

INCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Cameron Z-375 hot air balloon, G-VBFN	
No & Type of Engines:	None	
Year of Manufacture:	2008	
Date & Time (UTC):	26 April 2010 at 1840 hrs	
Location:	Field off Sturt Road, Haslemere, Surrey	
Type of Flight:	Commercial Air Transport (Passenger)	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 13
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	None	
Commander's Licence:	Commercial Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	46 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	2,000 hours (of which 500 were on type) Last 90 days - 30 hours Last 28 days - 37 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

During the landing phase of the flight the pilot was concentrating on a single set of cables, which he cleared before landing in his chosen field, towards dusk. On touchdown, and 'ripping out' of the balloon's deflation system, he noticed a second set of cables, probably 11 kV, about 100 ft downwind. The envelope touched these cables but "slithered off", without apparent damage, and the utility company confirmed there was no damage to the cables.

The pilot commented that he now appreciates that sets of cables may be sited close to each other and that, in concentrating on the first set, he had not observed the second until it was too late to take avoiding action.