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CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Birmingham Pride)
Regulations 2026**

Made - - - - *14th May 2026*

Coming into force - - *23rd May 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 intended gathering of a large number of persons.

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) (Birmingham Pride) Regulations 2026 and they come into force on 23rd May 2026.

Interpretation

2. The times referred to in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time^(b).

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,600 feet above mean sea level—

- (a) within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile centred at 522825N 0015346W during the period beginning with 0800 hours and ending with 2000 hours on 23rd May 2026, or
- (b) within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 0.54 of a nautical mile centred at 522825N 0015346W during the period beginning with 0800 hours and ending with 2000 hours on 24th May 2026.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with the permission of the West Midlands Police Counter-UAS Team.

(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

14th May 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 Birmingham City Centre for the Birmingham Pride Parade and Festival that is due to take place there on 23rd and 24th May 2026. 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 for reasons of public safety and security due to the intended gathering there of a large number of persons.

The times mentioned in regulations 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2), the West Midlands Police Counter-UAS Team may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Briefing Sheet and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

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