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Aircraft Type and Registration: SNJ-7 Harvard, G-BRVG

No & Type of Engines: 1 Pratt and Whitney R1340-AN1 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1944

Date & Time (UTC): 7 August 1992 at 1550 hrs

Location: North Weald Airfield, near Harlow, Essex

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Damage to propeller; general damage to right wing and left wing tip; right main landing gear detached

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with FAA Instrument rating

Commander's Age: 47 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 625 hours (of which 137 were on type)
Last 90 days - 61 hours
Last 28 days - 15 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was inbound to North Weald Airfield from Lydd Airport, Kent. The pilot was told that runway 02 was in use and that the surface wind was 130°/15 to 20 kt. He elected to use the grass strip which parallels the main runway; a normal approach was made using full flap. The left wing was reported to have dropped shortly before touchdown; the aircraft left the runway on the western side and came to rest by the perimeter fence, with the right main landing gear collapsed. There was no fire and both occupants, who were wearing full upper torso restraint, escaped without injury.

The surface wind favoured runway 13, however, a restriction on the use of that runway prevented glider winching operations, consequently the paved runway 02 was in use. In accordance with the Airfield Manual, both gliders and powered aircraft were required to use the same runway direction.