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Aircraft type and registration: Piper PA23-250 Aztec G-BBNO (light twin-engined, fixed-wing aircraft)

Year of Manufacture: 1971

Date and time (GMT): 29 October 1984 at 1718 hrs

Location: Ipswich Aerodrome

Type of flight: Public Transport

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — 3

Injuries: Crew — Nil Passengers — Nil

Nature of damage: Damage to aircraft nose, nose undercarriage and propellers

Commander's Licence: Air Transport Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age:

Commander's total flying experience: 3611 hours (of which 450 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report form completed by pilot.

After a delayed departure the aircraft arrived at Ipswich at the end of evening twilight. Ipswich aerodrome has no aerodrome lighting but the pilot could discern the general location of the airfield and could see the aerodrome buildings. On final approach she saw a set of landing area boundary markers in the fading light but could not see the runway markings. The aircraft landed to the left of the left-hand row of boundary markers, touching down on soft ground some 45 metres to the south of the aerodrome boundary. The nosewheel collapsed and the aircraft came to rest on its nose.