

2026 No. 414

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (The Hoe, Plymouth)
Regulations 2026**

Made - - - - *15th April 2026*

Coming into force - - *12th August 2026*

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 intending holding there of the British Fireworks Championships 2026.

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) (The Hoe, Plymouth) Regulations 2026 and they come into force on 12th August 2026.

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 1300 hours and ending with 2200 hours on 12th and 13th August 2026 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,200 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 502205N 0040911W,
- (b) 502207N 0040726W,
- (c) 502145N 0040651W,
- (d) 502113N 0040655W,
- (e) 502112N 0040928W,
- (f) 502154N 0040928W, and
- (g) 502205N 0040911W.

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

- (a) flying with a permission issued by the Plymouth City Council Senior Events Officer, or

(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).

(b) operated by or on behalf of Devon and Cornwall Police.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

15th April 2026

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of the Mountbatten Breakwater and The Hoe, Plymouth during the British Fireworks Championships 2026 that is due to take place there on 12th and 13th August 2026. At the request of the Plymouth City Council, 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.

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 permissions mentioned in regulation 3(2)(a), the Plymouth City Council Senior Events Officer 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 Thomas Shainberg, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382515.