



## **GENERAL INSPECTION REPORT**

## (BC06) REPORT No. 280 MAIN TOWER EXPANSION JOINTS

DATE: 17/11/2009 TO 17/11/2009

A visual inspection of both north and south main tower expansion joints was carried out on the above date. The general findings are as follows.

**<u>Structural Steelwork:</u>** All steelwork remains as before, in generally satisfactory condition throughout.

**<u>Fixings & Welds:</u>** All fixings and welds secure and intact, and as previously reported blooming of some nuts throughout.

Pins, Bushes & Springs: All components remain as previous inspection.

**Surface Plates:** The tongue plate on the south east joints at ME3 shows signs of lying low approximately 12-15mm. Anti-skid surfaces continue to wear.

**<u>Paintwork:</u>** Remains as previous inspection, the north expansion joints are showing more sign of paint breakdown and corrosion than the south.

## **Bridge Inspectors:**