

Safety Bulletin

An Operating Irregularity has taken place



Issued to: Southern Region
Reference: Operational Close Call
Date of Issue: 17th July 2020
Location: Durnsford Road at 6m 28ch - Line of Route BML 1, (Wessex Route)
Contact: Wessex Access Planning and Delivery Team



Overview

A possession published in Wessex WON Week 15 Item 37 was booked to take place between Waterloo and Durnsford Road from 00:20hrs to 05:00hrs on Thursday 16th July 2020.

The Duty ODM arrived to undertake Possession Assurance check on Detonator Protection at Durnsford Road, when it became apparent that the protection on the Down Main Fast and Up Main Slow had been placed on the incorrect side of the points, countryside vice London side. The Down Main Fast protection had been placed Beyond W705pts vice on the Approach. The Up Main Slow protection had been placed on the Approach to W704Pts vice Beyond.

The ODM took over the PSS duties and got permission to place the protection on the Down Main Fast and Up Main Slow correctly.

The Possession Support Staff (PSS) was familiar with the location but did not have the sufficient time to review the SWP prior to work taking place. The PICOP briefing took place over the phone due to the current COVID-19 situation.

This incident is under further investigation.

Discussion Points

- Ensuring that SWP's and other relevant information and paperwork are supplied on time and in line with 019 Standard
- How do you assure yourself that your briefing is fully understood by the other party if it can't take place face to face?
- Take 5 and always question/seek confirmation if something is unclear.

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