ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: EV-97 TeamEurostar UK, G-CEDV

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rotax 912-UL piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 2006

Date & Time (UTC): 20 June 2011 at 1510 hrs

Location: Private Strip, Grove Farm, Wolvey, Leicestershire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: The right main landing gear and right wing were

damaged

Commander's Licence: National Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 48 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 191 hours (of which 43 were on type)

Last 90 days - 10 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft joined a right hand circuit pattern for grass Runway 11 at a private landing strip. The runway was 350 m in length and 14 m (45 ft) wide. On each side of the runway was a standing crop of oilseed rape, some 4 ft high. The surface wind was light and variable in direction, mainly along the runway or slightly from the right.

The approach and touchdown were reported as normal. When the nosewheel was on the ground, the pilot applied the brakes but, as the speed reduced, the aircraft drifted to the left. The pilot was looking ahead along the runway and did not appreciate the proximity of the

vegetation to his left. The left wing made contact with the crop and the aircraft immediately slewed round to the left. Its nose entered the crop and the engine stopped.

There was a small drop at the edge of the runway by the cultivated area and, as the aircraft crossed this, damage was caused to the right main landing gear and the right wing. The pilot and his passenger, who were both wearing full shoulder harnesses, were uninjured and vacated the aircraft unaided after it had been shut down.

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