



Flash Alert

Serious Near Miss Pickup mechanical failure

Incident details

Contract number: NW24J010

Project name: Valley Gardens

Date: 14/04/2025

Relevant OSSs/OESs/campaigns:

- [OSS 102: Lifting operations using cranes and excavators](#)
- [OSS 106: Safe use of plant and equipment](#)

Description

What happened? A 7.5t pickup was on site waiting to be loaded with trench boxes, as other works were going on at the time of the arrival, the pick-up was instructed to park within the CDM boundary on an 'A' road with approximately a 15% incline. The pickup was parked for 45mins within the traffic management cones, ready to be loaded.

During the initial loading of the trench boxes there was no sign of any concern regarding the pickup. Upon completion, the slinger/signaller instructed the excavator which had been loading the pickup to move away, the green light was then given to allow the driver to secure the load.

As the driver was securing the load, the pickup began rolling down the road, this forced the driver to jump out the way.

The pickup continued to roll down the road/footpath for 15m, colliding into a parked car and eventually coming to a halt after crashing into a garden wall.

Thanks to the operatives following the beyond zero principles, there were no further injuries to the workforce; and by sheer luck, the general public.

What are the consequences? As a result of the incident there was significant damage to the parked car and the garden wall.

Photos

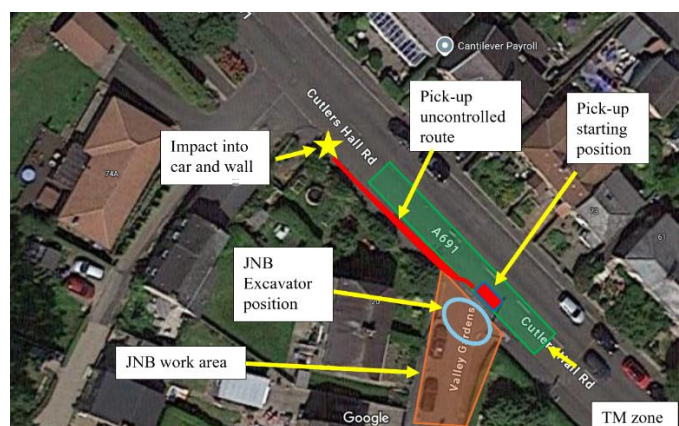


Image 1: Aerial and Street view of incident location





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Photo 1: Pick-up collided with the wall

Photo 2: Damage to car from falling unsecured struts

Immediate corrective action taken

- The van was removed from the footpath, parked in gear and chocked, whilst awaiting recovery.
- The footpath was cleared of any debris and re-opened.
- The resident was informed by the customer care team.
- Followed the client safety reporting directive of 2-2-2 and informed the SHEQ team.

Action required

- Continued support to the resident whilst the damage is rectified.
- Full reports of the pick-up including service, MOT history, and failure report of the vehicle.
- Where practicable avoid loading/unloading vehicles on slopes.
- Where unavoidable ensure risk controls measures are present to prevent injury/damage.

Please ensure your teams are briefed on the above incident and resulting corrective actions.

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