

Air Quality and Dust Monitoring Monthly Report – February 2023 London Borough of Hillingdon



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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 the London Borough of Hillingdon (LBH) during January 2023 and February 2023 respectively.
- 1.1.2 Figure 1 to Figure 4 in Appendix A indicate the current worksites, together with air quality monitoring locations.
- 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, 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 commenced in November 2019 and is expected to be completed by 2025. The current worksites, as presented in Appendix A, Figure 1 to Figure 4, include:

Gatemead and West Ruislip Embankment

- Breakspear Road South;
- River Pinn Underbridge;
- Piling operations;
- Concreting;
- Groundworks;
- Materials management; and
- Conveyor construction.

Copthall North and South

- Groundworks;
- Piling;
- Materials management;
- Concreting; and
- Shuttering works.

West Ruislip Portal

- Groundworks;
- Concreting;
- Tunnel portal construction;
- Materials management, and
- Conveyor construction.

South Ruislip

- Ground works;
- Piling operations;
- Concrete works; and
- Materials management.

Northern Sustainable Placement Area (NSPA)

- Materials movements; and
- Groundworks.

Southern Sustainable Placement Area (SSPA)

- Site mobilisation and set-up;
- Spoil treatment area construction;
- Materials movements; and
- Groundworks.

CVV Dews Lane

- Jetty piling: piling platform relocation works;
- Permanent Main Piling Works: boring pile, de-sanding pile bore at pile position, installing reinforcement cage and concreting pile, grout curtain around viaduct pile groups, maintenance plant and clean up around piles;
- HOAC Compound: operation and de-sanding;
- Haul Road and Jetty Maintenance: operation and maintenance;
- Ground Investigation Works: GI works;
- Pier Construction: arch from deck for FRC works for pile cap and pier and standard piers FRC works for pile cap and pier, post-tensioning of AFD legs and tower crane mob / demob;
- Pumping Water Management: pumping water management ch 25.900 to 29.500;
- Satellite Welfares;
- Generator Farms;
- Core Drilling of Concrete;
- South Abutment: earthworks/stabilisation, FRC early works on SE and drainage works;
- Pile Trimming;
- Grand Union Canal Work: operation and maintenance;
- SCS Material Storage;
- Fencing Finishing Works;
- Utility Diversions;
- Environmental Maintenance;
- Cofferdam Excavation;
- Bentonite Farm; demolition of bentonite farm RC slabs;
- Stockpiling Activity HOAC: stockpile of material coming from other sites;
- RC Crossing: the emergency dismantling of obstruction;

- Launching Girder and Deck Works: span segmental erection with launching gantry, shoring steel structure erection and dismantling, external PT and an internal PT stressing & grouting; and
- Deck Finishes: delivery of parapets, noise barriers, troughs, pipes, steel works and other minor materials to the storage yards and deck, construction of robust kerbs, installation of parapets, construction of concrete stitch filling of voids and secondary concrete (within deck), supply and installation of carrier drainpipe and access ramps required within the deck and main deck water proofing.

