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Prestons Road Bridge, 21 July 2015



Report on application of Bird Free to the east side of Prestons Road bridge, 21 July 2015.

Pigeons had been nesting at the back of the bearing shelf in the corners (above left). The entire bearing shelf was covered in faeces.



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The upper flanges of the cross members (above left) were favoured night roosts. This was evident from the accumulation of faeces on the flanges below (above right).

The corners of the bearing shelf, from which nests were removed, were treated with dishes of Bird Free fixed to tiles (below left). Bird Free was installed to horizontal bridge beams as shown .



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On 12 October 2015, three months after installation, Tony Ruiz, Project Manager at Road Management Services A13, commented:

“As part of our contract with the Ministry of Transport we must inspect all structures on the part of the A13 which we manage every three years. If a structure is infested with pigeons we have to clean it before we can carry out an inspection. We decided to install Bird Free on the flyover to eliminate the necessity for cleaning.

“So far, we are very pleased with results. Since Bird Free was installed all the pigeons that were living beneath the flyover have left. During a recent inspection there was no sign of any pigeons at all.”



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Two years and nine months after installation of Bird Free, the gel is completely black.

However, there are no signs of bird activity on the bearing shelf.



An inspection of the cross members, on which pigeons had roosted before treatment in 2015, confirmed that pigeons no longer roost there.

The absence of pigeon droppings on the ground below confirms that pigeons no longer roost on the structure.