

2025 No. 177

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Staffordshire and Derbyshire) Regulations 2025

Made - - - - *18th February 2025*

Coming into force - - *24th February 2025*

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 public safety and security.

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) (Staffordshire and Derbyshire) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 24th February 2025.

Interpretation

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

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), beginning at 0900 hours and ending at 1900 hours on 24th February 2025 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

- (a) a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile centred at 525644N 0015134W, or
- (b) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 525215N 0015004W,
 - (ii) 525210N 0014201W,
 - (iii) 524829N 0014246W,
 - (iv) 524815N 0014556W,
 - (v) 524852N 0014940W, and
 - (vi) 525215N 0015004W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft flying—

(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 the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

- (a) in accordance with a permission issued by the Staffordshire Police Airspace Co-ordinator,
or
- (b) insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons and Young Offender Institutions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023(a).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David J Best

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Department for Transport

18th February 2025

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of Staffordshire and Derbyshire on the 24th February 2025.

At the request of the Staffordshire Police Service, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of the two specified locations 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 and Young Offender Institutions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/1101).

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is the same time as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(a), the Staffordshire Police Airspace Co-ordinator 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 Alan Frew, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382734.

(a) S.I. 2023/1101.