



Our mission to deliver a healthier and safer railway – light rail from the perspective of ORR

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To cover:

- Some important context.
- An introduction to ORR – who we are what we do.
- Our health and safety regulatory role.
- A focus on strategic light rail priorities.
- The importance of collaboration and safety by design.
- Panel session Q&A



Some important context



An introduction to ORR



**c370 staff
across six
UK offices**

Bristol
Birmingham
Glasgow
London (HQ)
Manchester
York



**Established by
Parliament with powers
from various Acts**

Railways Act 1993
Infrastructure Act 2015
Railways & Transport
Safety Act 2003
Health & Safety
At Work Act etc 1974
Railways Act 2005
Statutory instruments



**Annual budget
c. £41m**

Comprised of:

Rail industry levies

Roads DfT grant



Accountable to

Passengers

UK Parliament

Scottish Parliament

Senedd/Welsh
Parliament

Public law
(judicial review)

Industry

Our health and safety regulatory role

Mainline

- 16,000 km mainline network
- 1.4 billion passenger journeys
- 15.7 billion tonne km freight

Non-Mainline

- TfL – including London Underground
- 8 Light Rail Systems
- 220+ heritage and minor railways

Channel Tunnel

- World's longest undersea tunnel
- 26% of all UK- EU trade goes through the Channel Tunnel

New Railways

- HS2
- New light rail schemes



A focus on some strategic light rail priorities

- Control of overspeed risk.
- Non-motorised user crossings.
- Civil engineering assets – including structures examination and assessment.
- Fatigue.
- Digital safety.
- Health topics – including welding fumes, management of legionella, hand-arm vibration syndrome.
- Welfare provision.
- Control of contractors.



Collaboration and the importance of safety by design

- Early regulatory engagement on new schemes is critical.
- We are here to support the light rail sector understand expectations and provide advice.
- The findings from our recent cost and benefits of health and safety interventions project are particularly relevant – see online.
- The sector is maturing rapidly with some excellent collaboration.



**Thank you – please
do ask questions
during the panel
discussion and over
coffee.**



