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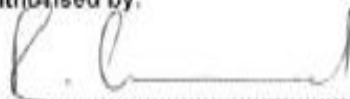
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Compliance

This Special Inspection Notice (SIN) is mandatory and shall be complied with by Network Rail (and its contractors if applicable) by 30th April, 2016.

All potential locations of such Architectural Features as described in this SIN shall be identified by 31st October 2015. Completed Special Inspection Notice Action Completion forms (SINAC – see Appendix A) to be submitted to STED by 30th April, 2016

Reference documentation

[NR/L2/SIG/10072](#) Special Inspection Notices (SINS)

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1 Purpose

This Special Inspection Notice (SIN) applies to all station building assets which have decorative or functional architectural features attached to them. This SIN is issued following an incident at Bath Spa Station and requires Route Asset Managers (RAMs) responsible for station buildings as part of the Operational Property portfolio to:-

- Identify if the above features are present on Station buildings
- Instruct and manage a detailed additional inspection / examination of these features by utilising the current CEFA contractor or a competent surveyor.

2 Scope

This Special Inspection Notice applies to all station buildings which require an initial inspection / examination to ascertain whether architectural features are present. Where such features exist, the RAM shall instruct a detailed inspection / examination of the features to ensure that they do not pose a hazard to health and safety. The appointed contractor or competent engineer is to initiate, prepare, plan, execute and report on the inspection / examination results with respect to asset failure probability and the risks to passenger and staff safety in the event of the asset failure.

3 Background

• Bath Spa Station

On the 13th January, 2012 a piece of masonry fell from the building wall at the rear of platform 1 on Bath Spa Station. No passengers or member of staff were reported as harmed when the piece fell, though the area was open to public and staff. The area was cordoned off from public access.

Following this incident the maintenance contractor for the location, (Birse Rail), attended site and noted the piece of stone which had fallen formed part of a decorative course along the length of the platform building. It was approximately 12" x 8" in size. The remaining stonework in the immediate vicinity was carefully checked with no further defects noted.



Photograph 1: The original location of the failed section is visible as a pale section in the centre of the picture along with various conduits and cable runs installed over time

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Photograph 2: Showing a typical (intact) section of stone moulding to the same wall



Photograph 3: Bath Spa External Corbel and Parapet Ledge