

2026 No. 438

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Gateshead)
Regulations 2026**

Made - - - - *21st April 2026*

Coming into force - - *24th April 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) by reason of a multi-agency operation that is scheduled 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) (Gateshead) Regulations 2026 and they come into force on 24th April 2026.

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 aircraft is to fly below 1,800 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 0.5 of a nautical mile which is centred at 545754N 0013524W.

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

- (a) 1700 hours on 24th April 2026 and end with 0100 hours on 25th April 2026, and
- (b) 1700 hours on 25th April 2026 and end with 0100 hours on 26th April 2026.

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

- (a) flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Northumbria Police, or
- (b) operated by or on behalf of—
 - (i) a Police Air Support Unit,
 - (ii) an Emergency Medical Service, or
 - (iii) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

(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).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

21st April 2026

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Gateshead, Tyne and Wear during a multi-agency operation that is due to take place there on 24th to 26th April 2026, inclusive.

Due to the nature of the operation the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the operation 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)(a), the Northumbria Police may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this statutory instrument will be promulgated by Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr David Ridley, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382471.