

GENERAL INSPECTION REPORT

(BC13)
REPORT No. 267
SIDE TOWERS N&S

DATE: 14/07/2009 TO 16/07/2009

Following a two year absence from inspections due to confined space procedures being assessed and completed Both the North & South side towers were visually inspected over an intermittent period between the above dates. General findings were as follows. :

Generally. : Both the North & South side towers remain in a satisfactory condition.

Post tensioned cables. : Following information written last inspection (report No 211) Although confirmation was received that the South cables **could & would be removed no programme of works has yet been implemented** .

Housekeeping. : Confined space procedures now in place, routine maintenance of the side towers can now be resurrected and general operatives assigned their duties.

Structural concrete (External) . : Concrete block located on the N/E corner of the south side tower (east leg) below access platform remains in a state of deterioration. Fissure cracking of the concrete has now exposed areas of spalling which will eventually force the spalled areas to break away and fall. Location & position indicates that this would not appear a danger to either FETA. Staff or the general public at this time.

All Defects recorded & entered on the structure report programme.(with photographs attached and individual defect sheets given to relevant supervisors for distribution to FETA staff.

Bridge inspectors. :