

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.