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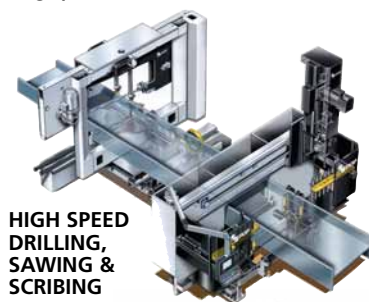
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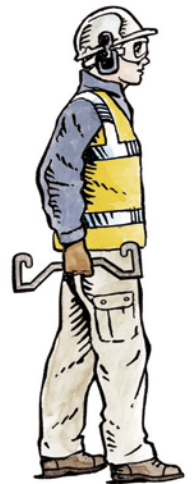
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# Sustainably safe steel



Nick Barrett - Editor

One of the greatest success stories in the constructional steelwork sector has been the consistently improving safety performance over the past ten years, which means that steel construction is now demonstrably one of the safest of construction processes. As you will read in News, concerted efforts to improve safety across the sector have eliminated steelwork's high risk reputation and there were no fatalities at work during 2006.

Constructional steelwork has exceeded the safety performance demanded by the Health and Safety Executive. How has it been done? Changes in working practices have certainly helped, with erectors working mostly from the relative security of mobile access platforms, and fall arrest systems and other safety innovations widely deployed. The BCSA has produced several new health and safety guides with advice that has been taken up across the membership. A full time health and safety specialist has been appointed to advise members.

Members themselves have obviously taken on board the safety message. Several have made significant investments in developing safety equipment and procedures that have been publicised in NSC and elsewhere, and made available to all. Driving the safety message home to operatives has been a priority and regular safety related training has also had an impact on inducing a changed on site attitude to ensuring safety of operatives themselves and of others.

Time and money spent on safety improvements are fully justified in terms of preserving the welfare of people at work, and that will always remain the priority target. There are other benefits to be factored into the equation however. Pre engineering and fabrication off site means that pre planning of on site operations is easier and less likely to cause site hazards. Steelwork is standardised which leads to repetition of site tasks and greater certainty of safe practice. Trial erection is being favoured by clients for some structures, which has knock on safety benefits by establishing best methods of erection.

The safety benefits of steel are available to clients throughout a building's life; for example it is easier to safely modify steelwork during maintenance or refurbishment. When a building has to be demolished a steel frame can easily be dismantled, and can be designed with that in mind. These messages will further strengthen steel's appeal to clients as they increasingly scrutinise the sustainability and safety consequences of choosing alternative construction processes. Steel will increasingly be seen as the sustainable safety solution.

## Sustainability goes forward to school

As well as supporting industry wide efforts via the BCSA, several steelwork contractors have been more than ordinarily proactive in spreading the message that steel is the best construction framing material to meet the world's growing sustainability challenges. Cairnhill Structures for example is to be congratulated for its initiative (see News) in carrying sustainability messages generally into schools.

Fittingly, Cairnhill, the only Scotland based steelwork contractor yet to achieve the BCSA Sustainability Award, is bringing its specially prepared modules to schools in Coatbridge, the centre of the historic Scottish steel industry. Steel production has ceased there, but the former steelworks is to be the centre of a massive regeneration project that will revive the old industrial sites and provide employment and housing to the area.

As well as having developed these training modules for schools Cairnhill, in common with a growing number of other steelwork contractors, has started to measure its own carbon footprint with a view to reducing emissions. Those that have enthusiastically backed the industry's campaign to raise sustainability awareness are to be congratulated. Their efforts will no doubt be noted by environmentally aware clients, which will soon be, if it isn't already, all of them.

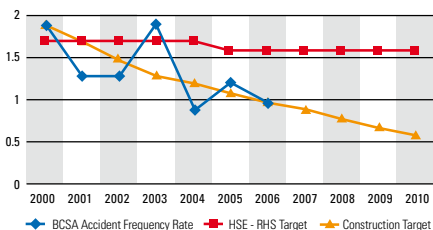
## No fatalities reported for 2006

Statistical data compiled from the BCSA membership for 2006 shows that no fatal injuries were reported for the entire year.

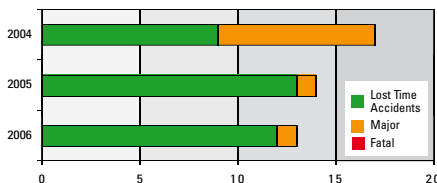
"This is very good news for the steel construction industry," said Pete Walker, BCSA Health & Safety Manager. "By achieving zero fatal injuries we have taken a positive step towards meeting the targets set by the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) and the construction industry as a whole."

The steel construction industry has also seen a significant reduction in the number of accidents resulting from a fall from height, while the number of major injuries for 2006 was also down.

Mr Walker said the Work at Height Regulations, which focussed industry attention on edge protection and greater use of safety netting, has played a significant role in reducing on site accidents. Consequently, incidents involving materi-



BCSA & industry targets.



Fall from a height accidents 2004-06.

als falling from height and causing injuries have been reduced by 64% since 2004.

The BCSA has also used the accident frequency rate which gives the number of injuries an average steel construction industry employee can expect in a working lifetime.

"Our information shows we are achieving even fewer accidents than the construction industry target set by the HSE in 2006," said Mr Walker.

Measuring and monitoring accidents in the steel construction industry has been carried out annually by the BCSA since 2004.

Dr Derek Tordoff, BCSA Director General, said: "Our industry was once classed as high risk, but over the past ten years there has been a concerted safety improvement programme in the industry, helped with new health and safety guides developed by BCSA. The accident data being collected from our membership shows that steel construction is now one of the safest construction processes."

## Management buyout at Barrett Steel Buildings



Left to right: Stephen Griffiths of Lupton Fawcett; Will Arnold of McInnes Corporate Finance; John Brennan; Sue Sharples; David Newbould and Richard Beesley.

The senior management at Barrett Steel Buildings have purchased the company for an undisclosed sum.

New majority shareholders John Brennan and Sue Sharples will act as joint Managing Directors with Ms Sharples retaining her responsibilities for the company's finances.

Richard Beesley, previously Design Director, replaces John Brennan as Technical Director and David Newbould remains as Contracts Director.

Richard Nicholls has been promoted to the board in the role of Production Director.

Commenting on the buyout Ms Sharples, said: "The selling shareholders, who were also directors of Barrett Steel Ltd - the national steel

stockholding group - were keen to transfer the business to the current management team and we are delighted to say we have their full support."

John Brennan added: "We remain optimistic that construction activity will continue to grow, boosted by work for the 2012 Olympics."

Former major shareholder Richard Barrett becomes Non Executive Chairman of the Barrett Steel Buildings' new holding company for a period of two years to aid the smooth transition of the business to its new ownership.

The management team was advised by teams from McInnes Corporate Finance, Lupton Fawcett and PKF. The deal was financed by the Bank of Scotland.

## Steel fortress of science nearing completion

More than 25,000t of steel is being used to construct the £140M ISIS Target Station 2 at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in Didcot, Oxfordshire.

Contained inside a steel-framed structure, which was erected by Severfield-Reeve, the scientific facility will house a proton beam which will be fired down a 140m-long tunnel to a tungsten target, which then creates neutrons to be used in experiments.

Approximately 20,500t of steel slab surrounds the beam's tunnel and the target as a protection against radiation.

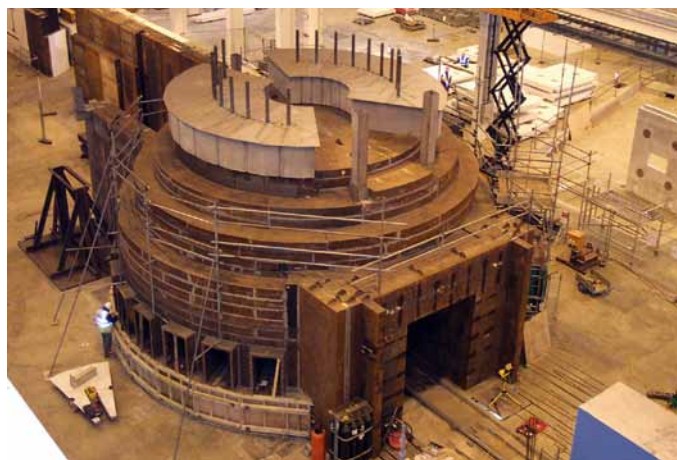
The structure which houses the target is called the monolith and it is 7.5m high with a diameter of 12m. The

walls are a combination of 4m thick steel encased in 1m of concrete, while below ground there is a further 1,000t of steel to shield ground water from radiation.

Jonathan Carkeet, ISIS Installation Manager, said because of the strength required in the structure, the frame has twice the amount of steel - 2,000t in total - required for a normal building.

"The ISIS building has a floor loading of 50t per square metre, this is unique and reflects the amount of steel used in the installation, particularly the monolith."

Most of the internal steel has been engineered, supplied, fabricated and installed by Corus Northern



Engineering Services (CNES). For the tunnel and monolith it has installed slabs made from low manganese, low cobalt steel in order to mitigate radiation problems.

To protect the target alone CNES has installed a complex jigsaw of steel slabs which measure 12m wide

by 7m high.

Dave Gallagher, CNES Project Manager, said: "This is an enormously complicated structure."

"The pieces will fit together, like a giant 3D jigsaw so that the beam is prevented from penetrating the steel slab walls."



## New Director of the SCI

Dr Graham Couchman has been appointed to succeed Dr Graham Owens as Director of the Steel Construction Institute (SCI), Martin Manning, Chairman of Council, announced on 13th August. He will join the SCI as Director-elect on 17th September and will take over as Director at the Council Meeting on 15th November.

Graham Couchman has twenty three years experience in design, construction and research in steel and composite structures in the UK and Europe. He is a fluent French speaker. He already has close associations with the SCI, having previously worked there from 1995 to 2004. He has spent the last three years as a Divisional Director at BRE.

In making the announcement, Martin Manning, Chairman of SCI Council, said: "We are very pleased to have found such an able new man

to lead the SCI as it continues to serve steel construction in a fast changing world". Graham Owens, the retiring Director, said: "I am immensely proud of the achievements and the international reputation for excellence that the SCI has gained in the first twenty two years of its existence. I am confident that Graham will build on this foundation very effectively.

Graham Couchman said: "I look forward to the opportunity to help steel construction meet its future challenges, in particular the need to provide still better client value and greater sustainability in steel construction, both in the UK and overseas. My time at BRE has enabled me to develop knowledge and relationships that will help SCI take a more holistic approach to construction through both formal and informal partnerships. I am very excited at the prospect."



Left to right: Graham Couchman, Graham Owens.

## New national annex drafted by SCI

National Annex to EN 1993-1-3, the section of Eurocode 3 that deals with cold formed members and sheeting, is currently being drafted by SCI.

The work, which received funding from Corus Strip Products (UK), was the result of extensive background research and an in-depth comparison between the Eurocode and the British Standards

that it will replace.

Dr Martin Heywood, Manager of Construction Technology at SCI, said: "The drafting process began with an inaugural meeting of the industry steering group in May, at which the focus of the forthcoming technical work was agreed."

Also at the meeting a timetable of publication was agreed and it is

hoped a first draft will be complete this month (September), to allow publication early in 2008.

"This is good news for both specifiers and manufacturers of light gauge steel sections and building systems, as the National Annex will include several essential provisions for UK practice," said Dr Heywood.

The Annex will include an

expanded list of allowable steel grades and conversion factors to allow the use of existing structural test results.

