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Accident

Aircraft Type and Registration:	DJI Ultralight Mini 2	
No & Type of Engines:	4 electric motors	
Year of Manufacture:	Unknown (Serial no: Unknown)	
Date & Time (UTC):	18 August 2024 at 1830 hrs	
Location:	Victoria Embankment, Nottinghamshire	
Type of Flight:	Private (UAS)	
Persons on Board:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - N/A Other - 1	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Destroyed	
Commander's Licence:	Unknown	
Commander's Age:	Unknown years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	Unknown hours (of which Unknown were on type) Last 90 days – Unknown hours Last 28 days – Unknown hours	
Information Source:	Enquiries made by the AAIB	

The UA was being flown near the Nottingham carnival and during the flight the UA was commanded to land by a minor who accompanied the remote pilot. At the time the remote pilot was distracted by talking to another person and as the UA approached the ground it struck an uninvolved minor who was sitting atop someone's shoulders. The uninvolved minor suffered a cut to the forehead. The police attended the scene and the UA was confiscated. The UA did not display an Operator ID¹ and was being flown over crowds of uninvolved people.

Despite AAIB enquiries it was not possible to understand what, if any, risk assessment had been carried out by the remote pilot, the purpose of the flight or why the UA was being flown over crowds of uninvolved people.

Footnote

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¹ The Drone and Model Aircraft Code | UK Civil Aviation Authority (accessed 14 March 2025).