

Bridge Owners Forum – BOF20

Tuesday 16th January 2007
King's College, Cambridge

CIRIA - RP721 Iron and Steel bridges Condition Appraisal and Remedial Treatment

The 4th meeting of the Project Steering Group (PSG) was held in CIRIA's offices on Tuesday 31st October 2006. The purpose of the meeting was to receive a progress report from the contractor Gifford WSP (the contractor), comment on the latest draft of the report and to sign-off the document as 'fit for purpose'

The contractor had substantially re-written several Chapters as a result of comments by the PSG, including those on Defects and Deterioration, Remedial Works – Repair, Remedial Works – Strengthening and Replacement, and Protective Systems. Several case studies had been added bringing the total to 11.

The content and style of the report was debated robustly. It was felt that the writing process adopted by the contractor, many authors each contributing a Chapter or less, had produced a document in a mixture of conflicting styles. Graham Tilley had taken on the unenviable task of bringing all of this together in a more coherent style.

Brian Bell had raised an important point of procedure principally that comments and objections raised by the PSG were not being circulated to all members and further, actions completed were not being reported leaving members with the task of checking through the document again to see if their contributions had been acted upon. CIRIA advised that their internal procedures did not require feedback to the PSG but agreed to look at this in the future. As a result Brian Bell was unable to review the report in the time available because of work commitments elsewhere, and the PSG could not sign off the report during the meeting.

It was agreed that the contractor would continue work on the document and release a report for signing off on 15th January 2007. Unfortunately the date has been missed and it is now due on 21st February 2007 with a 3 week period for comments.

John Clarke 12 January 2007