Dr Heywood added: "The importance of the document is reflected in the enthusiastic support from the industry, including offers of financial support, for which SCI is naturally grateful."

## Safety first for new school

Conder Structures is currently erecting more than 600t of structural steelwork for the £20M PFI financed Portland Community Comprehensive school.

Located in the Nottinghamshire town of Worksop, the school is E-shaped in plan, with the three arms typically 102m long x 20m wide, while the connected main building measures 97m x 17m.

The structure is predominantly two levels high and will include 112 classrooms, a 36m x 16m assembly hall, an 18m x 32m sports hall and a multi-purpose gymnasium.

During construction Conder has also supplied and installed more than 1,620m of its edge-protection system.

Jason Hensman, Conder Managing Director, said: "Our edge protection, supplied in conjunction with SGB, is the preferred solution for these low rise, extended structures and will be in place for 20 weeks of this project before the building is made weather tight."

The project is on schedule for handover to the school authorities on 26 November 2007.



**Construction News**

12 July 2007

**Barrett pushes the positives for steel domination**

From an interview with Richard Barrett, Managing Director of Barrett Steel Buildings – The sustainability agenda is a particular favourite of mine. Steel has a hugely positive sustainability message to tell. Structural steel can be reused or recycled without any loss of performance.

**Building**

20 July 2007

**Ohio silver**

Akron's classical brick art museum has been spectacularly extended with a glazed entrance hall, rectangular gallery and a (steel) roof resembling three aircraft wings.

**The Structural Engineer**

17 July 2007

**Winter garden roof challenge**

Because of the complex grid pattern and the number of curvatures in the roof structure's form, all of the 1623 nodes are a different size, and likewise all of the 5000 steel members.

**Contract Journal**

25 July 2007

**Aesthetics and sustainability boost steel**

Steel remains the leading choice even when direct costs are considered. Once speed of erection, flexibility, predictability of project completion and all the sustainability benefits are factored in, it is no surprise that steel is achieving record market shares.

**Contract Journal**

25 July 2007

**Steel distribution goes high-tech**

To allow this high-tech, computer-aided stacking equipment to operate correctly, an extremely rigid structure had to be guaranteed. As well as a maximum 17,000t of stock within the steel structure, an infinite array of possible load combinations had to be taken into account.

## Steel's sustainability message goes to school

Cairnhill Structures has become one of the first UK contractors to actively take the increasingly important message of environmental sustainability into schools.

Coatbridge-based steelwork contractor Cairnhill has developed some bespoke sustainability modules which explain the vital connections between industry and the finite resources of the natural world.

The educational resource which contains training packs designed to

engender greater understanding of sustainability, is being introduced at St Patrick's School in Coatbridge, a historic steel-producing area, and could be rolled out in other schools in the region.

Jack Sanderson, Cairnhill's Managing Director, said: "Sustainability is the way forward for the industry. It not only makes good business sense, but it helps to preserve scarce resources for future generations."

"As a company which is committed to our community and our environment, we are delighted to be able to take part in this schools initiative and look forward to contributing to the understanding of sustainability."

Cairnhill has set itself, and met, stringent sustainability targets over the past two years, resulting in it becoming the only structural steel works in Scotland to receive the BCSA's Sustainability Award.



The redevelopment of 52 Huntington Street, London N1, known as the Zinc House, was the winner of the 15th annual Hot Dip Galvanizing Awards, held recently in London.

The project took a typical Victorian house and converted it into a modern family home with an additional floor and a dramatic new street façade in milk glass, zinc and galvanized steel.

Designed by Heat Architects, the judging panel said the project makes a dramatic statement in an otherwise undistinguished street of post war houses.

Four projects received Highly Commended Awards: Princess Park Stadium, Dartford; Pinions Barn, Buckinghamshire; Craw Road, Paisley and Benyon Wharf, Hoxton.



One of the largest retail developments to be constructed in Edinburgh in the past ten years is under way close to Murrayfield, Scotland's national Rugby Union stadium.

Atlas Ward Structures, working on behalf of main contractor Bowmer & Kirkland and developer Forrest Developments, is fabricating, supplying and erecting 600t of structural steelwork for a Sainsbury's superstore and adjacent non-food retail units on the city's Westfield Road.

The predominantly two-storey development will offer approximately 32,000m<sup>2</sup> of floorspace, while outside there will be 350 car parking spaces.

Neil Hall, Atlas Ward Project Manager, said: "The job required long spans and architectural roof steelwork.

"As a feature element we've used SHS lattice work trusses instead of traditional rafters, as they will be visible once the project is completed, some of them are up to 26m long."



The majority of the retail development will be clad in a feature load-bearing material called Tremo which required Atlas Ward to undertake additional fabrication to the columns.

"These steel members are more complex than we would normally use due to the quantity of welded angle plates required to support this cladding," explained Mr Hall.

Steel erection for the project was completed in August and the scheme is set to open in November.



## BCSA advises membership on column splices

A number of BCSA members have noted that some CDM coordinators have been asking for column splices to be placed at waist height, or approximately 1,200mm above floor level, to assist with the manual handling of pneumatic wrenches and other equipment.

However, placing the splice towards the middle of the column will result in additional buckling forces which must be taken in to account at the design stage.

Dr David Moore, BCSA Director of Engineering, said: "The standard splice connection details given in the publication '*Joints in Steel Construction - Simple Connections*' can only be used where a splice is located no more than 500mm above floor level.

"It should also be noted that these standard details are only applicable where manufacturing procedures are such that full contact in the bearing is achieved at the splice."

Dr Moore also advised that if a splice is located further up the column, moment due to strut action needs to be considered and the designer must therefore revert to the design procedures given in '*Joints in Steel Construction - Moment Connection*.'

Advisory Desk note AD 243 'Splices within Unrestricted Length' gives further information on the design of unrestrained column splices.

## Intelligent solution wins at a canter



In order to improve spectator sight lines at Ascot Racecourse the steppings have been re-profiled by Intelligent Engineering using Sandwich Plate System (SPS) terraces.

Michael Kennedy, CEO of Intelligent Engineering, said this is the first use of SPS terraces in the UK. "This is a major step in the commercialisation of the product in the construction market."

More than 3,200m<sup>2</sup> of SPS was used on the project of which 2,600m<sup>2</sup> was continuous standing terracing in 10.5m spans supported on steel rakers. The light-weight of the terracing allowed them to be built on top of existing structure without the need for any removal.

Mr Kennedy said the SPS units are a steel elastomer composite developed for structural engineering and 75% lighter than traditional concrete terraces.

## Skanska to build new City landmark



Work has begun on The Walbrook building, a new office and retail development in the City of London. When complete, the building will provide a gross area of 55,000m<sup>2</sup> of lettable floor space.

Working on behalf of property and development company Minerva,

Skanska has begun demolishing existing structures on the 1.6 acre site, which boasts a 50m-long frontage on Cannon Street, one of the City's main arteries. More than 5,000t of structural steelwork will be erected next year and the building is scheduled for completion in late 2009.

**Cooper and Turner** has become the UK's first manufacturer to gain CE approval for BS EN 14399 for high strength structural bolting assemblies for pre-loading. The European standard takes effect on 1 October and from this date all products in the UK must meet the regulations requirements.

**Metsec** was a finalist in the Employer of the Year Award 2007 at the recently held Apprenticeship Awards. Held annually by the Learning and Skills Council, the Awards are in their fourth year, and recognise and reward employers using apprenticeships to tackle skills shortages.

**Lindapter** has expanded its range of steelwork clamps for connecting structural steel sections in frictional load configurations, with a high performance M24 bolt version. The new bolt will securely connect channel, angle and I-beam secondary steelwork without drilling or welding, which reduces construction time and costs. A pair of M24 Type AF bolts is guaranteed to handle large frictional loads of up to 35 kN SWL (safe working load, with a 5:1 factor of safety).

The **BCSA** has organised a Design Appreciation Course for Technicians at the Cedar Court Hotel, Huddersfield on 22 October. The fee is £150 + VAT for members and £180 + VAT to non BCSA members. Also, on 27 November, the BCSA is running a Steelwork Contractor Designer Course at the same venue for the same fee. To book a place contact email: david.moore@steelconstruction.org

Bob Harrison has stepped down as Managing Director of **Glentworth Fabrications** and has been replaced by Brian Mosey and Martin Hignell who are now joint Managing Directors. Mr Harrison remains Chairman of the Glentworth Group.

## Construction Act consultation

A second consultation on the review of the 'Construction Act' (Part II of the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996) was launched at the end of June by the Department for Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (BERR), formerly the Department of Trade and Industry.

This is the latest development in the long running saga that started with the Budget in March 2004. Marion Rich, BCSA Director of Legal and Contractual Affairs, explained: "At the government's request, industry

produced two reports on the reforms required to the adjudication and payment provisions of the Construction Act. Government consulted on initial proposals back in 2005 and has now produced firmer proposals. The consultation ends on 17 September and the industry has been told that there is no scope for extensions to this deadline."

Mrs Rich said BERR's proposals are sadly much reduced from those initially suggested by the industry.

"The good news is that govern-

ment has listened to the industry and is proposing to abolish the necessity for construction contracts to be fully in writing for the Construction Act to apply at all," she said. "It has, however, rowed back on its previous promises to get rid of the abusive practice whereby the referring party has to pay all the parties' costs of the adjudication, no matter what the outcome. It is now proposing to allow agreements to this effect to stand, provided they are made after the appointment of the adjudicator."

BERR has accepted that there is a problem to be addressed regarding payments, but its proposals are complex and seem set to retain the current anomalous situation whereby the paying party decides how much is to be paid to the party who has done the work. Mrs Rich said: "This is contrary to the universal practice of other industries."

The consultation document can be found on BERR's website at [www.dti.gov.uk/consultations/39924.html](http://www.dti.gov.uk/consultations/39924.html)

## Complex steelwork will require two phase approach



Work has commenced on the £7.8M Market Gates Shopping Centre project in Great Yarmouth.

Main contractor ISG Jackson is enlarging an existing shopping complex with a new four-storey 6,000m<sup>2</sup> steel-framed extension. This will be constructed over a bus station terminus and a three lane main road.

Ian Burchnall, Contracts Manager for steelwork contractor D.A Green & Sons, said to minimise potential disruption to the public the steel will be erected in two main phases.

"We will initially start erecting in October, for an eight week period, and complete the first phase over one lane of the road. Then once this road has been reinstated we'll complete the steelwork over the

other two lanes during a second phase beginning in February next year."

This second phase will require D.A Green to work alternate day and night shifts to minimise traffic disruption.

Approximately 700t of structural steelwork will be erected, with some of the largest members - 20m-long plate girders weighing 20t each - spanning roads.

"The challenging site conditions demand a robust and highly detailed programme of works. Allied to a restricted and busy site, we are working above a road and need to deliver a phased project to meet the specific requirements of retailers," said Chris Harrall, Director of ISG Jackson's Commercial Division.

## Severfield-Rowen buys into Irish market

Action Merchants (AML), the holding company of Northern Ireland-based constructional steelwork firm Fisher Engineering has been acquired by Severfield-Rowen.

A total consideration of approximately £90M has been agreed upon, of which £36.6M will be satisfied by the issue of 1,750,000 new shares, with the balance in cash.

Peter Levine, Severfield-Rowen Chairman, commented: "With its strong client base, robust order book and focus on good quality business, Fisher is an excellent fit."

The Fisher acquisition will extend Severfield-Rowen's leading market position in the UK as well

as giving it a stronger presence in the growing Irish steel construction market.

