

## **Two trains in the same signal section at South Wingfield, Derbyshire, 26 October 2022**

**On publication of RAIB's report concerning two trains in the same signal section at South Wingfield, Derbyshire, on 26 October 2022, Andrew Hall, Chief Inspector of Rail Accidents said:**

“The incident at Wingfield has echoes of the tragic accident at Clapham Junction nearly 35 years ago. Even more worryingly perhaps, it also has echoes of a more recent collision at Waterloo in 2017 and a derailment at Dalwhinnie in 2021. All these events involved a signal that should have been displaying a red aspect to protect against an unsafe situation but was not doing so. In each case, this was due to a fault being introduced in the signalling system's wiring and then not being detected by testing, after work on the system had been undertaken.

“The railway implemented very significant changes to processes around the installation, maintenance and testing of signalling systems after the accident at Clapham. The importance of following these established processes to maintain the safety integrity of the signalling system, and the potential for unsafe events to occur when they are not followed, is once again shown by the events at Wingfield.

“Some in the railway industry will remember the accident at Clapham; some will not. It is natural that in the aftermath of such a large-scale accident, the importance of following the improved processes that resulted from it would be well and widely understood. The passage of time may tend to diminish that understanding, but three events with similar causes in the last six years shows that it cannot be allowed to do so.”