

2026 No. 48

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Morthen, Yorkshire)
(Emergency) Regulations 2026**

Made - - - - at 8.09 p.m. on 20th January 2026

Coming into force with immediate effect

The Secretary of State for a reason affecting the public interest deems it necessary to restrict flying in the area specified in the Schedule by reason of an emergency having arisen in that area.

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) (Morthen, Yorkshire) (Emergency) Regulations 2026 and come into force with immediate effect.

Restricted airspace

2. No unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,100 feet above mean sea level over the area specified in Column 1 of the Schedule, being an area bounded by a circle of the radius specified in Column 2 and centred on the position specified in Column 3.

3. These Regulations do not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with directions given by Merseyside Police.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

At 8.09 p.m. on 20th January 2026

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Department for Transport

(a) S.I. 2016/765, amended by S.I. 2024/990; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

Table 1

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>
Specified area	Radius of circle	Position of centre of circle (latitude and longitude)
Morthen, Yorkshire	0.2 nautical miles	532349N 0011730W

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions of an emergency nature on flying in the area specified in the Schedule. They are intended to be of temporary duration and will be revoked as soon as the emergency in question has passed.