SPOT BRUV

Safety Risk Assessment

A simple first assessment of the risks of using SPOT BRUV and the measures in place.

Service	SPOT BRUV, a mobile app for transport spotters (Android, version 14.0)
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Next review	Before any new contact feature is switched on, and at least every 12 months

1. Purpose

This document records how the operator has looked at the safety risks of SPOT BRUV, which risks exist today, what is done about them, and the conditions under which more features will be switched on. It is a simple assessment made by the operator. As SPOT BRUV grows, a full professional assessment will be commissioned from an external company.

2. What SPOT BRUV is

SPOT BRUV is a community app where people log and share the trains, buses, trams, planes and other vehicles they spot. Users can add photos and videos of vehicles, collect medals and badges, keep a personal log and bucket list, and view an events board. The minimum age is 13 in the United Kingdom and 16 in Poland. Contact with a user is private by default: nobody can write to or follow another user without the steps described below.

3. Features that let users reach each other

At the time of writing (version 14.0) the features that let users contact each other are **switched off**. They are built into the app but can only be used by a verified user, and age verification is not yet available. They will be switched on step by step after age verification is in place.

Feature	Status now	Condition for switching on
Private chat (text only, friends only)	Off	Age verification in place and this assessment updated
Following other users	Off	Age verification; the other user's contact questions
Creating events	Off	Age verification
Video streaming	Not offered	Not planned; a new assessment is needed before any such feature
Photos in messages	Removed permanently	Not offered
Links to social media or WhatsApp in profiles	Removed permanently	Not offered

4. What users can do today

- Publish spots: a photo or video of a vehicle with details such as the vehicle number, operator and place. Spots are visible to other users.
- Add a nickname, short bio, profile photo and banner photo to their profile.

- Like spots, view the events board and mark that they are going to an event (only a number is shown, not a list of names).
- Report content and users, and block other users.

There is no private messaging, no comments and no video streaming between users at this time.

5. Risks and measures

Levels are the operator's own judgement: Low, Medium or High. "Now" is the situation at version 14.0. "If switched on" is the situation once contact features are enabled with the measures in section 6.

Risk	Now	If switched on	Main measures
Illegal or harmful content in public posts (photos, videos, profile text, events)	Low to Medium	Medium	Terms ban illegal and harmful content. Automated text check. Report button on spots, events and messages. Reports reviewed by the operator and content can be removed.
Pictures of identifiable people (including children), or of sensitive places such as railway restricted areas and station security systems	Low to Medium	Medium	Terms ban publishing people and sensitive places. Photos should show vehicles and places, not people. Report reason available. Content removed after review.
Adults making unwanted contact with children, including grooming	Low (no private contact)	Medium	Contact private by default. Contact only after answering the user's own contact questions. Only verified users can write, only to confirmed friends, text only. Standing safety notice in chat. Report and block.
Sharing private information or finding out where someone lives	Low	Medium	No photos in messages. No social media links in profiles. Notice in every chat not to share private information. Report reason for this behaviour.
Bullying, harassment, threats or hate speech	Low	Medium	Terms ban this behaviour. Report user and block user. A reported user gets a standard warning message about legal consequences.
Spam, scams and unwanted advertising	Low	Low to Medium	Automated check for advertising text. Report reason available. Friend-only messaging limits unwanted contact.
Users below the minimum age or false age	Medium	Medium	Date of birth and minimum age at sign-up. Email confirmation. Age verification before contact features. Accounts can be closed if age is false.
Real-world safety while spotting (trespass, railway danger)	Low to Medium	Low to Medium	Terms ban photographing in restricted areas and taking risks to get a photo. Safety page in the app.

6. Measures in the app

- Contact is private by default: no user can write to or follow another without the steps below.
- Report buttons for spots, events, messages and users. A user report has tick-box reasons.
- Block user and remove friend, in profiles and in chat.
- A standard warning message goes to a reported user, without saying who reported them.
- Contact questions: a user sets 2 to 3 questions that only friends can answer, or chooses to be reached only by verified users.
- Friend-only messaging, text only, with a safety notice shown in every chat.
- Events: invitations only to friends, and only the number of people going is shown.
- Terms of use ban publishing people and sensitive places, and ban harassment, sexual content and illegal content.

7. Conditions before more features are switched on

- Age verification is available and tested.
- This assessment is reviewed and a new dated version is published for the feature being switched on.
- Reporting, blocking and the standard warning message have been tested.
- The Terms, Privacy Policy and Online Safety pages match what the app does.

8. Reports and contact

Users can report from inside the app or write to yourec.ajm@gmail.com. When a report suggests that someone may be at risk or that content may be illegal, it is treated as a priority and, where the law requires, passed to the authorities.

9. Review

This assessment is reviewed at least once every 12 months and whenever a significant change is made, in particular when a feature that lets users contact each other is switched on. A professional external assessment will replace this simple version as the app grows.