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The newly appointed Executive Director of PACTS (Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety) David Davies, recently visited Quadrant House for a personal introduction with Alistair McPhee.

David was a specialist to the Transport Committee of the House of Commons where he helped with inquiries into road safety, aviation strategy, High Speed Rail and bus competition. Prior to this David worked at the Audit Commission as an environmental services specialist. He has also been a policy officer at Birmingham City Council, worked for consultants Allott & Lomax and Arup, and been an independent consultant including five years at TRL.



Alistair says;

“I welcomed the opportunity to provide an overview of Thales’s UK and Global capabilities focusing on our safety expertise; it was a pleasure to meet David for the first time.”

Alistair goes on to say;

“Thales UK Transportation is members of PACTS and our membership provides us with an opportunity to take part in national debates around changes in transport safety legislation, compliance and regulation where we can influence that debate through the sharing of best practice. Safety is a key pillar for Thales UK Transportation and never more so than at a time when as members of the rail community we have all been shocked by recent rail events in mainland Europe. Meeting David was an opportunity to share not just our technical strengths as a global employer and engineering specialist but also our safety culture and credentials as a business leader.”

PACTS is a registered charity and an Associate Parliamentary Group. Its charitable objective is **“To protect human life through the promotion of transport safety for the public benefit”**. Its aim is to advise and inform members of the House of Commons and of the House of Lords on air, rail and road safety issues.

Its four main functions are to:

- Provide an independent technical advisory service for Parliamentarians on a wide range of transport safety matters
- Lobby and persuade, identifying and promoting research-based solutions to transport safety issues through Parliamentary access and contacts
- Promote wider publicity and information on safety through conferences, seminars, the annual Westminster Lecture on Transport Safety, publications and this website.
- Respond to Government, Parliamentary and public proposals for safety improvements



PACTS has recently launched a brand new look and feel website, which colleagues may find interesting: <http://www.pacts.org.uk/about/>