

The Office of Rail and Road has today launched a consultation on the Risk Management Maturity model (RM3) for Heritage Railways

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New sector-specific topic sets will help provide criteria that is more relevant in a heritage railway environment, making it more accessible and meaningful as a tool for analysing and improving safety management capability.

RM3 is one of the regulator's key health and safety assessment tools. It measures an organisation's ability to manage risk maturely and achieve excellence in risk control.

The consultation, which runs from 5 October to 30 October, will seek the views on a proposed new topic set to provide a targeted suite of criteria for heritage railway organisations to use as they assess their ability to successfully manage health and safety risks.

Ian Skinner, Head of Non-Mainline Railways for the Office of Rail and Road said: "We have made significant

progress with engagement with the heritage sector and the use of our RM3 model as part of our intervention programme.

“We have trialled sector-specific topic sets during workshops which have been well received.

“We now welcome the sectors views on this topic set to help us finalise those to increase RM3’s usefulness as a tool to identify weaknesses and to target actions to drive management improvements.”

Steve Oates, chief executive of the Heritage Railway Association, said: “We have worked with the ORR to engage the sector in the use of the RM3 model and have held a number of events with more than 100 representatives from the heritage sector attending.

“We welcome this consultation and are fully supportive of a sector specific RM3 model to help improve safety standards in the industry. We urge member railways, tramways and related operators to respond to the consultation.”

Consultation

link: <https://www.orr.gov.uk/search-consultations/consultation-risk-management-maturity-model-rm3-topic-set-1-heritage-railways>

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