

2026 No. 64

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Ministry of Defence
Prohibited Places) Regulations 2026**

Made - - - - 27th January 2026

Coming into force - - 19th February 2026

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft in the areas specified in the Schedule for reason of national security associated with the location of Ministry of Defence sites.

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) (Ministry of Defence Prohibited Places) Regulations 2026 and they come into force on 19 February 2026.

Revocation of Regulations

2. The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Ministry of Defence Restricted Airspace) Regulations 2024(b) are revoked.

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) These Regulations apply to each of the facilities listed in column 1 of the Schedule, each of which for the purpose of these Regulations comprises an area bounded by straight lines joining successively each of the points in column 2 of the Schedule.

(2) No unmanned aircraft shall fly over a facility to which these Regulations apply below the altitude specified in column 3 of the Schedule.

Exemptions

4. Regulation 3 does not apply—

- (a) insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Nuclear Installations) Regulations 2016(c)

(a) S.I. 2016/765, amended by S.I. 2024/990; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.
(b) S.I. 2024/1382.
(c) S.I. 2016/1003.

- (b) to any unmanned aircraft—
- (i) operated by or on behalf of—
- (aa) the Ministry of Defence,
- (bb) the visiting forces of the United States of America at the RAF Alconbury, RAF Croughton, RAF Fairford, RAF Feltwell, RAF Lakenheath, RAF Mildenhall, RAF Molesworth, RAF Oakhanger, RAF Welford and RAF Menwith Hill sites,
- (cc) BAE Systems at the Barrow-in-Furness site,
- (dd) Rolls Royce at the Raynesway site,
- (ee) AWE Nuclear Security Technologies at the Aldermaston and Burghfield sites,
- (ff) any police service,
- (gg) any fire service, or
- (hh) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency in response to an emergency incident, or
- (ii) flying with the permission of—
- (aa) the Ministry of Defence,
- (bb) the visiting forces of the United States of America at the RAF Alconbury, RAF Croughton, RAF Fairford, RAF Feltwell, RAF Lakenheath, RAF Mildenhall, RAF Molesworth, RAF Oakhanger, RAF Welford and RAF Menwith Hill sites,
- (cc) BAE Systems at the Barrow-in-Furness site,
- (dd) Rolls Royce at the Raynesway site, or
- (ee) AWE Nuclear Security Technologies at the Aldermaston and Burghfield sites.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Karen L Michaels

Grade 7

27th January 2026

Department for Transport

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Regulation 3

Table 1

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Name of Ministry of Defence Prohibited Place	Description of Lateral Limits (Area covered)	Feet above mean sea level
Abbey Wood	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 513038.66N 0023310.87W - 513039.18N 0023302.98W - 513035.24N 0023302.33W - 513032.20N 0023310.08W - 513024.16N 0023319.86W - 513017.05N 0023259.23W - 513006.64N 0023318.48W - 512956.48N 0023350.79W - 513003.65N 0023357.60W - 513019.66N 0023343.54W - 513038.66N 0023310.87W	700ft
RAF Alconbury	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 522204.10N 0001357.96W - 522217.58N 0001334.41W - 522213.85N 0001254.01W - 522206.05N 0001238.76W - 522134.94N 0001244.12W - 522130.40N 0001253.04W -	600ft

