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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Boeing 737-200 G-BKNH

**No & Type of Engines:** Two JT8D-15 turbofan engines

**Year of Manufacture:** 1979

**Date & Time (UTC):** 7 Oct 1992 at 0627 hrs

**Location:** Stand N78 London Heathrow Airport

**Type of Flight:** Stationary on ramp

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 6 Passengers - 43

**Injuries:** Crew - Nil Passengers - Nil

**Nature of Damage:** Damage to right wing and aileron

**Commander's Licence:** Not applicable

**Commander's Age:** Not applicable

**Commander's Flying Experience:** Not applicable

**Information Source:** AAIB Field Investigation

G-BKNH had arrived at stand N78 at Terminal 1 and was correctly positioned, facing south, at a time when a Boeing 757 was expected on the adjacent stand. The area was congested with vehicles associated with both aircraft, and the interstand clearway to the east of G-BKNH was reported to have been obstructed by cones, whilst the clearway to the west was stated to have been totally obstructed by five vehicles and a trolley.

A catering truck had parked on the clearway adjacent to G-BKNH and intended, along with other vehicles, to service the aircraft, but could not obtain access to the rear door. The driver saw two coaches on his right hand side that wanted to get past the back of his truck, so he pulled forward to give them room. By this time the cab of his vehicle was under the right wing of the aircraft. The leading coach driver indicated that there was still insufficient room for them to pass, so the catering truck driver again pulled forward, causing the body of his truck to contact the underside of the right wing of the aircraft, damaging the right wing and aileron.