"We have known Severfield for many years as a respected competitor and now look forward to working with them going forward," said Fisher's Joint Managing Directors, Ian Cochrane and Ernie Fisher.

In a separate deal, Severfield-Rowen has also agreed to acquire Dalton Airfield Estate which owns the long leasehold title to the Group's headquarters and the freehold title to a little over half of Severfield-Reeve Structures' fabrication facility.

## Northern Rock banks on steel



A new office development for high street banking organisation Northern Rock is under construction on a new business park being developed by the City of Sunderland Council.

The steel-framed four-storey building is located on the Rainton Bridge South Business Park and will consist of 40,000m<sup>2</sup> of floorspace.

Caunton Engineering, working on behalf of main contractor Bowmer & Kirkland, will fabricate, supply and erect more than 1,100t of structural steelwork for the project.





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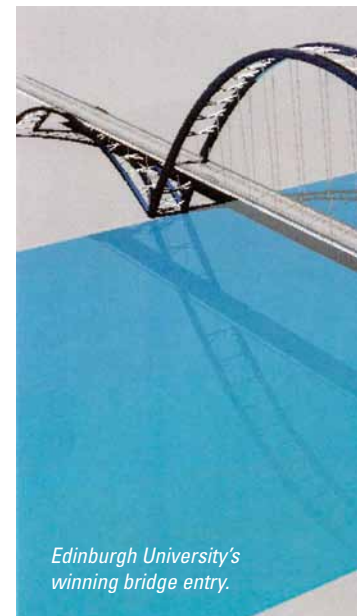
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## Design Awards



South Bank University's winning structures entry.



Edinburgh University's winning bridge entry.

# Corus Undergraduate Design Awards

*This year's competition required students to either design a lifeboat launching station or a twin-track railway bridge over a major river.*



**STRUCTURES:** Pictured left to right with students: Alistair Hughes (Chair of Structures judging panel), Dr Stephen Vary (Southbank University) and far right Colin Smart (Corus)



**BRIDGES:** Pictured with winning students left to right: Chairman of Bridges judges Barry Mawson, Dr Tim Stafford (University of Edinburgh) and far right Chris Dolling (Corus)

The winners of this year's Corus Undergraduate Design Awards, which was held at Arsenal FC's Emirates Stadium in London on 13 July, were London South Bank University and the University of Edinburgh.

The national awards were divided into two categories. The first - Structural Steelwork - challenged students to design a lifeboat launching station, while the second category - Steel Bridge Design - required them to come up with a solution for a twin-track railway bridge crossing a major river.

For the Structural Steelwork category the outline brief instructed students that at a very substantial financial bequest, the RNLI is to construct a new slipway launched lifeboat station. The client demands a departure from traditional appearance and the structure is to be located in an area of outstanding natural beauty. The functional requirements for housing, launching and recovery of the lifeboat had to be met.

The brief for the Steel Bridge Design category stipulated that as part of the new infrastructure required for the 2012 Olympic Games, a new light railway is planned. Entrants have been retained as a consultant to carry out the feasibility study for a new bridge and the client seeks a cost-effective and elegant structure. More than 40 teams entered the competition, reflecting the work of students from 16 UK universities.

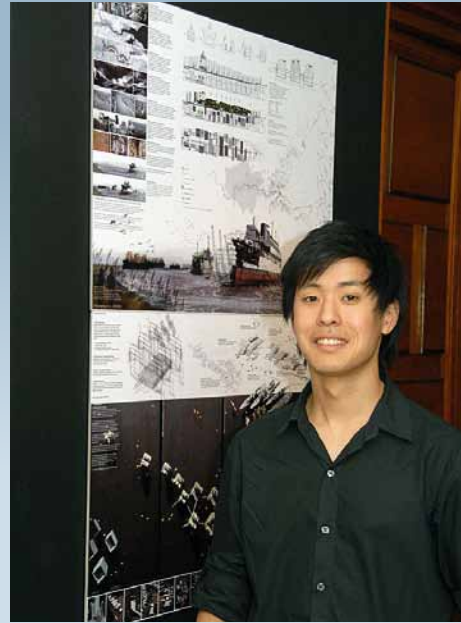
Martin Reynolds, David Searle, Tony Denby and Tim Myoe Oe from London South Bank University took the first prize in the Structural Steelwork category, while Jonathan Narro, Rebecca Churnside, Gregor Sleight, Charley Philips, Ruairidh Mackay from the University of Edinburgh won the Steel Bridge design category.

Second and third prizes were also awarded in each category, with winners sharing a total prize fund of £5,000.

David Brown, Steel Construction Institute (SCI) Deputy Director and an Undergraduate Design Awards judging panel member, said: "This years competi-

***"The two design briefs gave students enough scope to show their creative side and we certainly were not disappointed."***





**Figure 10.10** Construction of a bridge using a temporary construction pylon.

The figure illustrates the construction of a bridge using a temporary construction pylon. It consists of three stages:

- (a) Temporary pylon construction:** A temporary pylon is erected in the center of the main span. The bridge deck is supported by the temporary pylon and the main pylon.
- (b) Temporary pylon removal:** The temporary pylon is removed, and the bridge deck is supported by the main pylon and the side pylon.
- (c) Final bridge completion:** The bridge is completed with the main pylon and side pylon.

The bridge has a main span of 2400m and two side spans of 1200m.

tion received an unprecedented level of interest and the judges were impressed by the general high standard of entries. The two design briefs gave students enough scope to show their creative side and we certainly were not disappointed. All of the successful teams demonstrated their design skills in an innovative and effective way - painting a positive picture for the future of structural engineering."

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Climate change and its effect on rising sea levels was this year's competition theme. Students were tasked with designing a creative housing solution, using steel, which will benefit a community living in an area either threatened by unpredictable water levels or permanently on water.

Second prize was awarded to a team from the Warsaw University of Technology in Poland, with joint third prize going to four other undergraduate teams and individuals. Winners share a total prize fund of £5,000 and their entries will be on display at RIBA, alongside an exhibition of other work.

Brian Avery, Design Director of Avery Associates and a CASA judging panel member, commented: "The standard of entries was exceptional. All of the winners showed not only a huge commitment to the challenge of climate change, but



also a quality of architectural thought and presentation that was truly inspirational."

Meanwhile, Steve Thompson, Senior Architect at Corus and fellow CASA judging panel member, added: "The CASA awards is a celebration of excellence in architecture, rewarding talent and encouraging

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# Retail development aids seaside regeneration

*A new retail complex, on the site of an old amusement park, forms one of the initial phases of Morecambe seafront's regeneration.*

Most residents and visitors to Morecambe will agree that the Lancashire seaside resort has seen better days. It's a long time since the pre-war heyday and today the town's promenade and surrounding environs show distinct signs of wear and tear as the once full lodging houses and tearooms are under used.

The problems facing Morecambe are by no means unique, as the advent in the 1970s of cheap overseas holidays affected all of the UK's traditional holiday destinations.

However, in the last couple of years the local authority has begun a large regeneration scheme aimed at bringing new life into the seafront area of the town. Running in conjunction with this plan is a project on the large site once occupied by Morecambe's famous Frontierland amusement park.

This plot of land on Central Drive, adjacent to the Morecambe railway station, is now partly owned by Morrisons Supermarkets and the company initially opened a large supermarket on the site in the early 1990s. Since then the amusement park has closed and Morrisons acquired a much larger piece of the land.

The supermarket covers approximately half of the company's current site and the remainder is now

being built on to form the Morrisons Retail Outlet. This will comprise three large superstore units which have already been leased to three leading retailers.

Known as Units A, B and C, the former is a stand-alone store leased to JJB Sports, while Units B and C are conjoined and will be occupied by Homebase and Next respectively.

All of the structures are steel-framed buildings

***"Each unit has a bespoke design for the tenant."***

standing on deep piled foundations. Adrian Veitch, Construction Manager for main contractor Ham Construction, explains that the site's substrata is very unpredictable.

"Once the fairground was

demolished the site was surveyed and we discovered that in many areas there is sand up to 6m deep above a layer of clay, this meant piled foundations were needed."

However, prior to any piling work the previously sloping site had to be levelled and this involved a huge earthmoving operation which was conducted towards the end of 2006.

"The piling is very irregular as the sand varies in depth," adds Mr Veitch. "The survey indicated that some 12m deep piles would be needed for the

## FACT FILE

**Morrisons Retail Park, Morecambe**  
**Main Client:** Morrisons Supermarkets  
**Architect:** Bowman Riley  
**Structural engineer:** BSCP  
**Main contractor:** Ham Construction  
**Steelwork contractor:** Bone Steel  
**Steel tonnage:** 450t







*Above: Each column throughout the project rests on at least three piles.*

*Above right: The clients wanted column free areas with wide spans.*



*Above: Prior to erecting the structures a large earthmoving project was undertaken, this required 600,000m<sup>2</sup> of overburden to be excavated.*

entrance area of Unit A, while areas of Units B and C required mostly 6m deep piles."

Baxter Ireland, BSCP Director, says the project has been designed around the retail client's requirements, which predominantly revolves around open column-free areas.

"Each unit has a bespoke design for the tenant," he adds. "Although we very much have a traditional retail scheme the design incorporates a stick and beam construction with cellform members instead of a portal frame."

Mr Ireland adds that a portal frame design was looked at for the entire project but wasn't used as the tenants wanted flush walls.

"They wanted flush walls internally and externally, for their feature cladding, so we reduced the column sizes to 203 sections and this meant a stick and beam approach."

Unit A is very nearly a 50m x 50m square in plan and will also feature a mezzanine floor within its 15m maximum height.

For this structure steelwork contractor Bone Steel predominantly erected 254 x 254 x 73UC sections with 203 x 203 x 46UC's for the perimeter members.

"As it is all stick and rafter construction, the steelwork has gone up quickly and proven to be very economical," comments Jaime Greenock, Project Manager for Bone Steel. "Morrisons, who we have done a lot of work for, prefers the speed of construction you get with steel."

Bone commenced steel erection in June and Unit A was the first part of the project. Mr Greenock says the biggest challenge was the fact that all lifting had to be done from outside of this building.

"On the ground floor Ham had already excavated a large pit which will eventually be turned into a swimming pool and we had to erect the

steelwork around it," he says. "This meant using a larger capacity mobile than we'd ordinarily use, so we could get the required reach."

Above the ground floor and swimming pool Bone has erected a mezzanine level which covers the entire structure's footprint. Above this a haunched roof was erected with 15m high valley columns and 25m wide spans either side. The roof was formed with 762 x 210 x 92UB members together with CHS sections for a feature overhang which goes around all four sides of the building.

"There were some dynamic loading issues for Unit A's first floor as it will incorporate a dance studio," says Mr Ireland. "But this wasn't difficult to incorporate into the overall steel design."

Once Unit A was erected, Bone simultaneously constructed Units B and C during July. These two connected structures each measure (B) 50m x 45m and 38m x 25m (C) respectively.

***"Morrisons prefers the speed of construction you get with steel."***

"The two units are basically one large portal frame structure with a dividing wall," explains Mr Greenock. "The client wanted large column free spaces for

these superstores, so each building has large spans with single columns down a central valley line.

