

Dave Speakman is Keltbray Rail's new Engineering Director

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Keltbray Rail says it has appointed Dave Speakman as Engineering Director with Managing Director responsibilities for the Wentworth House Rail Systems Limited (WHRSL) OLE design office based in Preston Brook.

WHRSL was established in 2012 to provide consultancy, design and development for Overhead Line Electrification (OLE) in rail infrastructure. Since then, WHRSL has developed exceptional OLE design experience, having worked on major projects both within the UK and Australia such as Crossrail, West Coast Mainline Power Upgrade, GWRM, Great Eastern, Norwich Victoria Sidings, TRU and MTMS2 (Australia).

Dave is a civil engineer by profession with design/construction and engineering management experience spanning a 33 year career within the rail electrification industry. During this time, he has worked overseas in Hong Kong and throughout the UK on several high profile multi-disciplinary electrification projects for a range of clients, most recently working for the TRU Alliance.

In his new role, Dave's immediate priorities are to establish a consistent competency framework within the

rail engineering business whilst providing support for the development of technicians, graduates and engineers alike to help fulfil their potential.

Commenting on his appointment, Dave Speakman said: “This is an exciting time for Keltbray with a significant potential future workload and plans for company growth. I will be prioritising consistency and competency within the rail business and intend to enhance the WHRSL brand through investment in the workforce, recruitment and development including a plan to modernise the office and the implementation of agile working in readiness for the planned transition to a tier one rail industry supplier.”