CVV Moorhall Road

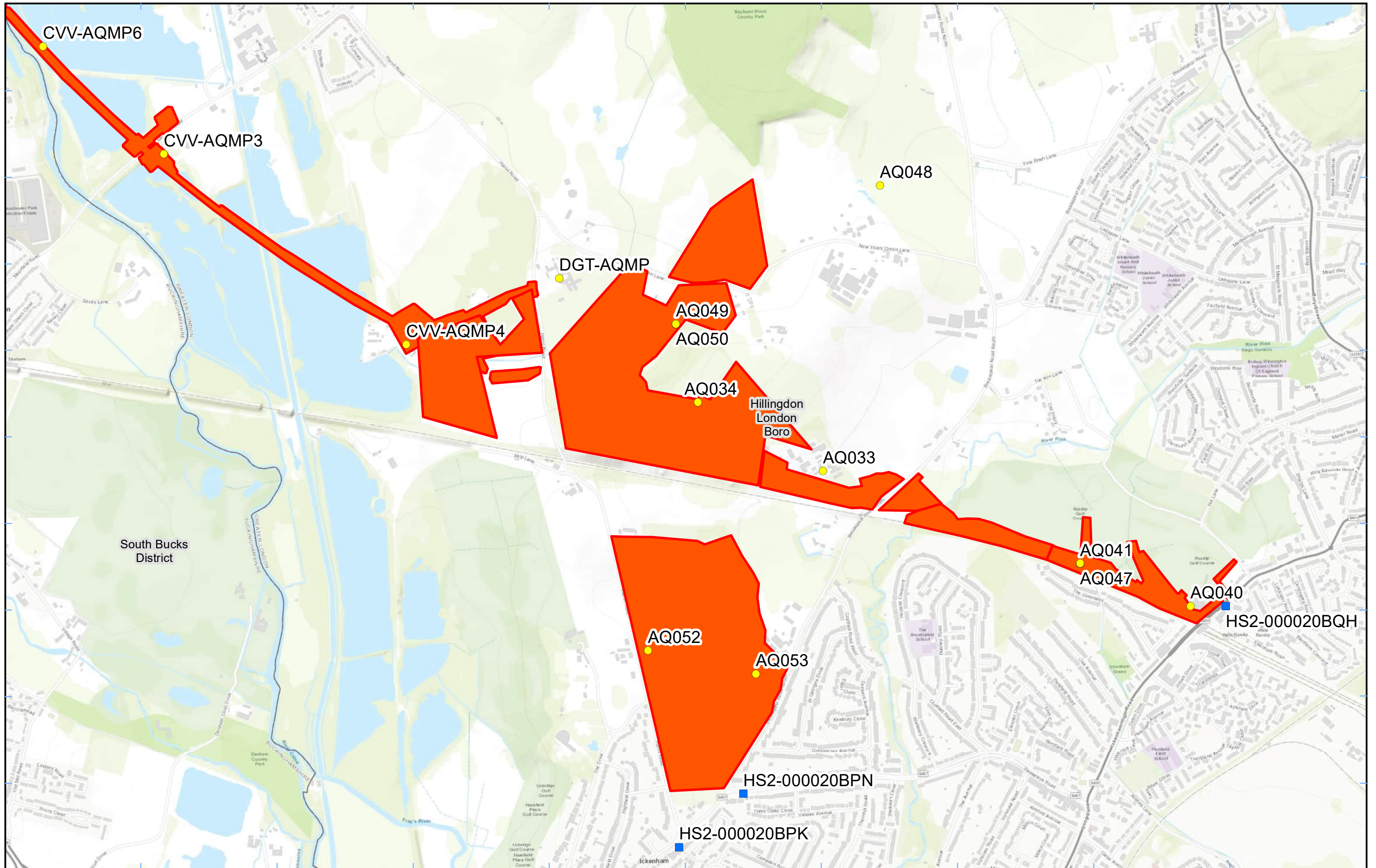
- Jetty piling: piling platform relocation works;
- Permanent Main Piling Works: boring pile, de-sanding pile bore at pile position, installing reinforcement cage and concreting pile, grout curtain around viaduct pile groups, maintenance plant and clean up around piles;
- North and South Moorhall Road: compound operation and de-sanding compound;
- Haul Road and Jetty Maintenance: operation and maintenance;
- Ground Investigation Works: GI works;
- Pier Construction: arch from deck, standard piers FRC works for pile cap and pier, post tensioning of AFD legs and tower crane mob / demob;
- Pumping Water Management: pumping water management ch 25.900 to 29.500;
- Satellite Welfares;
- Generator Farms;
- Core Drilling of Concrete;
- Pile Trimming;
- Harefield Lake No.2: compensation pond;
- SCS Material Storage;
- Fencing Finishing Works;
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- Environmental Maintenance;
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1.1.5 Fourteen (14) dust monitors are installed around worksites. The sites returned a low to high risk 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 each dust monitor in Figure 5. 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 PM₁₀ concentrations of 190µg/m³, 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 Dust trigger alerts were recorded during the monitoring period (February 2023) and are reported in Appendix B, Table 2.
- 1.1.9 Data capture was below 90% for multiple monitors in February 2023 due to power supply issues and access issues. These issues affect the monitors in winter months.
- 1.1.10 Diffusion tube monitoring of Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) is undertaken at eleven (11) locations around highways within the LBH as part of the management of air quality where significant effects November occur as a result of the scheme.
- 1.1.11 Diffusion tube monitoring results are as provided from the laboratory analysis, and therefore still require various analysis and adjustments to be undertaken. Final corrected results will be presented and described in the annual report. However, based on the results to date, no unexpected values were recorded during the monitoring period.
- 1.1.12 NO₂ monitoring locations and results are presented in Appendix C, Table 3, together with the 2023 running mean.
- 1.1.13 There were no (0) complaints received during this reporting period.

