

INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

Expansion joints. Main tower / cycle tracks.

DATE. 06/10/11.

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REPORT No.336.
DATE: 06/10/11 TO 06/10/11.
EXPANSION JOINTS. MAIN/TOWER TO CYCLE TRACK.

Scheduled inspection of all main tower cycle track expansion joints (main-span & side-span) was carried out on the above date, general findings were as follows: wear-down on the sliding plates & apron plates remain as previous inspections, the above wear continues to have an effect on the bituminous surface below.

<u>Tensioning Assemblies:</u> All tensioning assemblies remain in position . no access gained to carry out a visual inspection , Areas of minor corrosion / paint breakdown evident on some bolt heads & hey- pack spring pack boxes , pins and fixings.

<u>Steelwork & fittings.</u>: All cycle track expansion joint steelwork & associated fixings remain in a satisfactory condition. However there is blooming, Minor discolouration & corrosion evident on bolt heads at certain locations. All welds remain in a satisfactory condition.

<u>Access cradle support beams.</u>: All suspended access cradle support beams & fixings remain in a satisfactory condition. Areas of discolouration staining slight corrosion around fixings.

<u>Cycle track to upper platform access ladders.</u>: Access ladders from access hatch to under deck upper platform at both the South main tower on both East & West sides have bolts missing / loose at the base of the ladders.(please refer to structure numbers 8433 & 8434) for information.

<u>Upper & Lower platforms.</u>: <u>Upper platform</u>.: All steelwork & welds remain in a satisfactory condition. All handrails remain intact and secure.

<u>Lower platform.</u>: All lower platform floor grillage & fixings remain intact & secure. Slight corrosion staining & paint breakdown on platform handrails evident.

Bridge Inspector .:

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