N 0032028.00W between 513913.55N 0032045.00W and 514409.65N 0031938.80W.

(5) Subject to paragraphs (12) and (15), during the period beginning with 1155 hours and ending with 1255 hours on 21st October 2026, no aircraft is to fly below 4,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

- (a) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 514325.38N 0032324.00W, and
 - (ii) 520630.10N 0025104.00W,
- (b) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 2.5 nautical miles centred at 520450.00N 0024803.00W between 520630.10N 0025104.00W and 520307.37N 0024506.00W,
- (c) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 520307.37N 0024506.00W, and
 - (ii) 514026.03N 0031701.00W, and
- (d) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 2.5 nautical miles centred at 514143.00N 0032028.00W between 514026.03N 0031701.00W and 514325.38N 0032324.00W.

(6) Subject to paragraphs (13) and (15), during the period beginning with 1320 hours and ending with 1425 hours on 21st October 2026, no aircraft is to fly below 4,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

- (a) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 2.5 nautical miles centred at 520450.00N 0024803.00W between 520317.43N 0025114.10W and 520559.00N 0024427.18W,
- (b) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 520559.00N 0024427.18W, and
 - (ii) 512653.63N 0020335.18W,
- (c) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 2.5 nautical miles centred at 512523.00N 0020646.00W between 512653.63N 0020335.18W and 512416.42N 0021020.60W, and
- (d) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 512416.42N 0021020.60W, and
 - (ii) 520317.43N 0025114.10W.

(7) Subject to paragraphs (14) and (15), during the period beginning with 1400 hours and ending with 1455 hours on 21st October 2026, no aircraft is to fly below 4,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

- (a) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 512752.10N 0020622.85W,
 - (ii) 513000.00N 0013701.00W,
 - (iii) 512506.00N 0013531.00W, and
 - (iv) 512254.91N 0020609.95W, and
- (b) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 2.5 nautical miles centred at 512523.00N 0020646.00W between 512254.91N 0020609.95W and 512752.10N 0020622.85W.

(8) Subject to paragraphs (14) and (15), during the period beginning with 1410 hours and ending with 1500 hours on 21st October 2026, no aircraft is to fly below 4,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 513000.00N 0013701.00W,
- (b) 513204.00N 0010716.00W,

- (c) 513314.00N 0010000.00W,
- (d) 512813.00N 0010000.00W,
- (e) 512705.00N 0010722.00W,
- (f) 512506.00N 0013531.00W, and
- (g) 513000.00N 0013701.00W.

(9) Subject to paragraphs (14) and (15), during the period beginning with 1415 hours and ending with 1505 hours on 21st October 2026, no aircraft is to fly below 3,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 513314.00N 0010000.00W,
- (b) 513359.00N 0005516.00W,
- (c) 512856.00N 0005516.00W,
- (d) 512813.00N 0010000.00W, and
- (e) 513314.00N 0010000.00W.

(10) Subject to paragraphs (14) and (15), during the period beginning with 1420 hours and ending with 1510 hours on 21st October 2026, no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

- (a) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 513359.00N 0005516.00W, and
 - (ii) 513452.02N 0004945.13W,
- (b) the anti-clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles centred at 513642.00N 0004830.00W between 513452.02N 0004945.13W and 513526.90N 0004600.00W,
- (c) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 513526.90N 0004600.00W, and
 - (ii) 513611.00N 0004133.00W,
- (d) the anti-clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 12 nautical miles centred at 512812.00N 0002713.00W between 513611.00N 0004133.00W and 513156.86N 0004527.70W,
- (e) the anti-clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles centred at 513002.37N 0004629.40W between 513156.86N 0004527.70W and 512947.90N 0004940.30W, and
- (f) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 512947.90N 0004940.30W,
 - (ii) 512856.00N 0005516.00W, and
 - (iii) 513359.00N 0005516.00W.

(11) Paragraphs (1) to (4) do not apply to any aircraft—

- (a) insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Highgrove House) (Restricted Area EG R105) Regulations 2018^(a), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Ministry of Defence Prohibited Places) Regulations 2026^(b), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons and Young Offender Institutions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023^(c) or the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Nuclear Installations) Regulations 2016^(d), or
- (b) flying in accordance with a permission issued by—

(a) S.I. 2018/907.
 (b) S.I. 2026/64.
 (c) S.I. 2023/1101.
 (d) S.I. 2016/1003.

- (i) the London Terminal Control Centre, Swanwick,
 - (ii) the Air Traffic Control unit at Farnborough Airport,
 - (iii) the Royal Air Force Brize Norton Terminal Air Traffic Control Centre (TATCC) South, or
 - (iv) the Air Traffic Control unit at Cardiff Airport.
- (12) Paragraph (5) does not apply to any aircraft—
- (a) insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Ministry of Defence Prohibited Places) Regulations 2026, or
 - (b) flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Air Traffic Control unit at Cardiff Airport.
- (13) Paragraph (6) does not apply to any aircraft—
- (a) insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Ministry of Defence Prohibited Places) Regulations 2026 or the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Raymill House, Lacock) (Restricted Area EG R106) Regulations 2021(a), or
 - (b) flying in accordance with a permission issued by—
 - (i) the Air Traffic Control unit at Cardiff Airport, or
 - (ii) the Royal Air Force Brize Norton Terminal Air Traffic Control Centre (TATCC) South.
- (14) Paragraphs (7) to (10) do not apply to any aircraft—
- (a) insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Raymill House, Lacock) (Restricted Area EG R106) Regulations 2021 or the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Ministry of Defence Prohibited Places) Regulations 2026, or
 - (b) flying in accordance with a permission issued by—
 - (i) the Royal Air Force Brize Norton Terminal Air Traffic Control Centre (TATCC) South,
 - (ii) the Air Traffic Control unit at Farnborough Airport, or
 - (iii) the London Terminal Control Centre, Swanwick.
- (15) Paragraphs (1) to (10) do not apply to any aircraft—
- (a) operated by or on behalf of—
 - (i) the King's Helicopter Flight,
 - (ii) a Police Air Support Unit,
 - (iii) an Emergency Medical Service, or
 - (iv) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, or
 - (b) flying in accordance with a permission issued by Royal Air Force 78 Squadron, Swanwick.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

16th October 2026

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(a) S.I. 2021/703.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Monmouthshire, Torfaen, Caerphilly, Merthyr Tydfil, Powys, and Herefordshire, by the reason of an intended helicopter flight which is due to take place there on 21st October 2026.

The Civil Aviation Authority and Department for Transport agree that it is in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of the relevant areas to avoid disruption to this flight.

These Regulations apply except insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Highgrove House) (Restricted Area EG R105) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/907), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Ministry of Defence Prohibited Places) Regulations 2026 (S.I. 2026/64), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons and Young Offender Institutions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/1101), the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Nuclear Installations) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1003) and the Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Raymill House, Lacock) (Restricted Area EG R106) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 2021/703).

The times referred to in regulation 3(1) to (10) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

Full details of these Regulations will be promulgated by Briefing Sheet and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

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