London Heliport: the fact sheet

One reference for the capital's only licensed heliport: hours, limits, airspace, services and how to get there.

At a glance

Name	London Heliport, Battersea (ICAO EGLW)
Address	Bridges Court Road, Battersea, London SW11 3BE
Position	51°28′12″N 0°10′46″W, on the south bank of the Thames between Wandsworth Road Bridge and the Cremorne railway bridge. The platform stands on concrete piles over the tidal river.
Licence	CAA-licensed aerodrome (Ordinary category) with a local air traffic service. Rescue and fire fighting category H2; H3 with 24 hours' notice.
Operator	The London Heliport Ltd (company no. 04546128)
Opened	1959. Describes itself as the capital's only CAA-licensed heliport.
Booking	Prior permission required (PPR). Requests are made by the aircraft's owner or operator, by telephone to heliport Operations, not through air traffic. Slot requests more than 7 days ahead go by email to info@londonheliport.co.uk.

Hours and limits

Normal hours	07:30–19:30 Monday to Friday; 08:00–18:00 weekends and bank holidays
Permitted hours	07:00–23:00, seven days. Extensions by prior arrangement.
Curfew	No flights 23:00 to 07:00 except emergencies (technical, medical, national). Overnight arrivals on the ground by 22:55, engine noise ceased by 22:59; departures airborne by 22:45.
Movement cap	Planning permission: 80 movements a day and 12,000 a year, excluding emergency and military flights. Latest published actual: over 10,500 in the year to 31 March 2016.
Landing slot	Normally 15 minutes at most. Arrivals more than 10 minutes early can be held outside the London Control Zone.
Special event days 2027	Cheltenham 16–19 Mar · Royal Ascot 15–19 Jun · Glastonbury 23–27 Jun · British GP 2–4 Jul · Goodwood Festival of Speed 15–18 Jul · Goodwood Revival 17–19 Sep. Slots may be limited to a 5-minute rotors-running turnaround.

Airspace and flying

Zone	The heliport's aerodrome traffic zone has a radius of 2 nautical miles. The London Control Zone is Class D; NATS manages traffic outside the zone. Helicopter routes date from the 1970s and the lowest route height is 500 ft above ground.
Circuit	A dumbbell over the river, normally between Battersea and Wandsworth road bridges. An extended pattern between Chelsea Bridge and Putney railway bridge needs ATC permission.
Weather limits	Heliport meteorological visibility 1,000 m or more and cloud ceiling 600 ft above ground or more. Routes via the Local Flying Area (twin-engine only) need 3 km flight visibility.
Fly Neighbourly	Circuit height 1,000 ft amsl; take-off and approach offset 15 degrees away from the shoreline; no manoeuvres below 500 ft except climb-out and approach; ground running guide maximum 5 minutes.

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On site

Stands	Four stands (1–3 about 20 m across, stand 4 about 25 m); not all usable at once. Marked for 16 tonnes maximum mass.
Aircraft accepted	Most commercial and military helicopter types; the published fees list runs from the Robinson R22 to the Chinook, AW101, S-92 and Sea King (the heaviest group may be limited to the landing platform).
Fuel	Jet A-1 only. No Avgas.
Customs and immigration	No permanent border agency presence. A General Aviation Report is needed 2 hours (EU) or 12 hours (Common Travel Area) before arrival or departure; by prior arrangement.
Passengers	Air-conditioned departure lounge, airside escort and baggage handling, complimentary Wi-Fi, refreshments, a VIP room for 5–10 people. Photo ID may be requested; a passport is needed for international flights.
Security	Access-controlled with ID checks. The names of all passengers and crew are needed for every movement.
Emergency services	Free access for emergency flights. The heliport serves air ambulance, police, armed forces and ministerial flights.
Drones	A flight restriction zone is active at all times for every drone, including small toys. Permission, 48 hours' notice and ATC clearance at least 20 minutes before launch are needed.

Getting there

Rail	Clapham Junction, then about 10 minutes on foot via Falcon Road and York Road, or about 5 minutes by taxi.
Underground	Fulham Broadway (District line), or Gloucester Road, Sloane Square or South Kensington, each about 15 minutes by taxi (operator's estimate).
Bus	Frequent buses from Lombard Road to Sloane Square and Clapham Junction (the 319 runs to Sloane Square).
River	River bus to Plantation Wharf Pier (south bank, step-free from street level), about 12 minutes' walk from Clapham Junction; river taxi to Chelsea Harbour.
By road	From the north via Battersea Bridge and Lombard Road (B305); from the south via Wandsworth Bridge and York Road (A3205). Entrance into Bridges Court.
Parking	Self-parking by prior arrangement in an underground facility, up to £30 plus VAT per 24 hours. Customer parking is very limited and may be refused at short notice.

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Hours, fees and conditions are revised. The conditions of use read here are Issue 5 (1 Feb 2025). Always confirm with the heliport before you plan.

Sources: London Heliport conditions of use, fee schedule, contact and environment pages; UK AIP entry EGLW (data effective 23 Apr 2020, check the current edition); TfL; Thames Clippers. Full list at londonhelicopterguide.co.uk/heliport/. This guide is independent and not an official heliport document.