1. Westland do not operate helicopters; they build them for sale to operators.

2. Westland have built the Heliport for the use of operators. They hope its existence will give a lead in developing helicopter transport.

3. The Heliport is on the South Bank of the River Thames and lies between Battersea Bridge and Wandsworth Railway Bridge. Entry is by private road from Lombard Road just before it meets the junction of York Road, and the exit is into York Road. The site is surrounded on three sides by industrial buildings. From Hyde Park Corner or Westminster Abbey the Heliport is about four miles by road (i.e., under 13 minutes in normally busy traffic) and about 2½ miles from Kensington Air Terminal in Cromwell Road (8 minutes). It may also be reached by river launch, for which landing facilities are provided. This method of reaching the Heliport would offer advantages for travellers from the City or Westminster during peak traffic hours (the journey from Westminster Pier taking 15 minutes).

The Heliport comprises a landing platform, aircraft park, a two-storey control tower, a single-storey building for passenger handling and administration, car parks and underground fuel storage tanks.

4. The reinforced concrete landing platform is built over the river in the form of a "T", the head of which provides a landing and take-off area of 125ft. x 53ft. (38.10 x 16.15 metres) capable of accepting helicopters with an all-up weight of 33,000 lbs. From the landing platform helicopters may taxi or be towed across the upright of the "T" which is 50ft. (15.24 metres) long x 65ft. (19.81 metres) wide and down a shallow ramp to the aircraft parking area where five helicopters of medium size can be accommodated without their rotor blades being folded.

5. The flight approach path is over the River Thames and pilots must obtain clearance to enter the London Control Zone and comply with such other regulations prescribed by the authorities. No flying is permitted over shore areas adjacent to the Heliport.

6. Initially, the Heliport will operate under Private Licence, which means that prior notification must be given of intention to use it. Traffic handling facilities will be limited at first to daylight hours but will later be extended to cover night operation as well.

7. The installation, operation and maintenance of the technical facilities of the Heliport have been entrusted to International Aeradio Limited, whose world-wide operation of such facilities is well known, and their two Air Traffic Control Officers will also act as Manager and Deputy Manager of the Heliport.

8. The control tower equipment consists of a standard I.A.L. Air Traffic Control Console with ancillary fittings consisting of meteorological instruments and controls for the operation of the loudhailer, tele-talk and radio telephone installations (Pye VHF R/T equipment with standby). A windsock and anemometer are also provided.

9. Landing fees charged to users of the Heliport will be as for fixed-wing aircraft at aerodromes administered by the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation. Regular users of the Heliport making frequent landings within specified periods may be granted reduced fees by prior arrangement.

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10. A passenger waiting room, three small offices and toilets are provided in the administration building and facilities can be provided, subject to prior notice being given, for Customs clearance and Passport examination to be conducted at the Heliport.

11. Refuelling facilities provided by Shell-Mex and B.P. Limited are available for both turbine and piston engined helicopters.

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