

## Air Quality and Dust Monitoring Monthly Report – March 2021

Three Rivers District Council



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# Monthly Summary

1.1.1 This Summary Report is published in fulfilment of commitments detailed in the High Speed Rail (London-West Midlands) Environmental Minimum Requirements, Annex 1: Code of Construction Practice, for the nominated undertaker to present the results of dust monitoring undertaken in the Three Rivers District Council (TRDC) area during March 2021.

1.1.2 Figure 1 in Appendix A indicates the current worksite together with the dust monitoring locations for March 2021.

1.1.3 This summary should be read in conjunction with the overview monitoring report available from [www.gov.uk/government/collections/monitoring-the-environmental-effects-of-hs2](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/monitoring-the-environmental-effects-of-hs2), which highlights: the applicable standards and guidance, as well as the air quality and dust monitoring methodologies to be implemented by nominated undertakers throughout construction.

1.1.4 The current phase of works at the South Portal site commenced within TRDC in July 2017 and is currently ongoing. The South Portal site presented in Appendix A, Figure 1, includes the following ongoing activities:

- General Plant: wheel washers, generators and site wide support plant;
- Earthworks and Drainage: soil strip, excavation, filling, subgrade and ground stabilisation;
- Road and Hardstanding: surfacing, grading and excavation;
- Civils: platforms, accommodation and slabs, and removal of materials stored in SP10 (car park extension);
- Superstructure;
- I&M Installation: Tilehouse Lane cutting;
- Tilehouse Lane Overbridge: ground beams and parapet;
- Stockpiling: INNS stockpile management and storage of excavated materials from CSP in SP10;
- Batching Plant 1, 2 and 3: Collection of concrete for D-wall activity at vent shaft sites and batching plant 2&3-deliveries and operation;
- Demolition Works: removal of tarmac batching plant
- Site Installation: TBM and STP gantry installation;
- Tunnel Amenities: Cooling plant and A&B component grouting plant;
- Tunnel Precast Factory: Factory NB1 and NB2 production;
- Shire Lane Culvert: preparing ground, backfilling, foundation slab, walls, roof slab, wing walls and transition;
- Accommodation block;
- CVV Jetty pre-cast yard: Yard set-up;
- Casing retrieval and pile cropping;
- Pynesfield ground stabilisation: band drains;
- Vegetation Clearance at Tilehouse Lane;
- TLO & Shire Lane Culvert Concrete Pours; and

- Extended Hours Stockpiling SP10 and West Hyde Embankment.

- 1.1.5 Three (3) dust monitors are installed around the worksite, where earthworks, construction and trackout activities are underway. This site returned a medium dust risk rating.
- 1.1.6 Dust monitoring locations and results for March 2021 are presented in Appendix B, Table 1, together with a line chart of monthly data from each dust monitor, presented in Figures 2, 3 and 4. All continuous dust monitoring is undertaken using indicative monitors. Despite being Environment Agency (MCERTS) certified, indicative monitors carry a higher level of uncertainty than reference monitors, and therefore cannot be strictly compared with Air Quality Standards for human health and the environment. The purpose of the monitoring undertaken is to ensure the effectiveness of the on-site mitigation.
- 1.1.7 The trigger level for PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations of 190 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, measured as a 1-hour mean, in accordance with the updated guidance document '*Guidance on Monitoring in the Vicinity of Demolition and Construction Sites – (October 2018)*' has been applied.
- 1.1.8 There were no (0) dust trigger alerts recorded, during the monitoring period (March 2021).
- 1.1.9 Data capture for monitor SP-AQMP3 was below 90% for the month of March 2021. Missing data at SP-AQMP3 was due to the monitors being moved or damaged by a third party. The issue has since been resolved.
- 1.1.10 There were no (0) complaints, relating to dust or air quality, received during the reporting period (March 2021).

