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Although the recommendations are not addressed to DfT, I believe you have a critical role to play in enabling the tram industry owners, operators and infrastructure managers to discharge them.



ORR strongly encourages DfT cooperation with the tram industry to address the recommendations. Recommendation 5 in particular calls on tram owners, operators and infrastructure managers to work in consultation with DfT to review signage, lighting and other visual information cues on segregated tram infrastructure in high-risk areas, such as the approach to tight curves where the incident in question occurred.

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