

2018 No. 864

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Central London to
Blenheim Palace) Regulations 2018**

Made - - - - *10th July 2018*

Coming into force - - *12th July 2018*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire and London by reason of the intended visit of a Head of State.

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) (Central London to Blenheim Palace) Regulations 2018 and come into force on 12th July 2018.

Interpretation

2. In regulation 3(1), 4(1), 5(1) and 6(1) the times referred to are Universal Co-ordinated Time^(b).

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), between 1700 hours and 1830 hours on 12th July 2018, no aircraft is to fly below 4,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

- (a) a straight line joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 514002N 0001243W,
 - (ii) 515516N 0011912W,
- (b) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 5 nautical miles centred on 515030N 0012140W, from 515516N 0011912W to 514550N 0011846W,
- (c) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 514550N 0011846W,
 - (ii) 514349N 0011753W,
 - (iii) 512845N 0001845W,

(a) S.I. 2016/765, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

(b) In these Regulations Universal Co-ordinated Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

- (iv) 513611N 0001830W,
- (v) 513611N 0001253W, and
- (vi) 514002N 0001243W.

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

- (a) making an approach to, or departing from—
 - (i) London Heathrow Airport, whilst under the control of London Terminal Control Centre at Swanwick or the air traffic control unit at London Heathrow Airport, or
 - (ii) Royal Air Force Northolt, whilst under the control of the Royal Air Force (Unit) Swanwick or the air traffic control unit at Royal Air Force Northolt,
- (b) flying with a clearance issued by—
 - (i) the air traffic control unit at London Oxford Airport,
 - (ii) the air traffic control unit at Farnborough Airport, or
 - (iii) London Terminal Control Centre at Swanwick,
- (c) operated by or on behalf of—
 - (i) the National Police Air Service,
 - (ii) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency,
 - (iii) the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services, or
 - (iv) The Queen's Helicopter Flight, or
- (d) operating with the permission of Chief Inspector Vince Brady of the Metropolitan Police.

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), between 1720 hours and 1900 hours on 12th July 2018, no aircraft is to fly below Flight Level 85 within the area bounded by—

- (a) the anti-clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 5 nautical miles centred on 515030N 0012140W, from 515516N 0011912W to 515003N 0012942W,
- (b) a straight line joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 515003N 0012942W,
 - (ii) 515006N 0012925W,
- (c) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 5.5 nautical miles centred on 514513N 0013334W, from 515006N 0012925W to 514737N 0012537W,
- (d) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 514737N 0012537W,
 - (ii) 514834N 0011958W,
 - (iii) 514550N 0011846W, and
- (e) the anti-clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 5 nautical miles centred on 515030N 0012140W, from 514550N 0011846W to 515516N 0011912W.

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

- (a) flying with a clearance issued by the air traffic control unit at London Oxford Airport,
- (b) operated by or on behalf of—
 - (i) the National Police Air Service,
 - (ii) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, or
 - (iii) the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services, or
- (c) operating with the permission of Chief Inspector Vince Brady of the Metropolitan Police.

5.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), between 1900 hours and 2100 hours on 12th July 2018, no aircraft is to fly below Flight Level 85 within a circle having a radius of 5 nautical miles centred on 515030N 0012140W.

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

- (a) flying with a clearance issued by the air traffic control units at—
 - (i) London Oxford Airport, or
 - (ii) Farnborough Airport,
- (b) flying with a clearance issued by London Terminal Control Centre at Swanwick, or
- (c) operating with the permission of Chief Inspector Vince Brady of the Metropolitan Police.

6.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), between 2000 hours and 2130 hours on 12th July 2018, no aircraft is to fly below 4,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by—

- (a) a straight line joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 514002N 0001243W,
 - (ii) 515516N 0011912W,
- (b) the clockwise arc of a circle having a radius of 5 nautical miles centred on 515030N 0012140W, from 515516N 0011912W to 514548N 0012421W,
- (c) straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (i) 514548N 0012421W,
 - (ii) 512845N 0001845W,
 - (iii) 513611N 0001830W,
 - (iv) 513611N 0001253W, and
 - (v) 514002N 0001243W.

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

- (a) making an approach to, or departing from—
 - (i) London Heathrow Airport, whilst under the control of London Terminal Control Centre at Swanwick or the air traffic control unit at London Heathrow Airport, or
 - (ii) Royal Air Force Northolt, whilst under the control of the Royal Air Force (Unit) Swanwick or the air traffic control unit at Royal Air Force Northolt,
- (b) flying with a clearance issued by—
 - (i) the air traffic control unit at London Oxford Airport,
 - (ii) the air traffic control unit at Farnborough Airport, or
 - (iii) London Terminal Control Centre at Swanwick,
- (c) operated by or on behalf of—
 - (i) the National Police Air Service,
 - (ii) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency,
 - (iii) the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services, or
 - (iv) The Queen’s Helicopter Flight, or
- (d) operating with the permission of Chief Inspector Vince Brady of the Metropolitan Police.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

10th July 2018

Sarah Bishop
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations restrict flying in a corridor between central London and Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire (regulation 3), in the vicinity of Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire (regulation 4) and in a corridor between Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire and central London, (regulation 5) on the occasion of a visit by a Head of State which is scheduled to take place on 12th July 2018.

As part of the overall security arrangements, the Metropolitan Police and Thames Valley Police consider that flying should be restricted in the areas specified in these Regulations for reasons of public safety and security. This has been agreed with the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport.

In relation to regulations 3, 4, 5 and 6, the term 'aircraft' includes aircraft as classified by Part 1 of Schedule 4 to the Air Navigation Order 2016. It also includes, by virtue of article 23 of that Order, any small balloon, any kite weighing not more than two kilograms, any small unmanned aircraft and any parachute including a parascending parachute.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1), 4(1), 5(1) and 6(1) are Universal Co-ordinated Time (UTC), which for the purpose of these Regulations is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulations 3(2)(d), 4(2)(c), 5(2)(c) and 6(2)(d), Chief Inspector Vince Brady may be contacted on telephone number 0207 109 8617.

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Notice To Airmen (NOTAM).

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