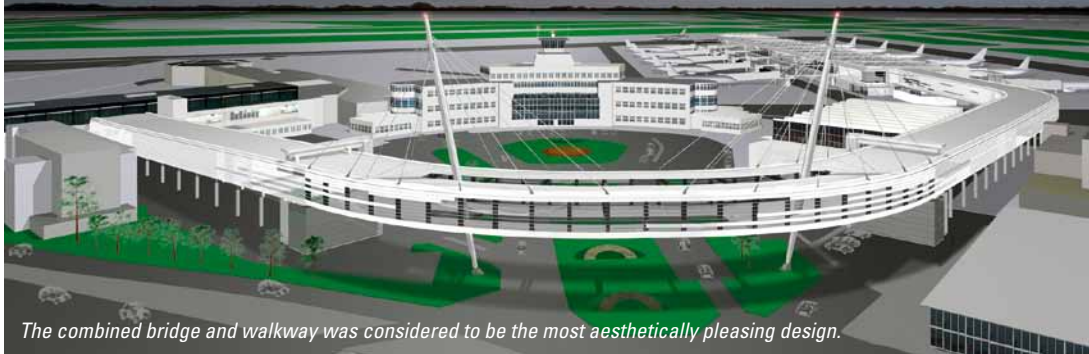
Both of these structures are single storey buildings, with B featuring two 18m wide spans and C having two 12m spans. Bone erected 254 x 254 x 73 and 203 x 203 x 46 UC sections spaced at 5m intervals.

"Unit B slightly varies as it contains a small mezzanine which covers approximately 200m<sup>2</sup> in one corner," sums up Mr Greenock.

The Morrisons Retail Outlet is scheduled to open at the end of the year.



# Bridging the airport link



The combined bridge and walkway was considered to be the most aesthetically pleasing design.

*An eye-catching steel walkway and bridge has recently been erected at Dublin Airport as part of the on-going expansion project. Martin Cooper reports.*

Dublin's international airport is currently in the midst of a large-scale transformation which includes the construction of the new 15,000m<sup>2</sup> Pier D that will be operational this autumn. It will provide significant extra space with 12 new boarding gates capable of handling 10 million passengers per year.

The steel-framed stand-alone pier is linked into the existing terminal by a new 350m-long combined suspension bridge and elevated walkway that curves around Dublin Airport's old terminal building. This historic building now houses the Dublin Airport Authority head office and a number of aircraft boarding gates.

The two-way elevated pedestrian link is 12m wide and will contain 8 travelators, four for each direction.

Constructing such a long structure at a busy airport presented the team with a number of unique challenges. Colin Potts, Project Leader for main

***"Once an 85m-long clear span was decided on it could only be achieved with structural steel."***

contractor Laing O'Rourke, comments: "The link is both landside and airside and there is a high security

fence that had to be negotiated, meaning the link is two completely separate sites."

"All materials delivered to site, as well as all construction activity associated with the project had to be approved by the airport security and fire service."

Laing O'Rourke is the main contractor for the entire Pier D project which includes the elevated passenger link. It has employed two different steelwork contractors for the scheme; Watson Steel erected Pier D's steel frame, and locally based SIAC Butlers Steel is doing the link.

The majority of Pier D's frame had already been completed by the time SIAC Butlers started its on-

site steel erection work last November.

Pat Egan, SIAC Butlers Contracts Director, says even though the link's steel frame wasn't erected until November, the design and detailing work got under way in July. Working with PM Group, SIAC had two designs worked out for the airport link.

Pat Lonergan, Project Manager for PM Group, says the present design was chosen because it was more acceptable to the planning authority, and it afforded unimpeded views of the old terminal building. "This design was also considered to be more aesthetically pleasing."

Once the plan had been decided on steelwork fabrication was immediately started at SIAC's Portlington facility, which is approximately 40 miles from the site. "Steel was the only way to go," adds Mr Lonergan. "Once an 85m-long clear span was decided on it could only be achieved with structural steel."

The work was divided into two main areas, the walkway construction and the bridge works, which both ran in tandem. Building the northern walkway, which connects into Pier D was then divided into two further work teams, as this section of the link crosses into the airside security zone.

"The dividing line between airside and landside was fairly fluid, but required detailed planning, communication and police attendance," says Mr Egan. "Once the walkway sections were being lifted into place we were permitted to move a barrier back and forth to allow the job to be done from one side or the other."

Before SIAC came on site the walkway's 22 pairs of concrete pillars had already been cast and this allowed steel erection to begin straightaway. Each pillar has a steel butt plate cast into the top which then connects to a steel runner that ties the two pillars together.

According to Mr Egan, the walkway construction was then fairly straightforward and involved using







*Above: The curved bridge was assembled in five sections.*

*Left: Each mast was lowered through a hole in the bridge and then into its foundation footing.*

#### FACT FILE

**New pedestrian link corridor,  
Dublin Airport**

**Main client:**

Dublin Airport Authority

**Project managers:** PM Group

**Architect:**

Skidmore Owings & Merrill

**Structural engineer:**

Capita Symonds/PM Group

**Main contractor:** Laing O'Rourke

**Steelwork contractor:**

SIAC Butlers Steel

**Steel tonnage:** 1,350t

*Left: Temporary supports were not dismantled until the bridge's two masts and cable stays were installed.*

*Below: The bridge affords unimpeded access to the old terminal building.*



one 150t capacity mobile crane to lift the pre-assembled walkway sections into place.

"We then infilled these main box column and beam sections once they were welded into position," adds Mr Egan.

The southern walkway is a straight structure connecting the bridge to the existing terminal and has a 2.5m clearance at the terminus end, rising to 7m at the other end. The northern walkway, which is approximately 150m long, has a 45-degree right bend so it can go around an existing airport building.

However, the most challenging part of the project was the centrepiece suspension bridge which connects the two walkways. "This is a very complicated structure as it's curved in plan and elevation, giving rise to a challenging design, fabrication and erection sequence," says Mr Egan.

"Although the bridge only accounts for 85m of the link's overall length, it required 530t of structural steel to construct it, which is about 40% of the total tonnage for about 25% of the overall length," adds SIAC Butlers Project Manager Harry Johnston.

Erecting the bridge required SIAC to install temporary supports which would keep the bridge in position until its two supporting masts and attached cable stays were in installed.

The positions of the temporary trestles onto pilecaps were pre-determined by Capita Symonds to allow for future maintenance of the bridge end bearings by relieving the cable supports of their loads.

"The bridge was built in five sections, the heaviest weighing approximately 130t. These were assembled on the ground and then lifted into

position by a 350t capacity mobile crane," explains Mr Egan.

Because of the curvature of the suspension bridge 50mm butt welds were required between each of the five sections, while at either end movement joints connect the bridge to the walkway.

Once each bridge section, containing all the main vertical columns and horizontal beams, was on its temporary supports, the infilling steelwork was then erected. Mr Egan estimates that each bridge section took approximately one week to fully construct.

"Erecting the bridge was a tricky procedure but we were confident it would all fit perfectly as we'd already done a trial erection at our facility," adds Mr Johnston.

Everyone involved in the project agrees that the most logistically challenging part of the steelwork job was the positioning of the two masts, particularly as this was all done in a busy airport environment.

The masts are each 35m long and slightly tapered at one end, giving them a slight cigar appearance. They were imported from the UK and delivered to site as complete items.

Lifting each 26t mast into position required a number of temporary cables and supports to be attached to the unit, so it could be lifted off the ground and lowered through a hole in the bridge into its foundation footing.

"What made the whole procedure difficult is the fact that the supporting masts are positioned at an angle and so they had to be lowered into position at that angle," explains Mr Egan.

After the masts were bolted down the supporting stays were connected, 12 for each mast. Once all of this was complete, the bridge's entire temporary works was dismantled.

The pedestrian link is scheduled to be handed-over to the Dublin Airport Authority this October.





## Rigid frame ensures high-tech distribution

There aren't many steel structures in the world that have been designed and constructed to such tight tolerances and complete structural rigidity as the Automated Distribution Centre (ADC) which will shortly be fully operational at the Corus Scunthorpe works.

This fully automated warehouse, which is 159m long, 25,7m wide and is just over 30m high, will eventually store up to 17,000t of steel sections completely under cover and protected from the elements.

Four computer-operated cranes - one for each of the ADC's aisles and operating at speeds of up to 3m per second - will place and retrieve steel bundles, weighing up to 6t, from 24 stacking levels and load them onto trucks.

To allow this high-tech computer aided stacking equipment to operate correctly an extremely rigid structure had to be guaranteed. As well as a maximum 17,000t of stock held within the structure,

***"We needed extreme rigidity without the risk of differential settlement and steel bearing piles was the solution."***

an infinite array of possible load combinations also had to be taken into account when deciding on which type of

Above: Each of the ADC's steel prongs were individually surveyed during installation to ensure exact positioning.



More than 17,000m<sup>2</sup> of single skin steel cladding covers the ADC.



## Computerised Stacking

Once steel has been conveyed into the ADC from the adjacent mill, automated computer technology will take over. So sophisticated is the technology running the ADC that no staff will be needed inside the building during normal working hours.

Four computer-driven cranes manufactured by Swiss-based CTI, each weighing 72t and formed by a 33m x 28m frame, will distribute the steel bundles coming into and going out of the ADC.

Computer software, driving the cranes, will decide where every bundle of steel sections should be stored in the ADC, and will be able to retrieve it as and when required.

The steel's availability is so critical to continued secure operation that two systems, on computers at different

locations, will operate in conjunction to guard against potential failure.

The software will generate a label for every bundle and then weigh and measure it, before deciding on an optimum position within the ADC to store it.

"Measuring to such a degree of accuracy means we can work with the building's design, which is intended to make the most effective use of the available space inside," says Les Jackson, Project Engineer for CNES Projects and Technology.

The warehouse software will also be able to do housekeeping. If there's a need to store bundles quickly, the software will put each of them in the first available space. Later, when in-put slows down, it will redistribute the stock to better locations.

### FACT FILE

Automated Distribution Centre, Corus Scunthorpe

**Client:** Corus

**Structural engineer:**

Corus Northern Engineering Services

**Steelwork contractor:**

Billington Structures

**Piling and concrete contractor:** Clugston

**Steel tonnage:** 4,350t

foundation would best suit the structure.

"We originally thought about a concrete raft for the foundations, but after a survey of the site we knew it couldn't adequately support the building," explains Corus Northern Engineering Services (CNES) Senior Project Engineer Ian Clayton. "We needed extreme rigidity without the risk of differential settlement and steel bearing piles was the only solution."

Piling contractor Clugston installed a total of 316 x 25m-long steel bearing piles, one for each of the ADC's columns on a 3m x 6m grid pattern. Once the piles had been installed each one had a steel plate welded to the top, followed by a concrete pile cap with holding down bolts cast in to accept the steel columns. All of this was done as the surrounding concrete slab was cast and once this was complete all the bolts were individually surveyed to ensure their exact positioning before being grouted into place.

This part of the project was the key to getting the entire structure right, says Brian Turton, Senior Project Manager for steelwork contractor Billington Structures.

"We got involved early on in the construction process and together with CNES we recommended that all the bolts were surveyed to ensure their exactness and this would guarantee the columns

would be going up in the right position."

The structure is working to some exact tolerances and a slight deviation at the bottom of the column would mean a seriously out of line steel member nearer the top of the structure, preventing the stacking cranes working.

