During this unprecedented time, I’d like to thank everyone for their hard work, as we continue to provide much needed support and upgrades to the country’s rail networks.

We have been working closely with our clients, stakeholders and other rail companies, to ensure the most robust processes and procedures are in place to keep our teams as safe as possible while they continue to deliver works.

Our workforce has been doing an amazing job understanding and putting these policies and procedures into practice, ensuring that they are adhering to social distancing wherever possible, and implementing the risk controls where it’s not.

The next few pages provide a great snapshot of all the brilliant work done by our teams.

Thank you again for your hard work and for adapting to new work practices as quickly and efficiently as you have done.

Stuart Webster-Spriggs
HSQES director
RISK CONTROLS IN PRACTICE

VOLKERRAIL SIGNALLING DEPOT – DONCASTER
Some great images of segregation of SAC, depot office space and mess area.

DENHAM COMPOUND / WEST RUISLIP SIDINGS REMODELLING
Remote SAC process and signage.

TRUE ALLIANCE GARFORTH PROJECTS 2,3,4
2m distancing at pre-works site briefing, site inductions and safety critical briefing.

BLOXWICH CIVILS GROUND WORKS AND CONCRETE RETAINING WALL CONSTRUCTION
Hygiene area and PPE disposal.

SIGNALLING POWER RENEWALS AND COMMISSIONING WORKS - EP0027 CEMETERY ROAD, INCE - IN MAKERFIELD - Wigan
2m separation during site briefings and commissioning works. Cups, crockery, cutlery are all out of use (everyone is bringing their own).

PANEL SOUTH – BLOXWICH - CANNOCK LINE SPEED IMPROVEMENTS
Disinfecting access locks prior to and after use, single use PPE disposal, site signage, first aid provision.

VOLKERFITZPATRICK PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR – VOLKERRAIL SIGNALLING COMMISSIONING AND TAMPING FOLLOW UP – KINGS LYNN - C13431
Induction update and signage, limiting welfare to one person at a time, use of RPE where 2m cannot be maintained as a control measure.

701426 MERSEYRAIL PSU WORKS – CAPENHURST
Additional parking spaces, 2m distancing observed.
COVID-19 INSPECTION FEEDBACK

DENHAM / WEST RUISLIP
On Saturday 28 March, Stuart Webster-Spriggs, HSQES director, undertook a COVID-19 Marshal role at our Denham / West Ruislip site, to undertake a COVID-19 inspection.

Working with Ross Bennett, Richard Brocklehurst and Jordan Scrivens, the project was acknowledged for their high level of professionalism, cooperation and understanding in terms of the control measures in place. The lengths the team were going to for the prevention of transmission of the COVID-19 virus was exceptional and a real credit to the company – my thanks to the whole team.

KINGS LYNN
On Sunday 5 April a COVID-19 inspection for VolkerRail’s signalling and metro and rail projects teams took place at VolkerFitzpatrick’s Kings Lynn project. The site / operations and works were well managed under difficult circumstances and the issues encountered on the night were dealt with appropriately and effectively.

It was clear to see that VolkerRail and VolkerFitzpatrick were working collaboratively in the planning and delivery of the works and Darren Whitley was highly commended by all be all regarding his pro-active way work ethic and meticulous planning to ensure works went ahead.

It was also noted that Craig Wardley did an exceptional job in overseeing a particularly difficult lift of the signal structures.

TEMPORARY RRAP INSTALLATION - OLE TEAM
Our OLE delivery team were tasked with developing a methodology for installing temporary foam RRAPs. The use of this equipment is vital for accessing Plant for future works. The length of the central sections had been measured at 1.97 metres, less than the required 2m social distancing rule.

This didn’t stop the team who developed a simple, yet effective solution, which resulted in an increased distance between operatives of 2.3 metres.

Note* The exercise was conducted within Unipart Rail’s compound – Network Rail PPE rules do not apply. The exercise was conducted on redundant bull head track for demonstration purposes only – Foam RRAPs can only be used on flat-bottom rail.