

News story: Runaway at Bitton Station

At around 17:15 hrs on 25 July 2018, two unbraked coaches ran approximately 40 metres into closed crossing gates during shunting operations. The collision caused minor damage to the gates and track. There was no damage to the vehicles and no injuries.

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 be made available on our website in the next few weeks.

Research and analysis: Nitrogen dioxide: effects on mortality

This report by the Committee on the Medical Effects of Air Pollutants (COMEAP) recommends how to estimate the benefits of reducing concentrations of nitrogen dioxide in outdoor air and calculates the mortality burden of current levels of air pollution.

Research and analysis: Particulate air pollution: effects on mortality

This statement by the Committee on the Medical Effects of Air Pollutants (COMEAP) updates earlier advice ([2009](#) and [2010](#) reports) on how to estimate mortality associated with long-term average concentrations of particulate air pollution.

[Corporate report: Forestry Commission corporate plan 2018 to 2019](#)

Forest Enterprise England

Forest Enterprise England manages the nation's forests for people, nature and the economy. Our commercial activity is self-financing, and does not require support from taxpayers. Further information on our timber production and other aspects of our trading activity can be found in our Annual Report.

Forest Services

Forest Services are the government's forestry experts. We contribute to the government's 25 Year Environment Plan objective of being the first generation to leave the environment in a better state than we found it, by encouraging and supporting landowners and the sector to protect, improve and expand England's woodlands.

Cross-border / Corporate Forestry Support

During 2018-19 we are preparing to transfer the cross-border functions delivered by Corporate and Forestry Support (CFS) to Forestry Commission England and the devolved administrations. This will prepare the ground for the full devolution of forestry on 1 April 2019.

Future of the Forestry Commission

During 2018-19 we will take forward the changes required to deliver our new operating model, Future Forestry Commission.

[Notice: England Coast Path at Drigg: comment on proposals to change the approved route](#)

Updated: Habitats Regulations assessment document added.

On 22 August 2018, Natural England submitted a report to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs setting out proposed changes to the approved route of the England Coast Path in Cumbria, at Drigg.

Read the variation report to find out why changes to the approved route are

required.

The opportunity to comment closes at midnight on 17 October 2018.

Objections will be passed to an independent planning inspector who will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State about each one.

The Secretary of State will consider all representations and objections before making a decision about Natural England's proposals.

Comment on Natural England's proposals

View the [guidance on representations and objections](#).

Make a representation

Anyone can make representations to us about the variation report. Read the representation guidance notes before completing the representations form (both are attached above).

Make an objection

Owners and occupiers of affected land may make objections about the variation report. Read the objection guidance notes before completing the objection form (both are attached above).