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Aircraft Type and Registration: Piper PA-46-310P, G-DODS

No & Type of Engines: 1 Continental Motors Corp TSIO-520-BE1

Year of Manufacture: 1986

Date and Time (UTC): 31 October 1988 at 0720 hrs

Location: Caernarfon Airport, North Wales

Type of Flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 3

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Nose leg landing gear collapsed with resultant damage to propeller and underside engine cowlings

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with IMC and Night Ratings

Commander's Age: 50 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 1210 hours (of which 600 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the Pilot

The aircraft was taking off from runway 26 at Caernarfon airport, North Wales, and the pilot reports that as he reached a speed of 75 kt he noticed a 'flutter' with the aircraft that he did not consider to be normal, and, as he had not reached his decision speed decided to abandon the take-off. Shortly after the brakes were applied the nose landing gear collapsed and the aircraft skidded to a halt on the main wheels and lower engine cowling. All occupants vacated the aircraft without injury. The cause of the failure of the nose landing gear is under further investigation.