

**Introduction**

This Supply Chain Safety Leadership Group (SCSLG) was formed to give focus to improving safety performance across the Highways England road network through collaborative working across the supply chain where common risks exist and provide a unified voice of the sector.

Our vision is to create a very clear shift in safety performance to ensure everyone who works with us and everyone who travels on the network gets home safe and well.

To find out more about the activity the Group is undertaking please go to the [Highways England Safety Hub](#).

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**Events**

## Demonstrating effective leadership in the Home Safe and Well Webinar

For those who missed it, please see link below to the recording of the Home Safe and Well Webinar on Effective Leadership featuring our Chairman, Phil Clifton, discussing the Supply Chain Safety Leadership Group and Adam Green highlighting the success FM Conway have had in implementing the Big Ten initiative focusing on weak signals.



### [Home Safe and Well Webinar - Effective Leadership](#)

We hope you enjoyed the presentations and found it informative and challenging.

**Safety Moment: Highlighting the danger of re-fuelling**

A number of serious incidents have occurred this quarter regarding re-fuelling activities and the risk of fire. Highlighting the danger of re-fuelling, decanting and how the vapours you can see ignite the liquid.




Richard Wilson, Highways England, shared this safety moment to open the discussion for the Supply Chain to move to alternative sources of fuel which don't carry the same risk of fire.

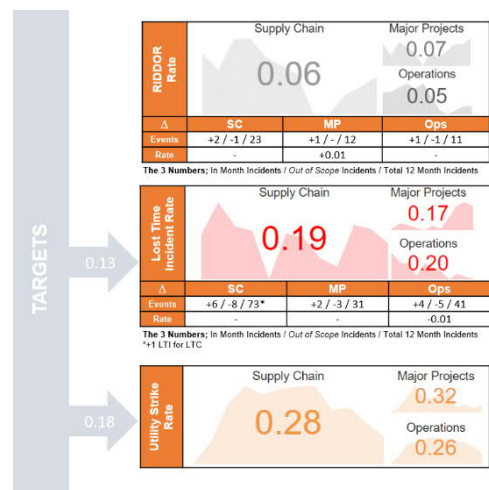


Action for Suppliers: Check out Safety Alert HEi248 for more information [PowerPoint Presentation \(highwaysafetyhub.com\)](#)

**Health, Safety and Wellbeing Performance**

### Key Stats

-  Major Projects - LTIR **0.17** – 2No. LTIs reported in May 2021
-  Operations – LTIR **0.20** – 4No. LTIs reported in April 2021
-  Utilities Strike Avoidance – improvement in month.



### Trends and Priorities



We are starting to see increase in trends of LTI's.

Utilities strike frequency rate continues to show improvement.

The Group discussed co-hosting safety tours with SCSLG team to share best practice.

## Safety Hub



Raising the Bar for Safety by Design is being delivered from outside of The Hub by experts. Due to be shared for comment later in July.

With the fast pace of technological change being seen across the plant and equipment developments, the Hub are focusing on tailoring the Raising the Bar to give guidance on how to safely assess the adoption as new innovations come into our industry.

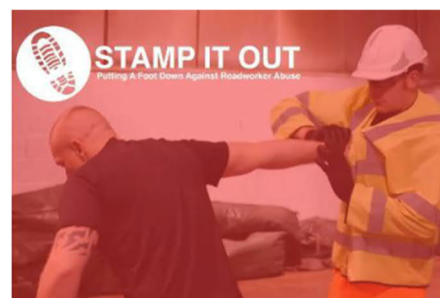
The Hub will also commence a review of outstanding documents to ensure we are maintaining momentum on the adoption of common standards.

## Highlights

### A welcome return for James Haluch

James Haluch returned to the Group to provide an update on the progress of the IPV and Incursions Working Group, which can be found using the following [link to the Safety Hub](#). Highlights include:

- Focus on GG115 (Short stops) being led by Lucy Fell, Area 10, following a growing concern over short stops on hard shoulders
- Consistent approach to collating data on roadworker abuse following statistics shared by Safer Highways
- RtB 27 Preventing and Managing Incursions – to be published in Q3 2021
- RtB 37 Inspection & Maintenance – to be published in Q3 2021
- Monthly incursion report including IPV Strikes showing an increase of incursions on certain projects. Focus on teaching sessions provision for specific projects to help improve and share best practice.
- Risk ranking model introduced for incursions helping us focus on the higher potential areas
- Key achievements for 2020



In addition, to demonstrate 'making a difference' a presentation was shared on the targeted campaign to address incursions on the A19 Norton to Wynyard project. Showing a significant improvement from an initial 200 incursions per to just 7 per month. Delivered through a mixture of closing accesses off to works when not in use and improved signage and communications.

