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**SERIOUS INCIDENT**

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	CZAW SportCruiser, G-OCRZ	
<b>No &amp; Type of Engines:</b>	1 Rotax 912 ULS piston engine	
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	2008	
<b>Date &amp; Time (UTC):</b>	15 February 2009 at 1100 hrs	
<b>Location:</b>	Firs Farm, north-west of Newbury	
<b>Type of Flight:</b>	Private	
<b>Persons on Board:</b>	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
<b>Injuries:</b>	Crew - None	Passengers - None
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Damage to one propeller tip and dent on left wing leading edge	
<b>Commander's Licence:</b>	Private Pilot's Licence	
<b>Commander's Age:</b>	52 years	
<b>Commander's Flying Experience:</b>	217 hours (of which 13 were on type) Last 90 days - 6 hours Last 28 days - 2 hours	
<b>Information Source:</b>	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

**Synopsis**

During the takeoff roll, the aircraft failed to accelerate as expected and the pilot elected to abandon the takeoff by closing the throttle and applying the brakes. He was unable to stop the aircraft before the end of the runway and steered onto open ground to the right, where the left wing and a propeller blade tip struck a wooden post in

the ground, before the aircraft came to a stop. The pilot considered that the accident was caused by a poor choice of runway, given the wind direction, and his delay in electing to abandon the takeoff based on his belief that the downward slope of the runway would assist with the acceleration of the aircraft.