

# General Inspection Report

(BC 11)

REPORT No.219

DATE: 16/10/07 TO 14/11/07.

NORTH SIDE SPAN.

The North side span was visually inspected over an intermittent period between the above dates, ( it should be recognised that during this inspection certain periods of time were taken up by other departmental duties, ie, cable band bolt readings & work-packs etc. ) the general findings were as follows.

**Structurally.** : The side-span remains in a satisfactory condition. The total number of missing / loose / broken has risen to **15** this inspection, although the total number shown on the inspection report by element list is **31**. The dramatic rise in numbers is due to recorded bolts which have either sheared (on the splice plates ) or have nuts which are missing (on access hatches ) respectively which are located on the underside of the top chord. Without access in some shape or form ( ie. : platforms or gantries. ) these areas will remain un-accessable & the reported defects will remain uncompleted until reviewed by **E.S.M.** and a decision taken with regards to the the implementation of a programme of works.

**Paintwork & corrosion.** : The situation continues to deteriorate through out the side-span. ( please refer to General inspection report No. **204** for areas of concern. )

**End trimmers.** : **East side** : Located at PPs: **6 & 26** ( slow lane above “C “ line walkway.) &

PP.**18** ( fast lane ) this location remains staged **b –c** line from a past repair. &

**West side** : PP.**22** ( slow lane above “C “ line walkway.)

**Bridge inspector. :**