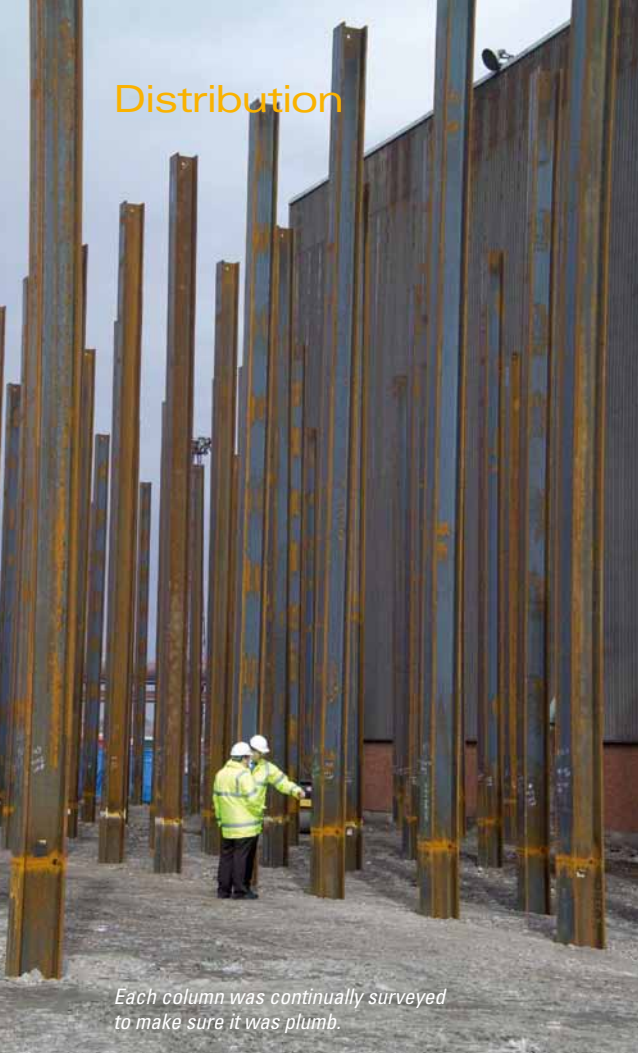
Once the bolts were set Billington began erecting the 4,350t of structural steelwork for the ADC's main frame. The columns were formed from Corus Advance 914 UKB sections and erected in two spliced 15m-long sections, to give the overall height of the building. There are five lines of columns and this required two 50t capacity mobile cranes to work at either end of the building, while cherry pickers were positioned in the bays.

As the frame went up it was continually surveyed to ensure it was plumb. "We left the connecting bolts at the splice un-tightened until the survey confirmed their alignment, as we had a couple of millimeters to play with if needed," explains Mr Turton.

Sequencing also played an integral role in the structure's erection programme. Once Billington had completed approximately one quarter of the building's 54 bays, they were able to begin placing the prongs which form the racking on which steel will be stored.

More than 9,500 of these steel 1m-long prongs →

## Distribution



Each column was continually surveyed to make sure it was plumb.

were installed over a 30-week programme and once fitted they were also individually surveyed to ensure they were in the correct position.

This work was carried out by two teams, allowing for a double check to be incorporated. "The second check was to give us a 'vote of confidence' in the work," says Paul Saddington, Corus ADC Project Manager. "Exactness was paramount because if any of the prongs were slightly out then the entire stacking system wouldn't work. However, from the outset, the results were encouraging, with very little rectification work required."

Following immediately behind the prong installation, Billington also began installing the

*"I've heard some people describe the structure as a machine..."*

ADC's single skin steel cladding. More than 17,000m<sup>2</sup> of cladding was put up, which equates to more than 124t of the material.

The ADC is located on a confined site with an internal live railway line on one side and the Corus Medium Section Mill (where the steel for the facility will come from) on the other. This meant there was no room to run a traditional scissor lift alongside the building for the cladding operation.



One end of the ADC was left unclad to allow the stacking system to be installed.

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Consequently, two mast climbers were attached to the two sides of the structure's frame. Working up to the eaves, each mast climber enabled six bays to be clad, before being dismantled and moved to the next section of the building.

"The programming and sequencing were key to the project," says Mr Turton. "At one stage we had steel erectors at one end of the structure, the prongs being installed in the middle and cladders further down the frame."

Billington finished the structural frame, the prongs and cladding - including the roof - by January this year. The company left an opening at one end of the building for the installation of the automated stacking system and cranes, and once this phase had been completed the final areas of cladding were then finished in March.

Summing up the steel construction, Mr Turton, says: "I've heard some people describe the structure as a machine because of equipment inside. But when we were erecting it we had to think of it along traditional construction lines. We weren't exactly working to building tolerances, but special tolerances."

Although it is unlikely another ADC will be built in the UK. Asked if he'd work on another, Mr Turton has no hesitation in replying yes. "We've done it once, it would be easier next time."

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# Adaptable steel shows sustainability benefits

*Adaptability, structural efficiency and flexibility are key attributes of constructional steelwork that can be seen in buildings of all types across the commercial, healthcare, residential and other important sectors of the market. Each of these attributes carries significant sustainability advantages, as Nick Barrett explains.*

Constructional steelwork's structural efficiency stems from its high strength-to-weight ratio, which means it can be used to create large column free spans, gracefully and economically. Structural steel can carry the required loads with minimal use of material. This is taken advantage of in the construction of single storey buildings where clear spans of over 30m are provided, and with spans of over 150m when trusses or lattice girders are used.

## **Column free spaces**

In multi storey buildings this advantage famously comes into its own, providing large unobstructed

spaces that are valued for use as City of London dealing rooms, for example. Many clients insist on their buildings having the flexibility that only steel can provide, with column free spaces of 15m and above.

Having fewer columns provides a major benefit to building owners and users, as it is easy to subdivide space or alter it in any way that changing

**Open spaces provided by constructional steelwork allow premium rents to be charged.**

circumstances demand. In competitive property markets open spaces provided



## Plantation Place South

Providing large column free spaces was a key requirement of British Land when Plantation Place South in the heart of the City of London was redeveloped. The designers were briefed to determine the optimal framing solution for the multi storey structure with regard to the site, timescales and budget, which resulted in steel being selected.

The speculative development provides high quality office space designed to appeal to a demanding specialist financial market.

Allowing flexibility of internal layout was a key requirement of the developer, as were large open floor areas, good cooling properties and plenty of electrical connections. The design had to maximise the rentable area and the building had to be finished on time and to budget.

A major influence on the design was the new Part L Building regulations relating to energy efficiency which meant the design had to minimise the cooling load and reduce

reliance on air conditioning by a sophisticated approach to environmental performance.

Structural elements were integrated to maximise the net floor area. Universal column sections were used as secondary beams, acting compositely with the lightweight concrete-steel deck slabs to reduce overall structural depth. Service crossovers and core entries were organised in the spaces between the beams, reducing the overall structural depth.



by constructional steelwork allow premium rents to be charged.

Another advantage is that steel framed buildings can be readily upgraded or refurbished for change of use, with new facades and other architectural features added easily.

Warehouses and factories benefit from column free areas as there is more flexibility for fixed equipment to be placed within the building. Forklifts and other moveable plant can operate more safely when there are fewer obstructions.

#### Shallow floor depths

Steel framed buildings are efficient from the standpoint of structural efficiency as floor to ceiling heights are minimised, cutting the costs for both steel and other building materials used in construction. Minimising height can also help cut heating and cooling costs of buildings. Building heights can be easily reduced by the ability to run services through openings in the web of steel sections; as much as half a metre can be cut from each floor.

Designers are taking advantage of the benefits of Slimflor and the Asymmetric Beam which allow floor depths to be limited to the depth of the beam and the thickness of the concrete cover over the decking. Computer software in common use on steelwork design allows engineers to quickly calculate how large web openings can be, where they can be placed and whether they need reinforcement. It is also possible to accommodate changing building uses by adding additional web openings at a later date.

Steel is inherently ductile and flexible which makes it the material of choice for building design. The material flexes under extreme loads rather than crushing or crumbling. Steel structures are understood by designers to have reserves of strength that are achieved at no additional cost.

#### Extending buildings' lifetimes

Buildings will frequently require modifications to meet changing needs during their lifetimes – the flexibility delivered by choosing a steel framing solution means that building lifetimes can be considerably extended. Changes could include

**Additional floor loads or even entire floors can easily be added after construction.**

adding new elevator spaces or stairways, raising or lowering ceilings or adding new column free spaces. Complying with legislative

changes during a building's occupation, such as having to provide improved disabled access, might also need the flexibility of steel.

Tenants might want floor loads increased to accommodate file storage, mechanical units, or hospital diagnostic equipment, for example. Additional floor loads or even entire floors can easily be added after construction – no other framing material allows this to be done economically.

Non composite steel beams can be later made composite with existing floor slabs or cover plates added to beams to increase strength. Additional steel can easily be bolted or welded to the original frame. Beams and girders can be reinforced or even relocated to support changed loads. Connections can also be easily strengthened.

Changing traffic patterns or space usage can be accommodated by repositioning internal walls as in a steel framed building neither the internal nor external walls are load bearing. Steel framing and floor systems allow easy access to electrical wiring and computer networking cables without disrupting building users.

## Empress State Building

The flexibility of steel enabled the working life of a major London office building, Empress State in Earls Court, to be significantly extended by a major refurbishment and vertical and horizontal extension. The 30 storey 1960's built concrete framed building was the headquarters of the Admiralty, being used as centre of operations for the re-taking of the Falklands after the Argentinian invasion.

The tricorn shape was inefficient by modern standards and the building was to be transformed to provide modern, flexible, serviced offices with a radically improved environmental performance. The scale of the transformation was only made possible by using constructional steelwork.

The works included refurbishment of the existing office space at 1st to 26th floors; horizontal extension of the existing building at the south façade to increase office space from 2nd to 26th floors, with a

roof terrace at 27th floor; vertical extension of the existing building to increase office space at 27th to 29th floors, with a central revolving bar at the 30th floor; formation of a two-storey circular 'drum' extension enclosing the base of the existing building; on the south side, the drum was to form a double-height, glazed reception area, with a roof terrace at 2nd floor; a new Entrance Building with office space on three storeys.

The most challenging modification to the typical floor was to extend the main south portion of the floor plate by 5.5m. The extended floors rise from the 3rd to the 26th floor with the lid of this extension forming an external terrace for the 27th floor. One of the key architectural ambitions was to maximise the 10ft floor to floor height. The ceiling heights, which were already low by modern standards, had to allow for a slim raised access floor (75mm) and soffit-mounted chilled beams.



# Gaining vital work experience

*A scaled down steel-framed version of London's Swiss Re building was one of the working projects at the recent National Construction College's Constructionarium.*



*The project offers graduates hands-on experience.*

The Constructionarium project is a unique collaboration between academia and industry, which has been designed to recreate the appearance and atmosphere of working on a real large-scale civil engineering project.

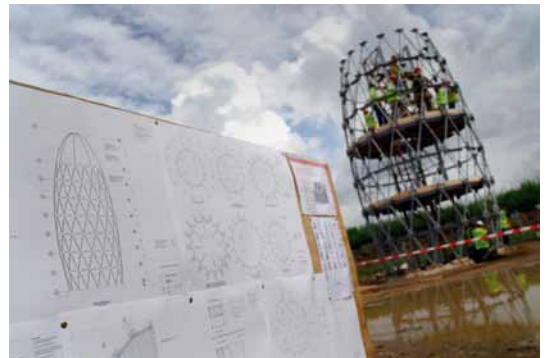
The initiative was originally pioneered in a joint venture between Imperial College London, Expedition Engineering and John Doyle Construction.

This higher education stratagem is also aimed at addressing the current shortfall in practical construction and design expertise among graduates, and attract prospective students by offering a more hands-on degree.