	522204.10N 0001357.96W	
Aldermaston	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 512230.59N 0010852.91W - 512240.77N 0010801.31W - 512211.29N 0010718.50W - 512155.98N 0010742.01W - 512134.82N 0010902.63W - 512138.86N 0010941.43W - 512230.59N 0010852.91W	800ft
Barrow-in-Furness	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 540639.80N 0031424.34W - 540643.96N 0031408.72W - 540633.78N 0031339.31W - 540627.19N 0031343.79W - 540615.21N 0031302.11W - 540611.17N 0031310.47W - 540612.14N 0031327.02W - 540618.50N 0031351.43W - 540606.65N 0031400.07W - 540557.08N 0031323.07W - 540550.94N 0031342.52W - 540558.94N 0031404.77W - 540611.79N 0031423.31W - 540628.26N 0031427.95W - 540639.80N 0031424.34W	500ft
Beith	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 554417.97N 0043803.34W - 554421.03N 0043738.33W - 554346.60N 0043620.23W - 554324.19N 0043633.15W - 554228.61N 0043806.22W - 554325.22N 0043858.94W - 554417.97N 0043803.34W	900ft
Burghfield	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 512458.58N 0010152.87W - 512438.66N 0010042.51W - 512406.34N 0010116.42W - 512357.03N 0010139.77W - 512400.15N 0010150.75W - 512458.58N 0010152.87W	600ft
HMNB Clyde	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 560955.62N 0044716.27W - 560909.94N 0044422.58W - 560256.85N 0044637.18W - 560211.04N 0044744.76W - 560213.32N 0045132.20W - 560309.13N 0045254.45W - 560402.29N 0045230.19W - 560955.62N 0044716.27W	2,900ft
MOD Corsham	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 512521.23N 0021317.39W - 512548.84N 0021232.22W - 512542.01N 0021223.70W - 512522.75N 0021224.54W - 512511.52N 0021240.08W - 512508.15N 0021249.77W - 512521.23N 0021317.39W	900ft
Hereford	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 520520.56N 0024802.11W - 520521.04N 0024751.05W - 520505.49N 0024712.44W - 520454.27N 0024717.93W - 520441.19N 0024743.20W - 520446.50N 0024812.69W - 520459.09N 0024814.01W - 520520.56N 0024802.11W	1,000ft
Crombie	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 560303.63N 0033224.88W - 560301.72N 0033156.00W - 560227.06N 0033039.35W - 560204.95N 0033051.58W - 560149.97N 0033145.72W - 560224.91N 0033339.19W - 560303.63N 0033224.88W	600ft
RAF Croughton	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 515938.43N 0011153.94W - 515949.01N 0011138.13W - 515949.66N 0011058.17W - 515945.74N 0010943.34W - 515902.76N 0011025.68W - 515854.03N 0011047.05W - 515847.44N 0011135.88W - 515938.43N 0011153.94W	900ft
HMNB Devonport (Area 1)	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 502354.37N 0041223.47W - 502411.54N 0041209.02W - 502359.00N 0041105.16W - 502337.32N 0041033.13W - 502248.09N 0041058.35W - 502246.01N 0041108.41W - 502354.37N 0041223.47W	600ft
HMNB Devonport (Area 2)	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 502230.79N 0041104.19W - 502241.81N 0041042.45W -	600ft

	502242.70N 0041034.98W - 502237.41N 0041033.93W - 502158.77N 0041047.81W - 502153.11N 0041052.88W - 502201.84N 0041108.19W - 502230.79N 0041104.19W	
RAF Digby	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 530623.64N 0002713.65W - 530618.59N 0002613.67W - 530614.13N 0002554.85W - 530552.23N 0002545.68W - 530537.66N 0002557.40W - 530541.54N 0002721.93W - 530601.92N 0002720.66W - 530623.64N 0002713.65W	600ft
Donnington	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 524348.90N 0022758.13W - 524346.28N 0022724.15W - 524359.31N 0022710.11W - 524349.97N 0022624.39W - 524331.71N 0022612.58W - 524326.87N 0022614.11W - 524301.28N 0022705.56W - 524332.37N 0022749.29W - 524348.90N 0022758.13W	700ft
RAF Fairford	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 514102.64N 0014910.76W - 514203.94N 0014628.27W - 514200.11N 0014604.64W - 514130.86N 0014544.56W - 514035.21N 0014528.75W - 514022.48N 0014633.59W - 514028.44N 0014818.95W - 514047.64N 0014901.26W - 514102.64N 0014910.76W	800ft
RAF Feltwell	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 522857.88N 0003017.94E - 522906.95N 0003028.80E - 522909.25N 0003109.29E - 522856.86N 0003138.60E - 522842.30N 0003144.83E - 522821.64N 0003104.23E - 522829.93N 0003034.73E - 522857.88N 0003017.94E	500ft
RAF Fylingdales	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 542314.13N 0004051.92W - 542319.17N 0004001.38W - 542311.56N 0003911.08W - 542254.61N 0003835.89W - 542229.35N 0003808.99W - 542107.67N 0003954.85W - 542108.30N 0004108.88W - 542238.48N 0004103.32W - 542314.13N 0004051.92W	1,400ft
Gosport	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 505020.79N 0010932.01W - 505006.03N 0010855.92W - 504937.96N 0010839.19W - 504904.83N 0010830.84W - 504901.39N 0010856.70W - 504904.11N 0010937.90W - 504922.71N 0010952.17W - 504951.79N 0010957.93W - 505020.79N 0010932.01W	500ft
Palace Barracks	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 543756.79N 0055046.34W - 543750.25N 0055026.11W - 543725.39N 0055029.32W - 543716.86N 0055043.80W - 543722.39N 0055111.27W - 543733.72N 0055055.05W - 543738.24N 0055106.53W - 543756.79N 0055046.34W	600ft
HMS Excellent (Horsea Island)	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 505017.38N 0010624.63W - 505023.94N 0010621.63W - 505001.64N 0010529.01W - 504954.85N 0010531.53W - 504951.50N 0010537.57W - 505017.38N 0010624.63W	500ft
Kineton	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 520947.20N 0012823.40W - 521012.85N 0012656.03W - 520931.73N 0012604.13W - 520841.53N 0012635.58W - 520737.56N 0012811.34W - 520814.75N 0013021.61W - 520857.50N 0012942.74W - 520947.20N 0012823.40W	800ft
RAF Lakenheath	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 522419.44N 0003201.12E - 522521.99N 0003222.52E - 522521.62N 0003529.41E - 522400.16N 0003435.25E - 522323.03N 0003243.66E - 522302.87N 0003232.32E - 522304.87N 0003203.55E - 522324.84N 0003157.57E -	600ft

