**ACCIDENT** 

Aircraft Type and Registration: Zenair CH701UL, G-CBMW

No & Type of Engines: 1 Jabiru 2200A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 2005

**Date & Time (UTC):** 6 May 2017 at 1120 hrs

**Location:** Rossall Field Airfield, Lancashire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Nose landing gear, propeller, engine cowlings

and left wing damaged

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 28 years

**Commander's Flying Experience**: 220 hours (of which 7 were on type)

Last 90 days - 7 hours Last 28 days - 3 hours

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the

pilot

The pilot reported that shortly after takeoff, at approximately 200 ft agl, the engine began to lose power. The pilot immediately turned the aircraft through 90° with the intent of completing a forced landing into the wind, but the ground ahead of the aircraft was obstructed. The pilot continued the turn in an attempt to land on the reciprocal runway but at 100ft agl the engine stopped. The aircraft was unable to reach the runway and landed in an unprepared area beside the runway. Shortly after touchdown the nose landing gear collapsed, which resulted in damage to the propeller, engine cowlings and left wing. The pilot attributed the loss of engine power to the formation of an air lock in the fuel lines from newly-installed wing mounted fuel tanks, which restricted the fuel supply to the engine. The potential for the formation of air locks in the system had not been recognised when the tanks had been installed and inspected.

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