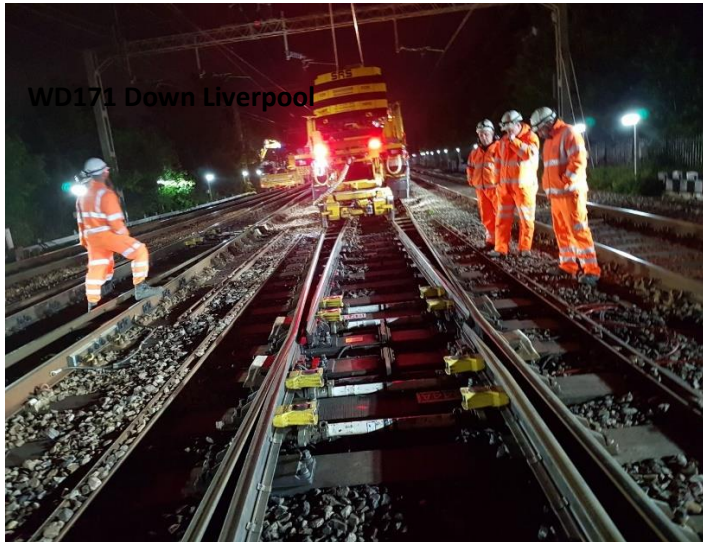


## TITLE: Points Run Through at Weaver Wavertree

### Information

In the early hours of Sunday morning on 06<sup>th</sup> May, a Points run through occurred.



### What Happened?

The incident happened at approx 03.30 on the 06<sup>th</sup> May 2019 during a 29 hour all lines possession on the Weaver to Wavertree Re-signalling project. An SRS Crane was being used for gantry recovery works at 2No locations within the work site (Nursery Lane and St Anthony's Church). The SRS Crane (registration DX53 COU) was supported by 2No members of staff (as it requires 2No operate crane during the main works process).

All relevant pre-start checks, and briefings had taken place and the SWL2 had granted permission for the SRS to move from Speke Sidings with route setting undertaken by a Points Operator, onto the Down Fast and then to travel to the work locations on the assumption that the route had been left in the normal position by the Signaller/PICOP. As the SRS travelled in the reversed position (to support the lifting activities) towards Liverpool (low to high mileage) with the Crane Controller walking alongside the machine in the Up Slow 4' in the direction of travel, with Dect-Comms in place as required.

As the SRS Crane was proceeding over 944B & 944A points it became evident that the SRS had run through the Points, the Crane Controller stopped the machine.

The Duty Manager and SWL 2 were made aware of the incident immediately and the Network Rail fault team were requested to attend site. On the arrival of the fault team it was confirmed that 944B points had sustained damage due to the points being in reverse when contact was made.

A full investigation and full review of documentation is currently underway, including why the Points were not set in the assumed normal position. The incident highlights the need for all staff to be aware of how Points are set and to ensure route setting is correct.

The incident has been reported to SCO 24/7 – Ref No = 42297.

A Level 1 investigation has been completed, and remedial actions and recommendations will be communicated following the completion of the Level 2 investigation.