Orwell Bridge Bearing Re-Placement: 2007

Installation of Pier Access Platforms



The Orwell Bridge: Ipswitch.



Existing holes in the footpath are used for chain suspension.





Spreader beams c/w sheaves are raised into place by 300Kg Tiraks and are secured to the chain hangers: Hoist & safety ropes are then installed





Main steel truss frame platforms are equipped with 3-Ton Tirak Traction hosts & Blocstop secondary safety devises.

Auxiliary platforms are fitted with 1-Ton Tirak Traction hoists & Blocstop safety devises & travel vertically at 9M min.

The installed platforms are "Thoroughly Examined" before being put in to use.

Platform operation is by ALPS: Platform use is supervised by ALPS.







With the platform constructed & examined it travels at 3M min': Main platform in place at high level ready for work.



The ALPS Steel Truss Frame Access & Lifting Platform shown in place at bearing level.

Overall pier platform dimensions are: 8M X 13.50M

Auxiliary platforms are 1.22M X 11M

Weight of bearings and associated equipment is approximately 4-Tons per side

