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CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Durham) (No. 2)
Regulations 2025**

Made - - - - *16th January 2025*

Coming into force - - *12th July 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 the intending holding there of the Durham Miners' Gala.

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) (Durham) (No. 2) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 12th July 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 0001 hours and ending at 1900 hours on 12th July 2025 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 1.5 nautical mile centred at 544627N 0013346W.

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

- (a) flying in accordance with a permission issued by the Durham Constabulary, 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(c).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

16th January 2025

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(a) S.I. 2016/765, amended by S.I. 2024/990; there are other amending instruments that are not relevant.
(b) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).
(c) S.I. 2023/1101.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of Durham, during the Durham Miners' Gala that is due to take place there on 12th July 2025.

At the request of the Durham Constabulary, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of that 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 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 one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(a), the Durham Constabulary may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) 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.