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Obstruction left on the line near Kirkham, Lancashire, 15 May 2017.

At around 05:15 hrs on 15 May a railway maintenance vehicle, which was moving in an engineering possession, stopped short of a large steel pile on the line. The pile, weighing around 1 tonne, had been left there on completion of earlier engineering works.

We have undertaken a [preliminary examination](#) into the circumstances surrounding this incident. Having assessed the evidence which has been gathered to date, we have decided to publish a [safety digest](#).

The safety digest will shortly be made available on our website.