

**2024 No. 743**

**CIVIL AVIATION**

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Blenheim Palace)  
Regulations 2024**

*Made* - - - - *6th June 2024*

*Coming into force* - - *14th July 2024*

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 intending holding there of the European Political Community meeting.

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) (Blenheim Palace) Regulations 2024 and they come into force on 14th July 2024.

**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 2,500 feet above mean sea level between 2301 hours on 14th July 2024 and 2301 hours on 17th July 2024 within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1.5 nautical miles centred at 515029N 0012140W, and
- (b) no aircraft is to fly below 2,500 feet above mean sea level between 2301 hours on 17th July 2024 and 2300 hours on 18th July 2024 within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1.5 nautical miles centred at 515029N 0012140W.

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

- (a) operated by or on behalf of the—
  - (i) National Police Air Service, or
  - (ii) Helicopter Emergency Medical Services, or
- (b) flying in accordance with the permission of the Thames Valley Police Inspector responsible for the security operation.

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(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).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

6th June 2024

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Department for Transport

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire, during the European Political Community meeting that is due to take place there from 14th to 18th July 2024, inclusive.

At the request of Thames Valley Police, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the meeting 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)(b), the Thames Valley Police Inspector 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.