The events are held at the National Construction College, the training division of ConstructionSkills, located at Bircham Newton in Norfolk, on a permanent two hectare site, which has been designed especially for the purpose.

Constructionarium is held intermittently and generally lasts for a week; the most recent event took place in June when more than 80 students

*Left and below: Students were required to fulfil all the roles in the construction of the Gherkin.*



from Imperial College London worked on scaled down versions of real sites, including the Swiss Re building (London Gherkin).

The steel frame for the 10m-high Gherkin was fabricated and supplied by Cauntton Engineering, with Expedition Engineering coordinating the design process.

Allan Younger, Business Unit Manager for Cauntton, says the entire structure consisted of more than 500 individual steel members with a combined weight of 5.5t.

To make sure all of this steel fitted together perfectly Cauntton conducted a trial erection at its facility before the steel was painted.

"Once painted we then delivered the steel to the College in a number of erectable packs to make it easier for the students to assemble," explains Mr Younger.

All of the steelwork for the mini-Gherkin is lightweight and consists of 1.4m-long x 48mm diameter tubes for the external perimeter and an internal core made from 127mm x 76mm beams and columns.

Geoffrey Taylor, Cauntton's Marketing Director, says the project has some interesting symmetry as all the fabrication was done by the company's apprentices. "Our academy initially fabricated all the

**More than 80 students worked on scaled down versions of real sites.**

steel so that other students could erect it at the Constructionarium. It all goes to show how the industry as a whole is involved in training."

Each event runs as a real construction site for the week, with everyone receiving a full safety induction. Students work in all roles as part of a team from labourers, steel erectors and foremen, to schedulers, managers and estimators. Method statements, risk assessments and budgeting for plant and labour rates, are also an integral part of the construction scenario.

Cauntton donated its steelwork to the Constructionarium and although the structure was dismantled at the end of the event's week, it has been stored at the College and may be re-erected again at a later date.

Robin Holdsworth, Scheme Manager for Constructionarium, says: "The practical experience of working on site is invaluable for students. The scheme demonstrates how industry and academia are combining to combat the on-going shortage in construction and design expertise, and it provides our future construction managers with skills and experience."





Above: The new hospital is being constructed on a former car park and in places it is only 6m away from the existing hospital.

# Steel has all the answers for new hospital

*The need for a fast erection programme as well as some challenging vibration issues, all came to the fore at a new hospital project in Glasgow where two MRI scanners needed to be accommodated on a first floor composite slab. Martin Cooper reports.*

Construction of the new Stobhill Hospital in north Glasgow forms one half of Balfour Beatty's contract with NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board to modernise the city's hospitals.

With a combined value of £185M, the contract also includes the construction of the new Victoria Hospital in south Glasgow (see NSC May 2007).

Due to be completed and operational by 2009,

**"By week 30 of our 122 week contract we were already fitting out services and partitions."**

the new Stobhill Hospital is being constructed adjacent to the existing facility, on land that was formerly occupied by a car park. When complete it will be one of Scotland's largest

hospitals with its two three-level buildings having a total floor area of 30,000m<sup>2</sup>.

The completion date and the date when the hospital will be up and running are of course paramount to the main contractor and this tight timescale is one of the reasons why steel was used for the entire building's frame.

"The hospital's steel frame was completed in just 15 weeks," says David Cairns, Project Director for Balfour Beatty Construction. "By week 30 of our 122 week contract we were already fitting out services and partitions. This is due to the speed, sequence and efficiency of the steelwork erection."

Balfour Beatty started work in November 2006 and began by clearing the site. By the New Year piling was under way and the reinforced concrete foundations and piles to bedrock were completed towards the end of February.

Steelwork erection was able to begin in early March and was completed rapidly because there was on-site coordination and detailed sequencing which prevented delays and hold-ups, says Andy Burr, Project Manager for Severfield-Reeve. "The weather was good, which obviously helps, but our contract management, site management and erection gangs work well with the Balfour Beatty team which ensured the job ran smoothly and quickly."

Mr Burr adds the grid patterns weren't particularly challenging although they did change

## FACT FILE

**The new Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow**

**Main Client:** Glasgow Healthcare Facilities under a PFI contract with NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board.

**Architect:** Relach & Hall

**Structural engineer:**

SKM Anthony Hunts

**Main contractor:** Balfour Beatty Construction

**Steelwork contractor:**

Severfield-Reeve

**Project value:** £85M

**Steel tonnage:** 1,600t

north to south, but there is a definite line where this alteration takes place, and that's the covered atrium which joins the two structures.

The hospital's two three-storey rectangular buildings comprise a steel frame construction on reinforced concrete foundations and piles. The simply jointed steel frames with composite concrete floors on Holorib metal decking act compositely with the plain UB floor beams.

Vibration can sometimes be an issue on hospital construction and John Robson, Technical Director of SKM Anthony Hunts, comments that the dynamic response factor for all functional areas of

***"A lot of the connections around the scanner area had to be done by hand because they were so unique."***

the composite floors was assessed with the methods set out in SCI design guide.

"Response factors were found to be acceptable for consulting and examination rooms," he says. "The location of operating theatres

on the ground floor and the lack of overnight accommodation made the vibration requirements less onerous."

However, one area on the first floor, which needed to accommodate two MRI scanners, did provide a few challenges to the design team.

This area was isolated from the surrounding floor by slab movement joints and rubber bearing under beams to minimise the risk of structure borne vibration reaching the scanners.

"We employed our Sydney-based specialist structural dynamics team to design a suitable solution using the IDEAS software programme," explains Mr Robson. "A minimum natural frequency of 20 Hz was targetted to ensure the supporting floor

was not within the range of potential resonance with the MRI scanner."

To achieve this, plus extremely tight static deflection limits, all within the restrictions on the maximum iron content in proximity to the scanner magnet, a 250mm composite slab on a grillage of 800mm deep cellform beams at approximately 1,800mm centres was modelled.

"The cellform beams provided the necessary stiffness within the set steel weight limits and analysis results allowed us to optimise the structural design while achieving the required dynamic response," explains Mr Robson.

Severfield-Reeve designed all of the connections for the project and this part of the project also required some time-consuming design work on their part.

"A lot the connections around the scanner area had to be done by hand, because they were so unique," says Mr Burr.

Meanwhile, SKM says computer software design also helped the team optimise and rationalise beam sizes throughout the project. There was a need to avoid using any transfer structures as they would have disrupted the free-flow of internal services. Consequently, a slightly irregular column grid was designed into the plan.

"Lateral stability was provided by RHS K-bracing within the depth of the SFS wall framing, while sway stability was assessed and controlled with the aid of Fastrak software," adds Mr Robson.

The two hospital buildings, north and south, are separated by an enclosed arcade whose RHS framed glazed roof rises above the level of the adjacent plant rooms, which effectively give each building a fourth level.

A movement joint was required between the two blocks, but this had to be incorporated into a simple



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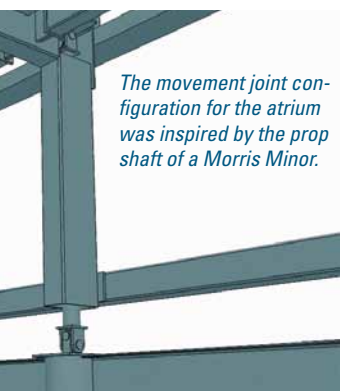
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*The new Stobhill Hospital will be operational in 2009.*



*The movement joint configuration for the atrium was inspired by the prop shaft of a Morris Minor.*

rectangular portal frame with one foot on each building.

Mr Robson says the solution to this challenge came from an unlikely vehicular design. "It was inspired by the prop shaft of a Morris Minor - my first car."

By fixing a similar shaft within and at the top of the RHS leg of one side of the frame, and allowing the lower universal joint to protrude out of the open bottom end, where it was fixed to the supporting plant room, the required movement was allowed for. All of this negated the need to increase the exposed frame member sizes to cope with the frictional drag

imposed by sliding bearings.

Commenting on the job as a whole, Andy Law, Director of Reiach and Hall, says: "The new Stobhill Hospital, in a semi-rural location adjacent to Springburn Park in North Glasgow, will serve over 2,000 patients a day. The design has been carefully developed to provide a supportive framework throughout the patient journey."

Balfour Beatty is scheduled to be off-site by 23 March 2009. Once the new Stobhill Hospital is operational Phase Two of the project will begin and this includes the partial demolition of the existing hospital in order to provide a new car parking area.



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# Completing the mountain top challenge

One Hiab crane was brought to site in sections, assembled on the summit and then helped erect roof decking.

*Building a new visitor centre on the summit of Mount Snowdon presented a number of unique challenges, not least how to get all the materials to site. Martin Cooper reports on the UK's highest construction site.*

## FACT FILE

**Mount Snowdon Visitor Centre, north Wales.**

**Client:** Snowdonia

**National Park Authority**

**Architect:** RH Architects

**Structural engineer:** Arup

**Main contractor:** Carillion

**Steelwork contractor:**

EvadX

**Steel tonnage:** 120t

Occasional dense fog, intermittent low cloud and winds that can regularly reach speeds of 80mph are just some of the conditions that had to be overcome by the team building the new Mount Snowdon Visitor Centre.

And, aside from the unpredictable weather, the contractors were also faced with the logistical problem of how to get materials to a construction site 1,065m above sea level.

"Working on the highest point in England and Wales was an immense challenge," stresses Andrew Roberts, EvadX Project Manager. "Getting all of the materials, plant and personnel to the summit was certainly a unique challenge."

Conveniently Snowdon has a mountain railway which winds its way to the summit and this provided

the contractors with a viable transport route to the top. All of the steelwork was bundled into 14m-long packages so it would fit onto the train's flat bed carriage.

"The project's construction team has been provided with its own train which has to operate around the regular tourist service and nearly everything went up by this route," explains Mr Roberts. "However, equipment such as excavators, that were too big for the train were driven to the top along a stony track, which took the best part of a day."

Once materials were on-site the construction team

**"The weather is extremely changeable, even in the middle of summer."**

were very much at the mercy of the elements.

"It can be a bright sunny

day at the bottom, but windy and raining at the summit," says Mr Roberts. "The weather is extremely changeable, even in the middle of summer."

The wind has also played a major role in the project, as the train service is halted when wind speeds exceed 40mph, and on the occasions this happened all work had to be cancelled for the day.

"We had some close calls, but luckily the train service wasn't halted while our workers were still on the summit," says Mr Roberts.

Work on the project effectively began with the demolition of an existing Snowdon visitor centre and this took place in 2006. Once the ground was cleared the concrete foundations were also installed to allow EvadX to begin its steel erection programme last April.

*Below: As the structure was erected the site became progressively more confined.*





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The ends of the building are curved and feature cranked columns.

"When we started erecting the steelwork it was like summer, but we've since had all weather conditions," adds Mr Roberts. "Taking that into consideration, we still erected the entire steel frame in just over two months."

The finished Visitor Centre will consist of a large cafe with washrooms and information area, medical facilities and an emergency overnight shelter. Attached to the centre there will be a 60m-long steel framed lean-to structure which will house a new platform for the railway, plant rooms and staff accommodation.

In order to make sure the fabricated structure fitted together correctly EvadX did a complete trial erection of the building at Corus' Deeside facility at Shotton. "We marked up all of the individual members which then helped with the second erection on the summit and also ensured the steel was taken up the mountain in the correct order," explains Mr Roberts.

There is little room on the summit to store materials and as the building was erected available space decreased. The erection programme was divided into three main phases and all steel taken to the summit was usually erected that day to minimise disruption to other trades.

