

2023 No. 1069

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Bletchley Park)
Regulations 2023**

Made - - - - *6th October 2023*

Coming into force - - *20th October 2023*

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 the intended holding there of the AI Safety Summit at Bletchley Park.

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) (Bletchley Park) Regulations 2023 and they come into force on 20th October 2023.

Interpretation

2. In regulation 3(1) the times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time(b).

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2)—

- (a) no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 3,000 feet above mean sea level between 2300 hours on 20th October 2023 and 2359 hours on 29th October 2023 within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles centred at 515945N 0004437W, and
- (b) no aircraft is to fly below 3,000 feet above mean sea level between 0001 hours on 30th October 2023 and 2359 hours on 3rd November 2023 within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles centred at 515945N 0004437W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply—

- (a) insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons) Regulations 2001(c), or
- (b) to any aircraft—
 - (i) operated by or on behalf of the—

(a) S.I. 2016/765, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.
(b) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST) until 0200 hours on 29th October 2023 and is the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) from 0200 hours on 29th October 2023.
(c) S.I. 2001/1657, amended by S.I. 2007/2377.

- (aa) National Police Air Service, or
- (bb) Helicopter Emergency Medical Services,
- (ii) making an instrument approach to Runway 03 at Cranfield Airport at a height of not less than 1,800 feet above mean sea level whilst under the direction of Cranfield Air Traffic Control, or
- (iii) flying in accordance with the permission of the police inspector responsible for the security operation.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David J Best

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6th October 2023

Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Bletchley Park, Buckinghamshire for the AI Safety Summit which is due to take place there.

In view of the high visibility of this summit and at the request of the Security Services, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of the event for reasons of public safety and security.

These Regulations apply except insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons) Regulations 2001 (S.I. 2001/1657, as amended by S.I. 2007/2377).

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST) until 0200 hours on 29th October 2023 and the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) from 0200 hours on 29th October 2023.

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(b)(iii), the police inspector responsible for the security operation may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Briefing Sheet and 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.