

Derailment of a passenger train at Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria, 22 March 2024

On publication of RAIB's report concerning the derailment of a passenger train at Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria, 22 March 2024, Andrew Hall, Chief Inspector of Rail Accidents said:

“Derailments of passenger trains are thankfully rare. The elements that came together and led to the derailment at Grange-over-Sands include some factors that have been seen in previous RAIB investigations. In this case Victorian infrastructure, increasing rainfall, a known flood water management problem which multiple parties had not fully resolved over years, ineffective communication and a short-term fix effectively becoming the permanent solution, all played a part. As the railway's infrastructure will continue to age, and given the challenges of climate change, the importance of avoiding the other factors is ever more vital if such derailments are to remain a rarity.”