# Appendix A – Worksite and Dust Monitoring Locations

Figure 1: Three Rivers District Council Worksites and Monitoring locations during March 2021





## Appendix B – Dust Monitoring Results

Table 1: Dust monitoring locations and March 2021 Results

Monitoring site ID	Coordinates (X,Y)	Location description	Dust risk rating for site	Monitoring site active during period	Change to site since previous period report	Mean 1-hour PM <sub>10</sub> concentration (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Minimum 1-hour PM <sub>10</sub> concentration (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Maximum 1-hour PM <sub>10</sub> concentration (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Number of 1-hour periods exceeding trigger level of 190 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Data capture (%)
SP-AQMP1	502922, 191467	On the northern boundary of the site at Chalfont Lane	M	Yes	Yes	14.0	1.0	102.0	0	97.4
SP-AQMP2	503176, 191090	On the eastern boundary of the site at Denham Way	M	Yes	Yes	15.3	1.0	106.0	0	100
SP-AQMP3	503175, 190086	On the southern boundary of the site at Tilehouse Lane	M	Yes	Yes	15.7	1.0	106.0	0	81.8

Figure 2: Continuous dust 1-hour mean indicative PM<sub>10</sub> concentration for SP-AQMP1 for March 2021

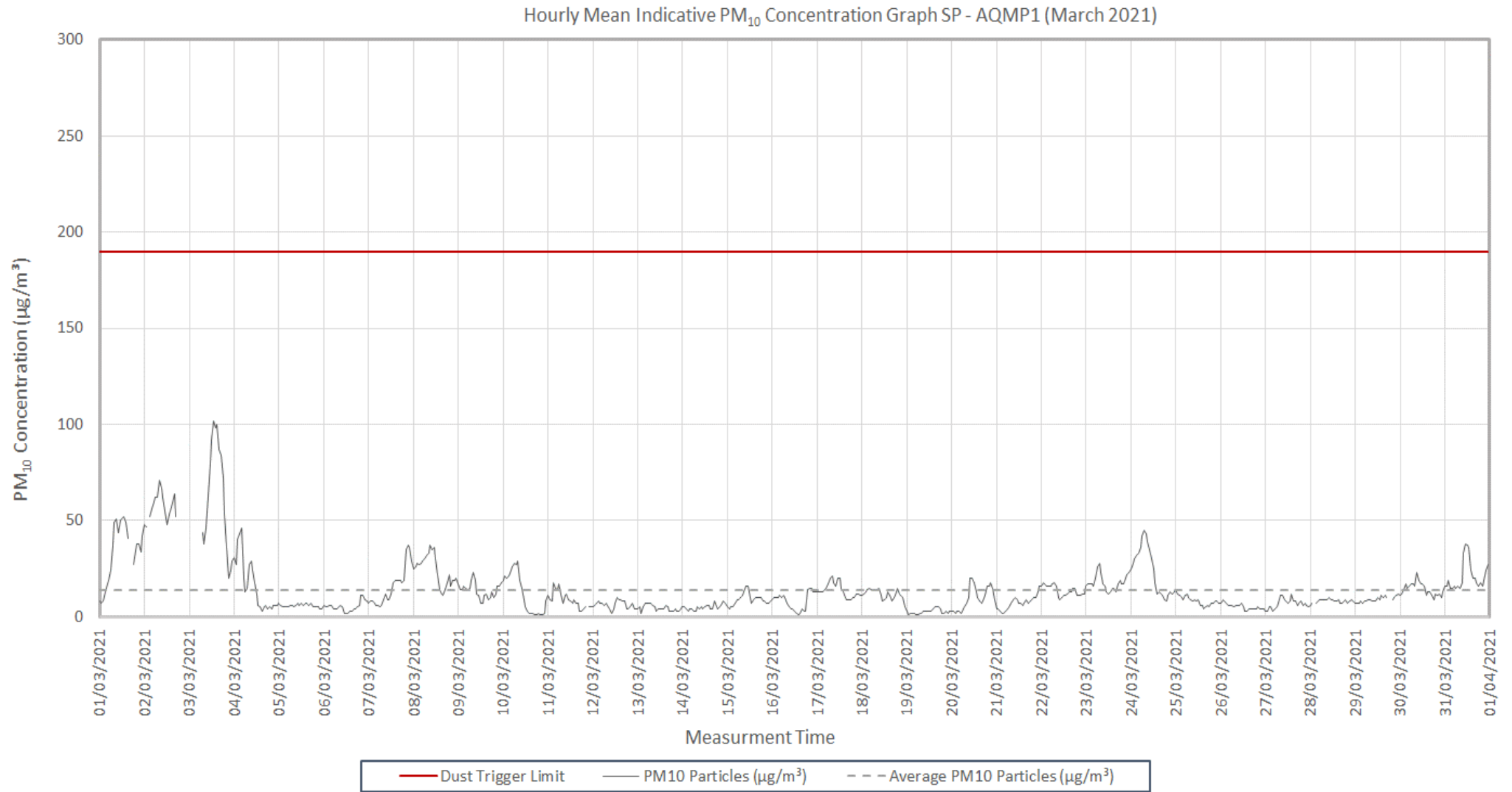




Figure 3: Continuous dust 1-hour mean indicative PM<sub>10</sub> concentration for SP-AQMP2 for March 2021

