

## PROSECUTION

<b>Case Number</b>	4005333
<b>Summary</b>	<p>Deficient track maintenance caused the Swansea-Paddington High Speed Train (which was carrying approximately 450 passengers and traveling close to the permitted line speed of 125mph) to derail while passing over a points crossover. Fortunately the train remained upright and there were no injuries amongst the passengers.</p> <p>The incident was caused by part of a fishplate (used to join lengths of track) which had broken, become detached from the rail and lodged in the crossover. Investigation showed numerous other deficiencies in the track which had contributed to the failure.</p>
<b>Company</b>	Amey Rail Ltd The Annexe Redcliffe Street Bristol BS1 6QZ
<b>Breaches involved</b>	Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 Section 3(1)
<b>Date(s) of offence</b>	24 November 2002
<b>Plea</b>	Guilty
<b>Result</b>	Guilty and fined on 12 September 2006 at the Old Bailey.
<b>Penalty</b>	£300,000
<b>Costs</b>	£19,714

### Location of offence

**Address** Southall East Junction

### ORR details

**ORR Area Team** Western

**ORR Directorate** Railway Inspectorate