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Report Title	Partial collapse of a wall onto open railway lines, Liverpool		
Report Number	17/2017		
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Rec No.	Status	RAIB Concern	Recommendation	RAIB Summary of current status
17/2017/01	Implemented	None	The intent of this recommendation is that Network Rail is aware of which of its walls have a potentially high safety consequence (eg derailment or significant damage to passing trains) in the event of failure, so that the scope and depth of examinations can be set appropriately to minimise risk to the railway.	ORR has reported that Network Rail has reported that it has completed actions taken in response to this recommendation. ORR proposes
			Network Rail should review its wall assets and identify those which have a potentially high safety consequence should they fail (eg train derailment, or large amounts of debris falling on to trains). These should be clearly identified in its database of assets (paragraph 91a).	to take no further action unless they become aware that the information provided becomes inaccurate.
17/2017/02	Implemented	None	The intent of this recommendation is that for those walls identified (from Recommendation 1) as having a potentially high safety consequence in the event of failure, Network Rail enhances its wall examination and assessment processes to mitigate the additional risk.	ORR has reported that Network Rail has reported that it has completed actions taken in response to this recommendation. ORR proposes
			Network Rail should review its structures examination and assessment procedures for its walls that have a high potential safety consequence in the event of failure (identified in response to Recommendation 1 above). This review should include:	to take no further action unless they become aware that the information provided becomes inaccurate.
			a) The level of detail in the information (including photographs) that is currently being collected in both detailed and visual examinations and the sufficiency of this information to allow subsequent examiners and reviewers to make thorough assessments on both condition and changes in loading;	
			b) The need for additional checks to be done in examinations, including, but not limited to:	

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I detailed inspections from the tops of cuttings and the non-railway side of walls;
I checks for relevant changes in adjacent land use; and
I potential additional surcharge (eg using photographs and physical markers).
c) The potential for greater use of open source data (eg Google images) and Network Rail's aerial images, to facilitate comparisons between examination reports, where changes in adjacent land use may have an adverse impact on a wall.
d) Provision of information to examiners pertaining to railway boundaries, to enable them to monitor encroachments into Network Rail property.
Network Rail should then take steps to implement the identified improvements to its wall examination and assessment procedures.