### Learning from best practice BigTEN Initiative from FM Conway

Focusing in on the Big TEN risks aligned to Home Safe and Well, FM Conway created a 10 year plan and strategy to eliminate accidents. Seeking to avoid the need for a reliance on behaviours and seeking to introduce technology where possible to eliminate the risks.

The Group were keen to learn from their approach so we can develop a leading measure dashboard to measure the embedment of our common standards and the improvement they seek to achieve.



## Alignment of Utilities Strike Avoidance Innovation Project to our Common Standards approach

Bob Watson, Highways England, presented to the Group to update on the project and shared a proposal to demonstrate alignment to the adoption of common standards, published by the Group and Safety Hub. Glennan Blackmore volunteered to represent SCSLG on the steering group.

We look forward to seeing this project progress as the first on the road to innovation.

### Adopting Common Standards

Overview – As a supplier community we have agreed to adopt a *common standard* to improve safety performance, following the principles of prevention and robustly applying the Hierarchy of Control, from the earliest stages of projects in development, and throughout construction, operation and maintenance, is at the heart of the refreshed approach that we are expecting all suppliers to follow.

The Common Standards - Our approach to defining expectations for methods to be used to improve safety performance across the supply chain includes:

Common Intent - documents that set expectations of what we “must” all do. These provide clear direction and guiding principles in relation to application of the hierarchy of control that we expect to be considered in the processes and procedures followed by every organisation.

Raising the bar – documents that provide “interpretation” on how to implement common intent across the whole asset lifecycle, including design, construction, operations and maintenance.

Common Intent and Raising the Bar Documents can all be found on the [Highways Safety Hub](#).

### Status

	SCSLG Member Lead	Common Intent Drafted	Common Intent Released	Raising the Bar Released
Highest Safe Speed	Non Member – Laura Baker (HE)	September 2020	Feb 2021 <a href="#">Link to Safety Hub</a>	N/A
Passport Scheme	Teresa Moss (HE)	November 2020	Jan 2021 <a href="#">Link to Safety Hub</a>	RtB 23 – Inductions – Released Jan 2021 <a href="#">Link to Safety Hub</a>
Utilities Strike Avoidance	Lesley Waud (Atkins)	April 2020	May 2020 <a href="#">Link to Safety Hub</a>	RtB 9 – Released October 2020 <a href="#">Link to Safety Hub</a>
IPV Strikes & TM Incursions	James Haluch (Amey)	May 2020	June 2020 <a href="#">Link to Safety Hub</a>	RtB 27 – Released October 2020 <a href="#">Link to Safety Hub</a>
				New RtB 37 – IPV Usage – Target July 2021
				New RtB 38 – Mobile Carriageway Closure, Animated Flowchart decision tool & Automated TM vehicles – Q2 2021
Incident Investigation	Lesley Waud (Atkins)	June 2020	July 2020 <a href="#">Link to Safety Hub</a>	N/A
Mental Health	Glennan Blackmore (Skanska)	September 2020	December 2020 <a href="#">Link to Safety Hub</a>	New RtB 34 – Mental Health – Released Jan 2021 <a href="#">Link to Safety Hub</a>
People & Plant Interface	Richard Stuart (Costain)	September 2020	December 2020	New RtB 35 – Loading and Unloading Vehicles – Released Jan 2021



			<a href="#">Link to Safety Hub</a>	<a href="#">Link to Safety Hub</a> RtB 1 – Plant Standards – Target January 2021 RtB 3 – PPI released March 2021 <a href="#">Link to Safety Hub</a>
Safety by Design	John Dixon (Jacobs)	June 2020	August 2020 <a href="#">Link to Safety Hub</a>	RtB 26 - Target November 2020
Lost Loads	Non Member (Balfour Beatty)	June 2020	August 2020 <a href="#">Link to Safety Hub</a>	New RtB 36 – Lost Loads - Released Jan 2021 <a href="#">Link to Safety Hub</a>
Supervision	Nick Holt (WJ)	April 2021 – Draft for approval <a href="#">Link to Teams</a>	Target June 2021	RtB 29 – Supervision - Target July 2021
Ground Investigation	Richard Wilson (HE)	May 2021 – Draft for approval <a href="#">Link to Teams</a>	Target June 2021	Target July 2021
Roadworthiness	Phil Clifton (Balfour Beatty)	Target July 2021	Target August 2021	Target September 2021
Live lane working / Carriageway Crossing	David Shaw (HW Martin)	Target June 2021	Target July 2021	Target August 2021
Health by Design	Adam Green (FM Conway)	Target August 2021	Target September 2021	Target October 2021
Archaeology	Richard Wilson (HE)	May 2021 – Draft for Approval <a href="#">Link to Teams</a>	Target August 2021	Target September 2021
Suicide Prevention	David Shaw (HW Martin)	Target August 2021	Target September 2021	Target October 2021

### New Working Groups being considered

- Excavations