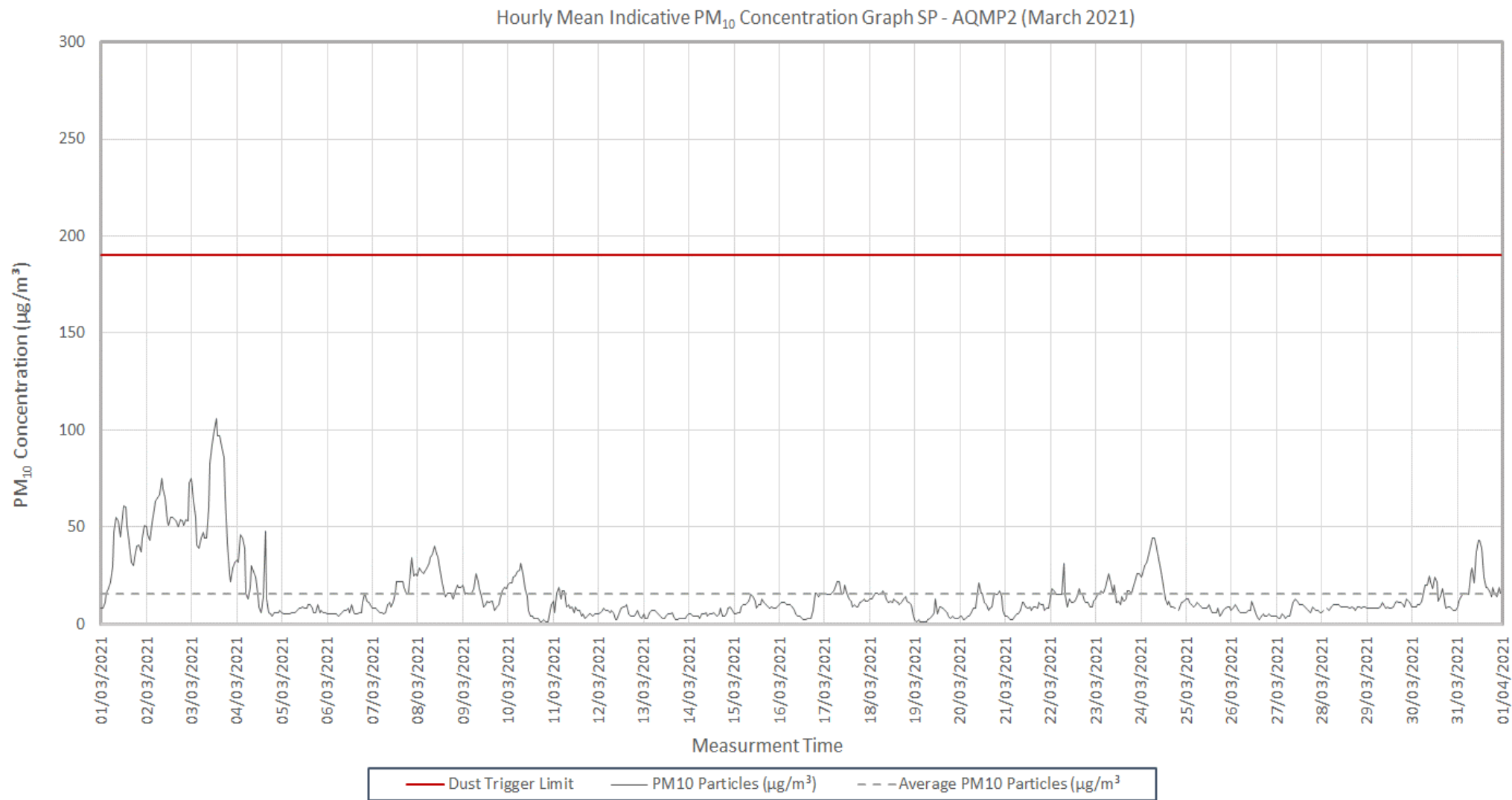


Figure 4: Continuous dust 1-hour mean indicative PM<sub>10</sub> concentration for SP-AQMP3 for March 2021

