

2026 No. 557

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Knaresborough,
North Yorkshire) Regulations 2026**

Made - - - - 22nd May 2026

Coming into force - - 26th 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 an intended Royal visit that is 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) (Knaresborough, North Yorkshire) Regulations 2026 and they come into force on 26th May 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), during the period beginning with 0500 hours and ending with 1600 hours on 26th May 2026 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,400 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile centred at 540026N 0012810W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying in accordance with a permission issued by the North Yorkshire Police Drone Team.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

22nd May 2026

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(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).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of Knaresborough, North Yorkshire due to a Royal visit that is scheduled to take place there. At the request of North Yorkshire 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.

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 permission mentioned in regulation 3(2), the North Yorkshire Police Drone Team 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 Thomas Shainberg, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, and can be contacted on telephone number 03301 382515.