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## **Request:**

\_Can you provide an explanation as to why the status of Borough Road Footbridge which was described as "Fair" in the 2011 and 2013 Inspection Reports was subsequently changed to "Poor" in the "Interpretive Reports"\_

NTC undertake inspections of owned highway structure assets in the borough in accordance with an inspection regime, the purpose of such inspections is to record defects from the perspective of maintenance-only in the form of General Inspections, Principal Inspections and Special Inspections.

An output of such inspection reports is a Condition Rating assigned to a structure between Good, Fair and Poor, however the nature of identifying a bridges Condition Rating is subjective and based on observations made at the time of inspection only. It is natural that opinions vary between individual inspectors and over time as new studies present new information.

The 2016 Options Appraisal which identifies the bridge as 'poor', is based on the appraisal of information collected from survey and tests conducted on the footbridge since 2013. The Conditional Rating is the conclusion of investigative work that was greater in scope than inspection, identifying how to make good and futureproof the structure with input from several sources.

\_Can you further explain the criteria for classifying the structure as being subject to a "Marine Environment"\_

The description of 'Marine Environment' relates to the typical atmospheric environment, time of wetness and corrosivity category that a structure may be subjected to. Under published design standards, British Standards specify that the highest risk and accelerant of the steel corrosions comes from coastal areas with high humidity and salinity. In further published guidance from UK Steel manufactures, a 2-kilometre strip around the coast can be considered as being in a marine environment.

\_Can you also provide details of what S106 funding has been obtained from developers within the Smiths Dock area and what that funding has been used to finance?\_

The S106 for Smiths Dock was signed many years ago, and included contributions for highway improvements, recreational facilities and affordable housing..

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