

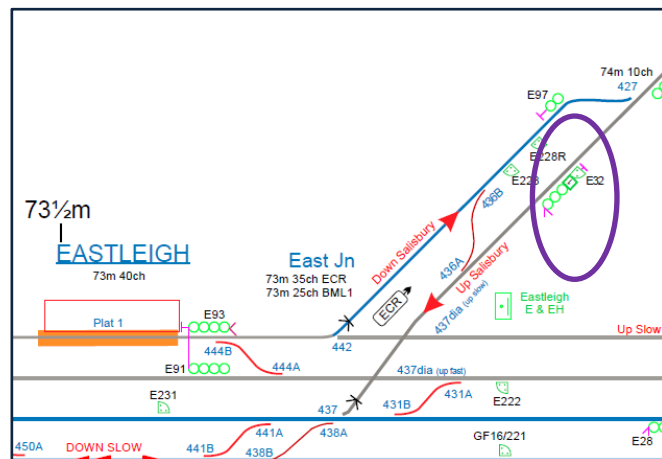
Safety Bulletin

An Operating Irregularity has taken place

Network Rail



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Reference: Operational Close Call
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Location: Eastleigh East Junction on the Up Salisbury ECR, (Wessex Route)
Contact: Wessex Access Planning and Delivery Team



Overview

A possession published in Wessex WON Week 06 Item 118 was booked to take place between Redbridge Junction and Salisbury Tunnel Junction / Eastleigh East Junction from 00:25hrs to 05:75hrs on Tuesday 12th May 2020.

The PICOP had the associated paperwork well in advance and have taken similar possessions many times without issues. The possession and worksite were taken on time and as planned.

At around 04:15hrs, the Duty ODM was informed that there had been a Possession Irregularity, where the Tamper 6J07 passed the Possession Departure Point (PDP) of E32 Signal located on the Up Salisbury Line approaching Eastleigh East Junction at Eastleigh. The PICOP failed to notify Eastleigh Panel 1 of any approaching trains/machines.

Owing to the Worksite protection and Detonator protection being substandard at that location, the tamper was required to come to a stand at the signal to ensure the safe operation of E437Dia leading onto the Main Lines at Eastleigh. The reason the Signaller requires notification of approaching movements is to avoid the tracks locking at Eastleigh.

Arrangements were later made for Tamper 6J07 to travel back within Worksite Bravo to the approach of E32 Signal so that the Eastleigh Panel 1 Signaller was able to manoeuvre E437Dia to continue with the affected Freightliner trains.

This incident is under further investigation.

Discussion Points and Lessons Learnt

- Being focused and paying attention to details when carrying out safety related tasks.
- Referring to all applicable paperwork to manage all tasks safely and effectively.
- Discussing movements with all associated parties (ES, PSS, Signaller) before they take place.
- Take 5 and always question/seek confirmation if something is unclear.

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