EvadX used two cherrypickers for the erection and one 8t capacity mini mobile crane. The cherrypickers were fortunately just small enough to squeeze onto the train's flat bed trailer, while the crane was specially sourced as the largest crane available which could be transported by rail to the summit.

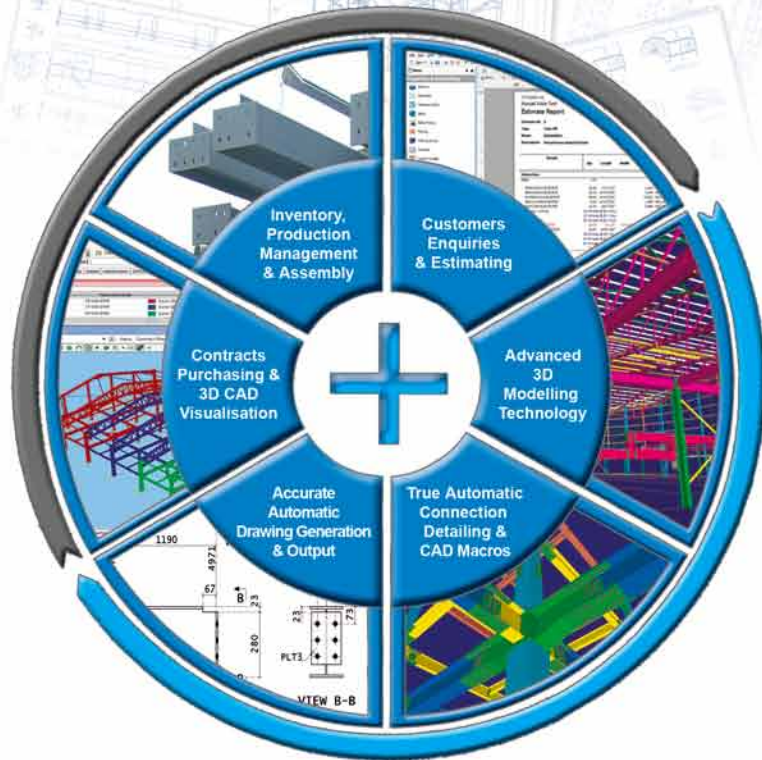
According to the design team the main structure, which measures 30m-long x 13.5m wide, was a challenge to fabricate and design because of its unusual sloping shape. The slope of the structure is intended to fit into the mountain's summit environment without impairing the spectacular view. ➔

The first column was erected on a sunny day in April.



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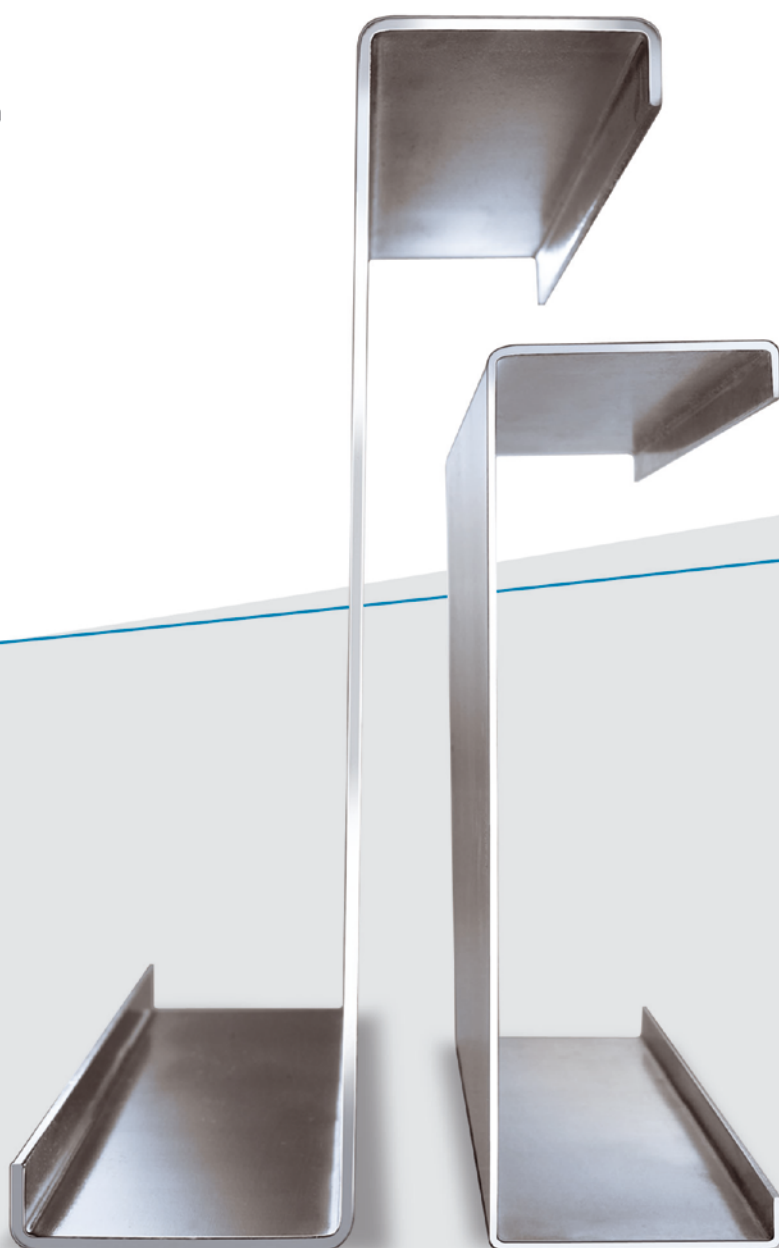
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*The construction team experienced all weather conditions, sometimes all in a single day.*

Four columns at the front and back all slope out at 13-degrees, while the curved ends of the structure feature column members which slope inwards and outwards. To achieve the sloping roof the back columns are 5.5m high, while those at the front are only 3m.

These columns are all stainless steel CHS sections and Mr Roberts says they are 'architectural features' and will be visible from inside the finished building. The columns will also be incorporated into large glazed areas which will allow tourists to see right through the building.

Geraint Bowen, Arup Project Manager, says in order to achieve the pitched roof and the curved ends of the structure some complex geometry had to be undertaken. "We also had to design the building using some heavy sections as wind loadings, incorporating speeds of up to 150mph, had to be accounted for."

Consequently the columns are predominantly 254 x 254 x 73 UC sections at 3m centres, while at the corners, where the columns change sloping directions, there are double 250 x 250 SHS sections.

Mr Bowen also says the building will incorporate a granite clad roof which had to take snowdrift loading into account. The roof of the building is ultimately supported by a series of tapered plate girders each weighing approximately two tonnes.

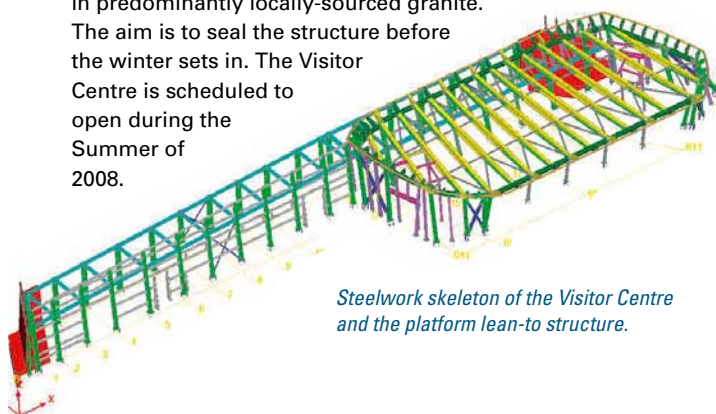
In order to erect the complex shape, on what is a very confined site, EvadX initially constructed one square section. "We then propped it up and using this as a support we then erected one curved end around this. Once this was up we were able to take the temporary props down and erect the rest of the structure," explains Mr Roberts.

All connections are spliced and bolted which helped make the erection easier. "Welding would have been a difficult procedure as the weather was very bad at times," says Mr Roberts.

Some additional welding of members was done at the Corus workshop during the trial erection. This included 154 brackets which are attached to the roof perimeter and hold granite roof sections in place. The brackets fit to a 300mm x 300mm box section which effectively holds the structure together at eaves level.

Now that steel erection has been completed, main contractor Carillion has begun cladding the structure in predominantly locally-sourced granite.

The aim is to seal the structure before the winter sets in. The Visitor Centre is scheduled to open during the Summer of 2008.



*Steelwork skeleton of the Visitor Centre and the platform lean-to structure.*

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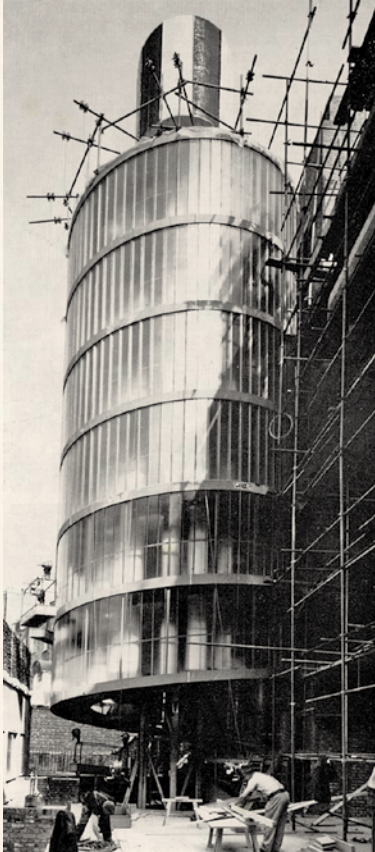
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A circular structure was decided upon with a diameter of 21 ft. Access to the bathrooms is by a spiral ramp which winds up the building.

The tower structure consists of a steel framed core with beams radiating from it supporting a continuous spiral steel ramp which gives access to thirty bathroom 'pods' made from glass reinforced plastic.

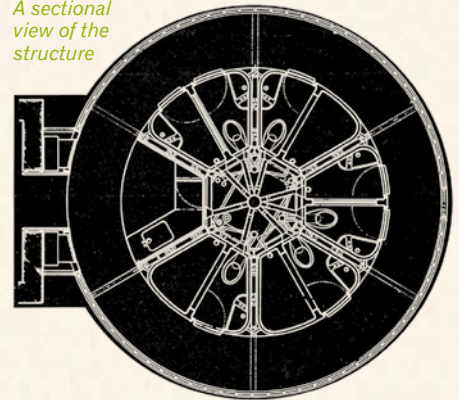
The twelve pre-fabricated sections from which the core was erected were placed one on top of another by means of a beam slung from the existing buildings. A revolving lifting beam with winch, attached to the top of the core positioned the remaining steel members, bathroom 'pods' and ramps.

Radial beams were placed in position and supported from the core by diagonal hangers. Each radial beam was at 60° to and 1ft 2½ in higher than the last. 'Pod' support beams were fitted between the radial beams and the structure

was ready to receive the first bathroom 'pods'. This erection work was completed and all bolts tested to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor within three weeks and exactly on schedule. All steelwork – main structure and ramp units – was shot blasted and zinc sprayed to BS 2569 Part 1: 1964 and all nuts and bolts were cadmium plated of an HSFG type using load indicating washers to indicate correct shank tension.

