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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Cessna 340A, G-BKAN

**No & Type of Engines:** 2 Continental TSIO-250-NB piston engines

**Year of Manufacture:** 1982

**Date & Time (UTC):** 8 June 1991 at 1830 hrs

**Location:** Longleat House, Wiltshire

**Type of Flight:** Private

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1+1 Supernumerary Passengers - 3

**Injuries:** Crew - None Passengers - 1 minor

**Nature of Damage:** Aircraft destroyed

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence with Instrument rating

**Commander's Age:** 37 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 2,130 hours fixed wing (of which 321 were on type)

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

On arrival at Longleat, the aircraft made a circuit of the landing area, which was a section of private road closed to the public. During this circuit, the pilot commented to his passengers that the road might be too narrow for the aircraft, which had a mainwheel track width of 3.93 metres. The road is 5.4 metres wide and, on this occasion, was bounded on both sides by wet grass. The wind was southerly and the landing direction was 155° (M). Landing Distance Available was 973 metres.

On short final approach to land from a second circuit, the aircraft encountered windshear at 200 feet agl and touched down on the grass 1.6 metres to the left of the landing strip, striking the left propeller and the tail skid on the ground. The aircraft then struck a "No Parking" sign and, 48 metres further on, as the landing gear started to sink into the soft ground, the right propeller contacted the ground. The aircraft came to rest in another 64 metres.

There was no fire, but one passenger seat back collapsed at some stage of the landing or the roll-out, resulting in a minor back injury to one of the passengers. He was taken to the local hospital but was released the same evening.