(BC08) REPORT No. 45 MAIN SPAN N & S

DATE: 20/07/1998 TO 03/07/1999

ALTHOUGH THE MAIN SPAN WAS INSPECTED OVER THE ABOVE DATES,THE ACTUAL INTERMITTANT PERIOD WAS APPROX 6/7 WEEKS.THE STOP / START APPROACH TO INSPECTION THIS PERIOD WAS DUE TO COMMITMENTS / DUTIES ON HARDNESS CHECKS & MAINTENANCE INSPECTOR DUTIES OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS.

STRUCTURAL STEELWORK: GENERALLY THE STEELWORK WAS FOUND TO BE IN A SATISFACTORY CONDITION WITH ONLY (AS EXPECTED) AREAS OF MINOR CORROSION & PAINT BREAKDOWN. A TOTAL OF 14 no. BOLTS FOUND SHEARED OR MISSING,NONE OF WHICH WERE LOCAL TO EACH OTHER. RUNWAY BEAM MODS CONTINUE,HOWEVER A NUMBER OF THE COUNTERSUNK SPLICE PLATE BOLTS ARE SEIZED LOOSE (NO NUTS OR BOLTS MISSING),ADVISED THAT THESE ARE PROGRAMMED FOR RE-PLACEMENT ON COMPLETION OF MODIFICATION WORKS. FURTHER INSPECTIONS OF THE TOP CHORD & INNER BALLUSTRADE AREAS WILL BE REQUIRED IN DUE COURSE BECAUSE OF CONTRACTOR ACTIVITIES WITH REGARD TO SUSPENDER RE-PLACEMENT ie, SCAFFOLDING & HEAVY COMPONENT INSTALLATION WORKS ONGOING.

DECK: SOFFIT GENERALLY SATISFACTORY.

<u>CYCLE TRACK:</u> GENERALLY SATISFACTORY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE BEARING PAD DETERIORATION.

<u>RING MAINS</u>: GENERALLY SATISFACTORY, ONLY MINOR LEAKS AT VICTAULIC JOINTS REPORTED ALONG WITH VALVE SUPPORT BAR WELDING & CORROSION.

LINE WALKWAYS: GENERALLY SATISFACTORY WITH ONLY THE HANDRAIL HOOK BOLTS STILL REQUIRING ATTENTION.

THE MAIN SPAN ON THE WHOLE WAS FOUND TO BE IN A SATISFACTORY CONDITION WITH ALL DEFECTS DETAILED AND ENTERED ON THE STRUCTURE REPORT PROGRAMME.

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