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*A sectional view of the structure*



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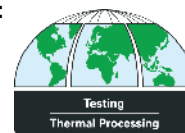


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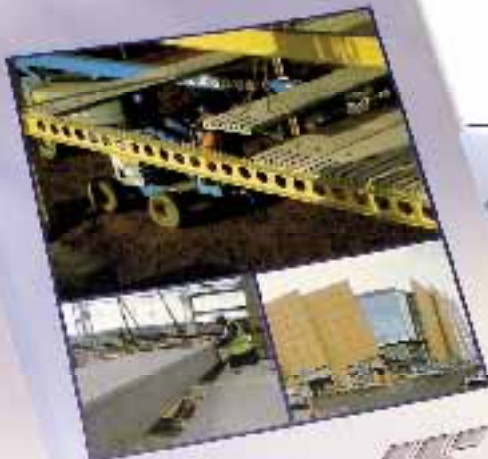
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## AD 314

### Columns Splices and Internal Moments

Today, with a higher emphasis of site safety than ever, the provision of temporary barriers around the perimeter of buildings and edge of floor openings is common practice. For columns in these locations their splices are often located well above the level of the floor steelwork because the extended column provides a convenient means of connecting the barrier. It may be convenient to carry the lateral loading on the barrier horizontally back to the columns rather than to the edge beam below. This is because loading carried to the beam may induce torques which would need to be included in the design of the beam during the temporary condition. Traditionally, splices levels in columns were located between 500 mm and 750 mm above the top of steel level for the floor beams but are now often situated at 1.2

to 1.5 metres above the top of the floor steelwork and on occasions at mid height in the column. The Advisory Desk has received many questions concerning the design requirements regarding internal moments and stiffness for these column splices. This AD note only provides background advice explaining the need to allow for such moments because the central technical requirements have already been covered in Advisory Desk Notes AD 243 and AD 244. These relate to Annexes B3, C3 and I5 in BS 5950-1: 2000.

Where possible splices should be situated as close as practicable to restrained points (points of inflection) in the member, which is the practice recommended in clauses 6.1.8.2 and 6.1.8.4. They will not then have to be designed for the additional moments that are described in the above annexes;

however, they have of course to be designed for their applied moments and axial load. The column splices described in *SCI-P-212 Joints in Steel Construction Simple Connections* are examples of this type of splice and are usually situated about 500 mm above the level of the floor steelwork.

If the splice has to be located away from a restrained point in the member for whatever reason it will have to be designed for its applied moments and axial load as before, as well as an appropriate combination of internal moments that are described in the above annexes.

When members are designed for flexural or lateral-torsional buckling (LTB), BS 5950-1: 2000 provides procedures for calculating reduced strengths  $p_c$  and  $p_y$ . These reduced strengths are used to determine the resistance of the member in

relatively simple design procedures. However, at the critical cross section at collapse the maximum stress in the member is equal to the material design strength of the member,  $p_y$ , not the reduced design strength. This is easiest shown for a member subject to axial load (flexural buckling) alone although a similar case could be presented for lateral-torsional buckling.

Figure 1 shows a pin ended axially loaded strut on the verge of collapse and its associated strut buckling curve from BS 5950-1. For its effective length,  $\lambda$ , the compressive strength  $p_c$  can be determined (Table 24) which will allow the maximum axial load,  $F$ , which the strut can carry to be calculated. The important thing to note however is that with the strut model used in BS 5950-1 the column is deemed to fail when the stress on the compression face



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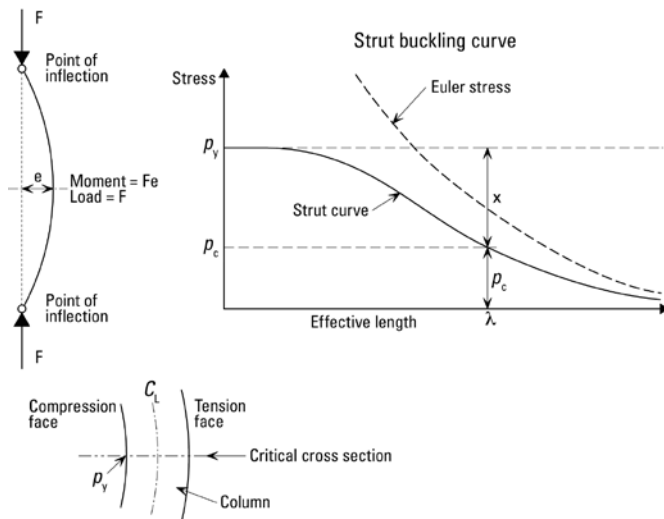


Figure 1 - BS 5950-1 - Strut Buckling Curve.

of the column at the critical cross section reaches its design material strength  $p_y$ . The difference between the material strength  $p_y$  and compressive strength  $p_c$ , marked  $x$  on the strut buckling curve for the effective length,  $\lambda$ , is that which arises from the additional moment in the strut from bowing. This effect is called strut action and produces an additional internal or secondary

moment. This effect occurs about both axis. A splice must carry this internal moment as well as the axial load  $F$ .

Likewise a similar case can be presented which shows that an additional internal (secondary) minor axis moment also arises in the case of lateral-torsional buckling.

Strut action is covered in Annex C.3 and Annex B.3 deals with the

additional internal moment that arises due to LTB. Both annexes also provide equations for calculating the value of the moments along the length of the member between points of inflection which is useful when the splice is situated neither close to a point of restraint nor at the critical cross section in the member. Annex I.5 deals with the case when both buckling phenomena occur simultaneously which includes more additional internal moments because the two phenomena augment each other. Splices away from points of restraint have to be designed for these internal or secondary moments as well as their applied moments and axial load.

Splices should also be designed for the tying forces that occur when structural integrity requirements apply. Non-preloaded bolts are often used in column splices unless

tension develops in the splice and the resulting slip is unacceptable. If this situation arises preloaded bolts may be used in the splice to avoid slip. The chapter on column splices in *SCI-P-212 Joints in Steel Construction Simple Connections* offers guidance in this regard.

The internal moments described in this Advisory Desk note also apply to welded splices when located away from points of restraint although their consideration is academic when full penetration butt welds are used.

BS 5950-1: 2000 says very little about stiffness at splice locations although Clauses 6.1.8.2 and 6.1.8.4 mention it in parts. Another Advisory Desk note will follow which will provide advice on this issue.

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Fisher Engineering Ltd	028 6638 8521	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	Up to £6,000,000
Glentworth Fabrications Ltd	0118 977 2088					●	●	●	●	●	●	●			Up to £2,000,000
Graham Wood Structural Ltd	01903 755991	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			Up to £6,000,000
D A Green & Sons Ltd	01406 370585				●	●	●	●				●		●	Up to £3,000,000
William Hare Ltd	0161 609 0000	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	Above £6,000,000
Harland & Wolff Heavy Industries Ltd	028 9045 8456		●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●	Up to £6,000,000
Hills of Shoeburyness Ltd	01702 296321									●	●		●		Up to £800,000
James Bros (Hamworthy) Ltd	01202 673815				●	●	●	●				●		●	Up to £2,000,000
James Killelea & Co Ltd	01706 229411		●	●	●	●	●					●			Up to £6,000,000*
Meldan Fabrications Ltd	01652 632075		●		●	●	●	●	●		●			●	Up to £4,000,000
Mifflin Construction Ltd	01568 613311			●	●	●	●				●				Up to £2,000,000
Normanby Wefco Ltd	01427 611000		●					●	●	●	●			●	Up to £800,000
Nusteel Structures Ltd	01303 268112					●	●	●	●	●	●			●	Up to £2,000,000*
Oswestry Industrial Buildings Ltd	01691 661596				●	●	●		●		●				Up to £400,000
RSL (South West) Ltd	01460 67373				●	●	●				●				Up to £800,000
John Reid & Sons (Strucsteel) Ltd	01202 483333	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			Up to £6,000,000
J Robertson & Co Ltd	01255 672855									●	●		●		Up to £100,000
Robinson Construction	01332 574711		●	●	●	●	●							●	Up to £6,000,000
Roll Formed Fabrications Ltd	028 7963 1631				●	●	●	●		●	●	●		●	Up to £800,000
Rowecord Engineering Ltd	01633 250511	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	Above £6,000,000
Rowen Structures Ltd	01623 558558	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			Up to £6,000,000
SIAC Butlers Steel Ltd	00 353 502 23305		●	●	●	●	●	●				●		●	Up to £6,000,000
SIAC Tetbury Steel Ltd	01666 502792			●	●	●	●							●	Up to £2,000,000
Severfield-Reeve Structures Ltd	01845 577896	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	Above £6,000,000*
Henry Smith (Constructional Engineers) Ltd	01606 592121		●	●	●	●	●	●							Up to £2,000,000
Traditional Structures Ltd	01922 414172			●	●	●	●	●	●			●		●	Up to £1,400,000
Warley Construction Company Ltd	01268 726020				●					●					Up to £400,000
Watson Steel Structures Ltd	01204 699999	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	Above £6,000,000*
Webcox Engineering Ltd	01249 813225				●	●	●				●				Up to £400,000
H Young Structures Ltd	01953 601881		●		●	●	●	●				●			Up to £800,000

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## BRIDGEWORKS SCHEME

Based on evidence from the company's resources and portfolio of experience, the Subcategories that can be awarded are as follows:

**FG** Footbridges and sign gantries  
**PT** Plate girders (>900mm deep), trusswork (>20m long)  
**BA** Stiffened complex platemwork in decks, box girders, arch boxes.

**CM** Cable stayed bridges, suspension bridges, other major structures (>100m)  
**MB** Moving bridges  
**RF** Bridge refurbishment

**X** Unclassified  
**Applicants may be registered in more than one sub-category.**

Company Name	Telephone	FG	PT	BA	CM	MB	RF	X	Contract Value (1)
A&J Fabtech Ltd	01924 402151	●	●	●			●		Up to £400,000
Allerton Engineering Ltd	01609 774471	●	●	●	●	●	●		Up to £1,400,000*
Briton Fabricators Ltd	0115 963 2901	●	●	●			●		Up to £800,000
Butterley Ltd	01773 573573	●	●	●	●	●	●		Up to £3,000,000*
Cleveland Bridge UK Ltd	01325 381188	●	●	●	●	●	●		Above £6,000,000*
Concrete & Timber Services Ltd	01484 606416	●	●		●	●			Up to £800,000
Costruzioni Cimolai Armando SpA	01223 350876	●	●	●	●	●			Up to £6,000,000
Fairfield-Mabey Ltd	01291 623801	●	●	●	●	●	●		Above £6,000,000*
Harland & Wolff Heavy Industries Ltd	028 9045 8456	●	●	●	●		●		Up to £6,000,000
Interserve Project Services Ltd	0121 344 4888						●		Above £6,000,000
Interserve Project Services Ltd	020 8311 5500		●	●		●	●		Up to £400,000*
Meldan Fabrications Ltd	01652 632075	●	●	●	●	●	●		Up to £4,000,000
'N' Class Fabrication Ltd	01733 558989	●	●	●		●	●		Up to £1,400,000
Normanby Wefco Ltd	01427 611000	●	●	●			●		Up to £800,000
Nusteel Structures Ltd	01303 268112	●	●	●	●				Up to £2,000,000*
P C Richardson & Co (Middlesbrough) Ltd	01642 714791	●					●		Up to £6,000,000
Rowecord Engineering Ltd	01633 250511	●	●	●	●	●	●		Above £6,000,000
Taylor & Sons Ltd	029 2034 4556	●	●	●	●	●	●		Up to £800,000
Watson Steel Structures Ltd	01204 699999	●	●	●	●	●	●		Above £6,000,000*

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