

# Siemens Mobility welcomes shadow rail minister

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Shadow Rail Minister Tan Dhesi MP has visited Siemens Mobility's facility in Chippenham — which helped to deliver the new Elizabeth line for his constituents.

Siemens Mobility's Chippenham site played an essential role in the Elizabeth line project, bringing together suppliers to plan and deliver the railway's signalling system, with the company's site in Ashby, Leicestershire delivering the station and railway control.

During the visit, Dhesi drove an Elizabeth line train in an in-cabin simulator, spoke to apprentices working onsite, and explored the Customer Experience Suite, which captures the different elements of the passenger journey in action.

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The visit was arranged as part of RIA's parliamentary Rail Fellowship Programme, which matches politicians to rail sites relevant to their brief or in their constituency, providing a hands-on experience of what goes on in the sector day-to-day.

Tan Dhesi, Shadow Rail Minister and MP for Slough said: "I have spoken many times about the benefits Crossrail is delivering for passengers in my constituency of Slough and beyond. Today, I was lucky enough to get the immersive experience of Crossrail behind the scenes, meeting the workers who made it happen, and making my debut behind the wheel.

"Thank you to the railway workers at Siemens Mobility for all their hard work on this transformative project, and to RIA for organising the visit as part of their Rail Fellowship Programme."

Darren Caplan, Chief Executive of the Railway Industry Association, said: "It's great that the Shadow Rail Minister, Tan Dhesi, has been able to visit Siemens Mobility's Chippenham site, as part of the RIA Rail Fellowship Programme.

"Siemens has been a crucial supplier in helping to deliver the huge benefits of the Elizabeth line to Slough and the South East. So it is fantastic that the Shadow Minister has been able to see their technology up close, and to meet the people that made this happen, even taking a (simulated) Elizabeth line train for a spin!

"Thank you to Tan Dhesi for taking part in the programme. And thank you also to all those at the Siemens' facility who made this visit happen, and for all their transformative work on the Elizabeth line project!"

Rob Morris, Managing Director, Rail Infrastructure at Siemens Mobility said: "It was really great to meet with Tan and RIA to demonstrate our investment in the technology, people, skills and supply chain in the UK to help deliver transformative projects such as the Elizabeth line.

"We have a great heritage at our Chippenham site, having been there since 1894, and I enjoyed introducing him to a handful of our 900 employees based on the site including apprentices who will likely be future leaders in our industry."