

GENERAL INSPECTION REPORT. No. 254. ELEMENT. SIDE SPAN NORTH.

The North side span was visually inspected over the above dates, general findings were as follows. :

Structurally. : The Sidespan steelwork in general remains as reported in previous inspections in a satisfactory condition. The number of broken /loose bolts has been reduced from 47 to 39 in No. following completion of defects recorded on the “A” line walkway., although 2 in No new bolts were recorded on the cross girder beams..

Paintwork & Corrosion. : To reiterate from information recorded on report No 235 & previous inspections carried out by bridge inspectors with regards to the continuing deterioration of the steelworks protective coating & corrosion present . Deterioration continues with every inspection. Some beams now have very large areas of steelwork which is completely unprotected and exposed to the elements, other locations have areas of heavy paintwork breakdown & corrosion evident, consideration should be given as stated in report no 235. to a review by senior management to implementation of a programme of works to attend to these affected areas to stop further deterioration of the steelwork & its protective coating taking place.

End trimmers.: End trimmer located at PP.30 n/w weld cracks slow lane above “C” line walkway.

Carriageway signage. : New V.M.S. matrix information signs installed at **PP.06.** east, west & centre since last inspection.

All defects recorded & entered on the structural report programme

Bridge Inspectors.