	522419.44N 0003201.12E	
Thiepval Barracks	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 543136.64N 0060308.65W - 543139.24N 0060235.04W - 543128.52N 0060229.95W - 543115.81N 0060254.23W - 543110.08N 0060321.71W - 543129.27N 0060322.87W - 543136.64N 0060308.65W	700ft
Longtown	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 550021.19N 0025939.95W - 545943.80N 0025911.22W - 545846.09N 0030110.79W - 545853.23N 0030130.15W - 545922.85N 0030200.24W - 550021.19N 0025939.95W	500ft
RAF Menwith Hill	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 540054.21N 0014200.02W - 540100.97N 0014052.56W - 540009.39N 0014021.92W - 535954.79N 0014131.36W - 540054.21N 0014200.02W	1,200ft
RAF Mildenhall	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 522213.67N 0002745.72E - 522226.77N 0002815.53E - 522146.87N 0003051.69E - 522126.52N 0003054.30E - 522104.75N 0002913.48E - 522128.06N 0002749.61E - 522152.21N 0002729.30E - 522213.67N 0002745.72E	500ft
RAF Molesworth	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 522326.50N 0002556.24W - 522337.33N 0002538.91W - 522343.70N 0002505.59W - 522315.28N 0002402.20W - 522246.92N 0002409.50W - 522238.57N 0002545.52W - 522243.63N 0002603.26W - 522300.06N 0002618.10W - 522326.50N 0002556.24W	700ft
Northwood	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 513713.94N 0002446.85W - 513719.70N 0002438.79W - 513719.21N 0002430.15W - 513716.65N 0002427.59W - 513705.43N 0002427.46W - 513700.10N 0002431.24W - 513702.93N 0002446.78W - 513705.51N 0002451.00W - 513713.94N 0002446.85W	900ft
MOD Oakhanger	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 510700.21N 0005500.18W - 510704.76N 0005445.60W - 510707.04N 0005423.89W - 510704.99N 0005408.01W - 510648.31N 0005412.19W - 510642.15N 0005423.02W - 510641.59N 0005430.59W - 510649.90N 0005455.44W - 510700.21N 0005500.18W	800ft
Plymouth	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 502511.56N 0041204.59W - 502544.96N 0041129.12W - 502534.95N 0041104.66W - 502523.80N 0041115.56W - 502527.73N 0041127.01W - 502508.42N 0041138.85W - 502458.49N 0041111.22W - 502439.26N 0041055.01W - 502428.79N 0041120.06W - 502430.29N 0041207.00W - 502511.56N 0041204.59W	700ft
Poole (Area 1)	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 504247.03N 0020121.07W - 504250.34N 0020118.17W - 504247.62N 0020110.33W - 504242.17N 0020114.90W - 504241.61N 0020116.75W - 504243.35N 0020122.21W - 504247.03N 0020121.07W	500ft
Poole (Area 2)	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 504320.75N 0020143.06W - 504326.54N 0020115.38W - 504259.16N 0020102.98W - 504255.88N 0020106.42W - 504253.87N 0020112.14W - 504256.34N 0020122.91W - 504307.89N 0020142.47W - 504320.75N 0020143.06W	500ft
Porton Down	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 510800.67N 0014247.86W - 510951.43N 0013834.18W -	1,100ft

