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# Air Quality and Dust Monitoring Monthly Report – May 2022 Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council

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## **Monthly Summary**

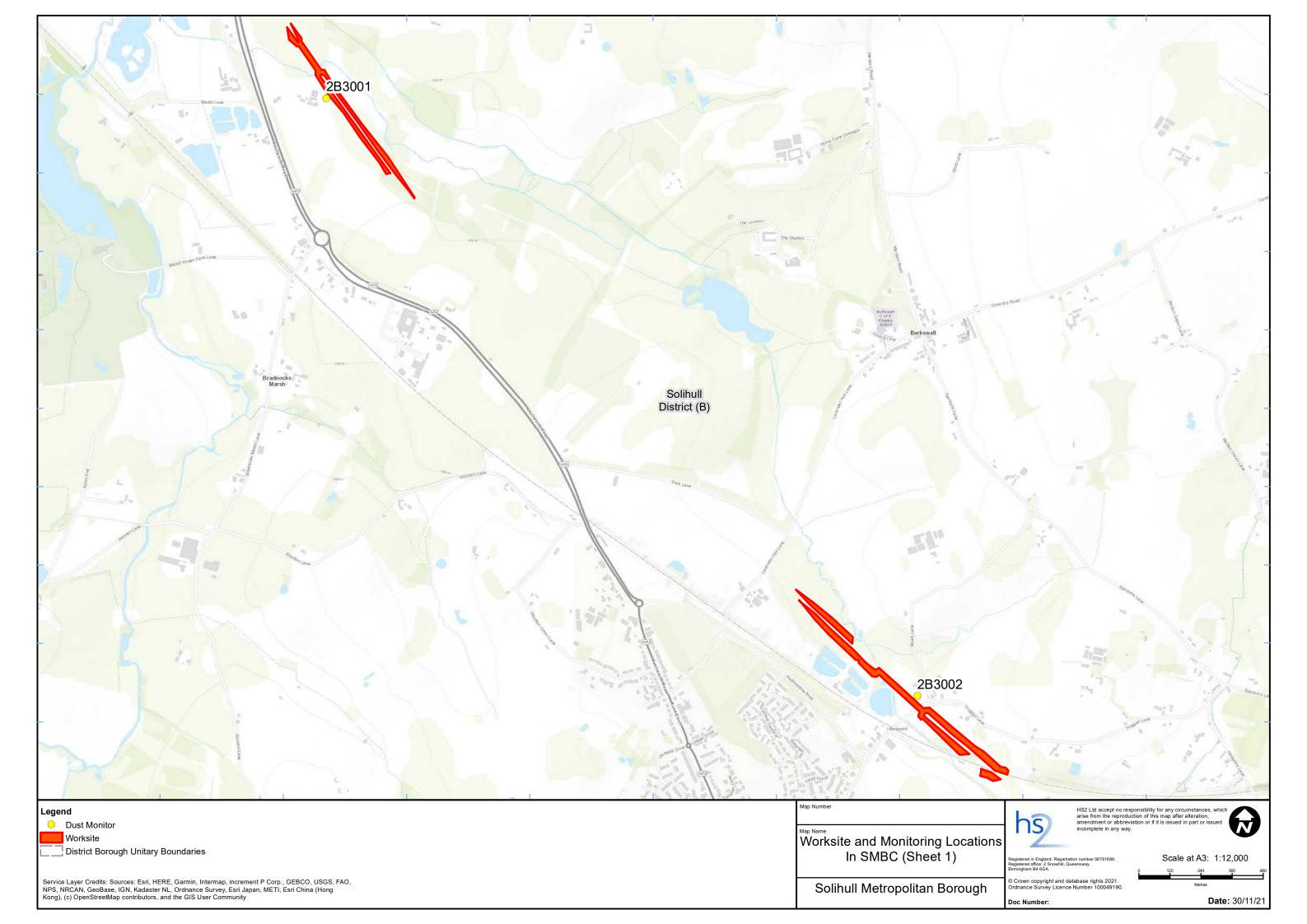
- 1.1.1 This Summary Report is published in fulfilment of commitments detailed in the High Speed Rail (London-West Midlands) Environmental Minimum Requirements, Annex 1: Code of Construction Practice, for the nominated undertaker to present the results of air quality and dust monitoring undertaken in Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC) during May 2022.
- 1.1.2 Figure 1 in Appendix A indicate the current worksites together with the dust monitoring locations for May 2022.
- 1.1.3 This summary should be read in conjunction with the overview monitoring report monthly available from <u>www.gov.uk/government/collections/monitoring-the-</u> <u>environmental-effects-of-hs2</u>, 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 worksites, as presented in Appendix A, Figure 1, include:

### Sublot 2B3

- Soil stripping for haul road construction;
- Drainage pond construction;
- Stockpiling.
- 1.1.5 Two (2) dust monitors are installed at the worksite, where works are underway. These sites returned a medium dust risk rating.
- 1.1.6 Dust monitoring locations and results are presented in Appendix B, Table 1, together with line charts of monthly data from the dust monitors presented in Figure 2. 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 mitigations.
- 1.1.7 The trigger level for PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations of 190 μg/m<sup>3</sup>, over a 1-hour period, 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 (May 2022).
- 1.1.9 No (0) complaints were received during this reporting period.

### **Appendix A – Worksites and Monitoring Locations**

Figure 1: Worksites and monitoring locations within the SMBC



### **Appendix B – Dust Monitoring Results**

Table 1: Dust monitoring locations and May 2022 results

| Monitoring<br>site ID | Coordinates<br>(X,Y) | Location<br>description                  | Dust<br>risk<br>rating<br>for site | Monitoring<br>site active<br>during period | Change to<br>site since<br>previous<br>period<br>report | Mean 1-hour<br>PM <sub>10</sub><br>concentration<br>(μg/m³) | Minimum 1-hour<br>PM <sub>10</sub><br>concentration<br>(µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | Maximum 1-<br>hour PM <sub>10</sub><br>concentration<br>(µg/m³) | Number of 1-<br>hour periods<br>exceeding<br>trigger level of<br>190 µg/m <sup>3</sup> | Data<br>capture<br>(%) |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|--|------------------------|
| 2B3001                | 422322,<br>280034    | Sublot 2B3, at<br>Marsh Farm             | М                                  | Yes  | No  | 5.6   | 0.7   | 27.6  | 0  | 100.0                  |
| 2B3002                | 424601,<br>277729    | Sublot 2B3, at<br>Cherry Tree<br>Cottage | Μ                                  | Yes  | No  | 5.8   | 0.5   | 51.8  | 0  | 99.9                   |

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Figure 2: Construction dust 1-hour mean indicative  $PM_{10}$  concentration for all monitors