	510935.32N 0013733.91W - 510809.25N 0013659.32W - 510733.13N 0013736.94W - 510703.17N 0013841.94W - 510600.63N 0014317.25W - 510637.38N 0014447.32W - 510800.67N 0014247.86W	
HMNB Portsmouth	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 504827.44N 0010648.33W - 504842.55N 0010615.85W - 504835.49N 0010528.23W - 504829.30N 0010523.79W - 504817.20N 0010520.59W - 504759.97N 0010541.42W - 504759.01N 0010617.71W - 504752.10N 0010635.66W - 504752.04N 0010646.98W - 504827.44N 0010648.33W	500ft
Raynesway	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 525445.65N 0012605.50W - 525436.88N 0012548.71W - 525424.52N 0012552.58W - 525423.69N 0012603.41W - 525430.16N 0012607.21W - 525437.04N 0012620.34W - 525440.05N 0012622.76W - 525445.65N 0012605.50W	600ft
Sennybridge	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 515710.88N 0033415.83W - 515712.00N 0033411.26W - 515708.05N 0033356.08W - 515659.46N 0033400.60W - 515643.60N 0033420.68W - 515641.52N 0033428.60W - 515644.00N 0033434.21W - 515651.88N 0033439.00W - 515656.00N 0033436.74W - 515710.88N 0033415.83W	1,100ft
Southwick Park	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 505245.87N 0010614.40W - 505239.47N 0010539.63W - 505233.77N 0010528.11W - 505224.49N 0010554.54W - 505223.83N 0010635.64W - 505226.26N 0010643.40W - 505236.45N 0010633.56W - 505245.87N 0010614.40W	700ft
St Athan	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 512442.71N 0032704.32W - 512446.49N 0032652.60W - 512443.48N 0032504.53W - 512420.62N 0032459.93W - 512410.27N 0032545.56W - 512403.37N 0032651.93W - 512419.09N 0032715.60W - 512442.71N 0032704.32W	600ft
Taunton (UKHO)	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 510129.00N 0030443.08W - 510129.06N 0030435.67W - 510125.92N 0030424.03W - 510118.18N 0030421.62W - 510117.41N 0030430.51W - 510117.78N 0030437.79W - 510124.08N 0030449.47W - 510129.00N 0030443.08W	600ft
Thorney Island	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 504953.53N 0005616.97W - 505000.65N 0005501.46W - 504929.12N 0005411.74W - 504813.11N 0005413.80W - 504819.79N 0005515.38W - 504844.71N 0005544.31W - 504855.52N 0005633.41W - 504939.14N 0005629.07W - 504953.53N 0005616.97W	500ft
RAF Welford	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 512821.03N 0012502.89W - 512900.54N 0012433.33W - 512845.44N 0012342.20W - 512753.77N 0012303.87W - 512727.77N 0012336.95W - 512729.33N 0012357.32W - 512821.03N 0012502.89W	1,000ft
HMS Excellent (Whale Island)	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 504908.46N 0010557.89W - 504913.34N 0010553.41W - 504914.42N 0010545.70W - 504909.23N 0010538.68W - 504854.30N 0010532.91W - 504846.12N 0010541.89W - 504845.02N 0010603.99W - 504848.88N 0010607.42W - 504908.46N 0010557.89W	500ft
RAF Wyton	Straight lines successively joining the following points - 522117.39N 0000754.36W - 522128.17N 0000735.84W - 522123.85N 0000641.48W - 522105.69N 0000625.06W -	600ft

522057.05N 0000633.70W - 522044.14N 0000700.18W - 522043.92N 0000706.09W - 522117.39N 0000754.36W
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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 sites specified in the Schedule.

These Regulations also revoke the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Ministry of Defence Restricted Airspace) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/1382).

At the request of the Ministry of Defence, it has been agreed by the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the areas specified in the Schedule for reasons of national security.

These Regulations apply except insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Nuclear Installations) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1003).

In relation to the permissions listed in regulation 4(b)(ii), the points of contact will be detailed within the United Kingdom Aeronautical Information Publication – Part 2 En-route Section - ENR 5.1, available at <https://nats-uk.ead-it.com/cms-nats/opencms/en/Publications/AIP/>.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated in the United Kingdom Aeronautical Information Publication.

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