Appendix A – Worksites and Monitoring Locations

Figure 1 to Figure 4: Current monitoring locations within the LBH



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- Diffusion Tube
- Worksite
- Dust Monitor
- District Borough Unitary Boundaries

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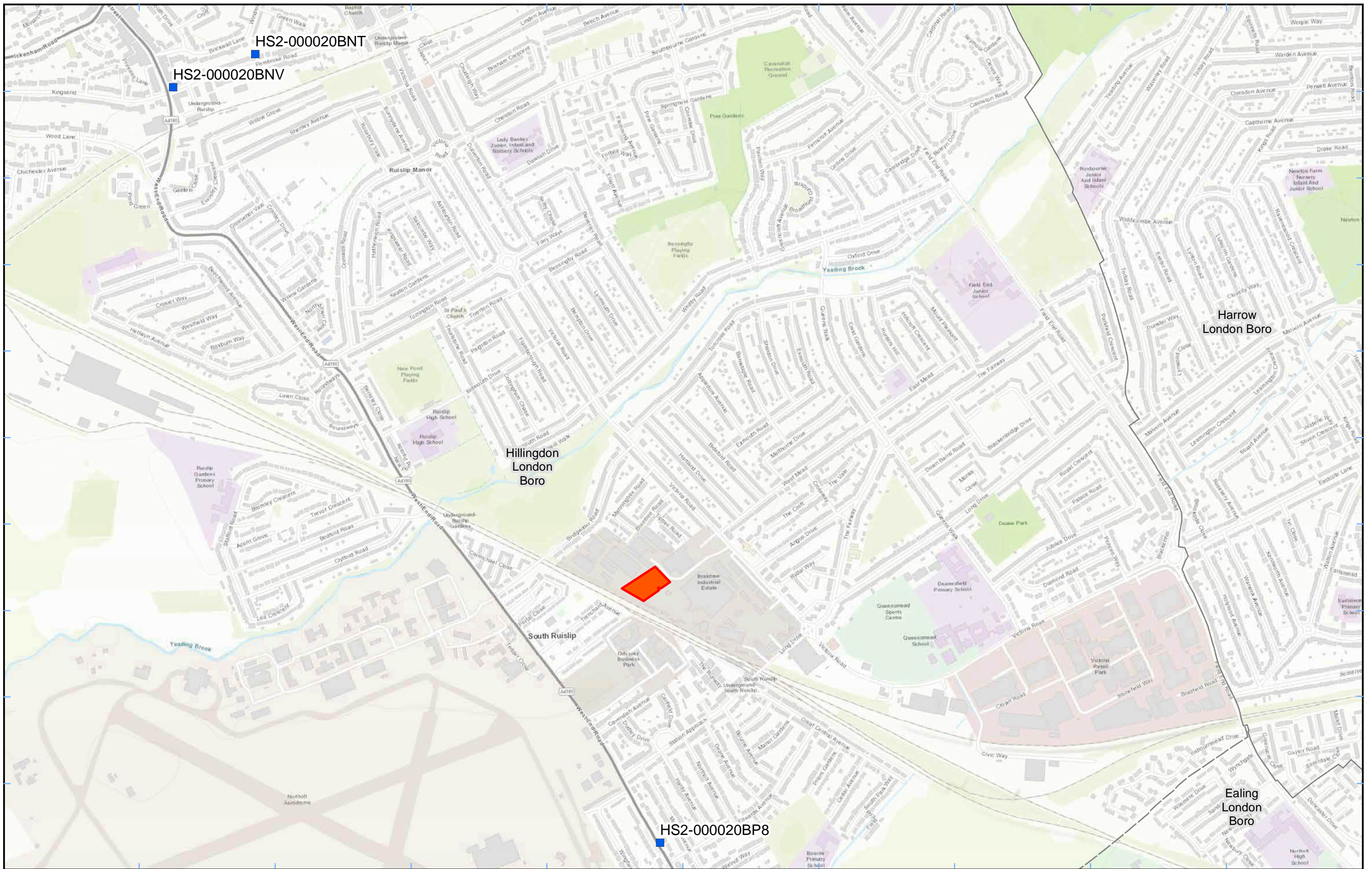
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 Worksite

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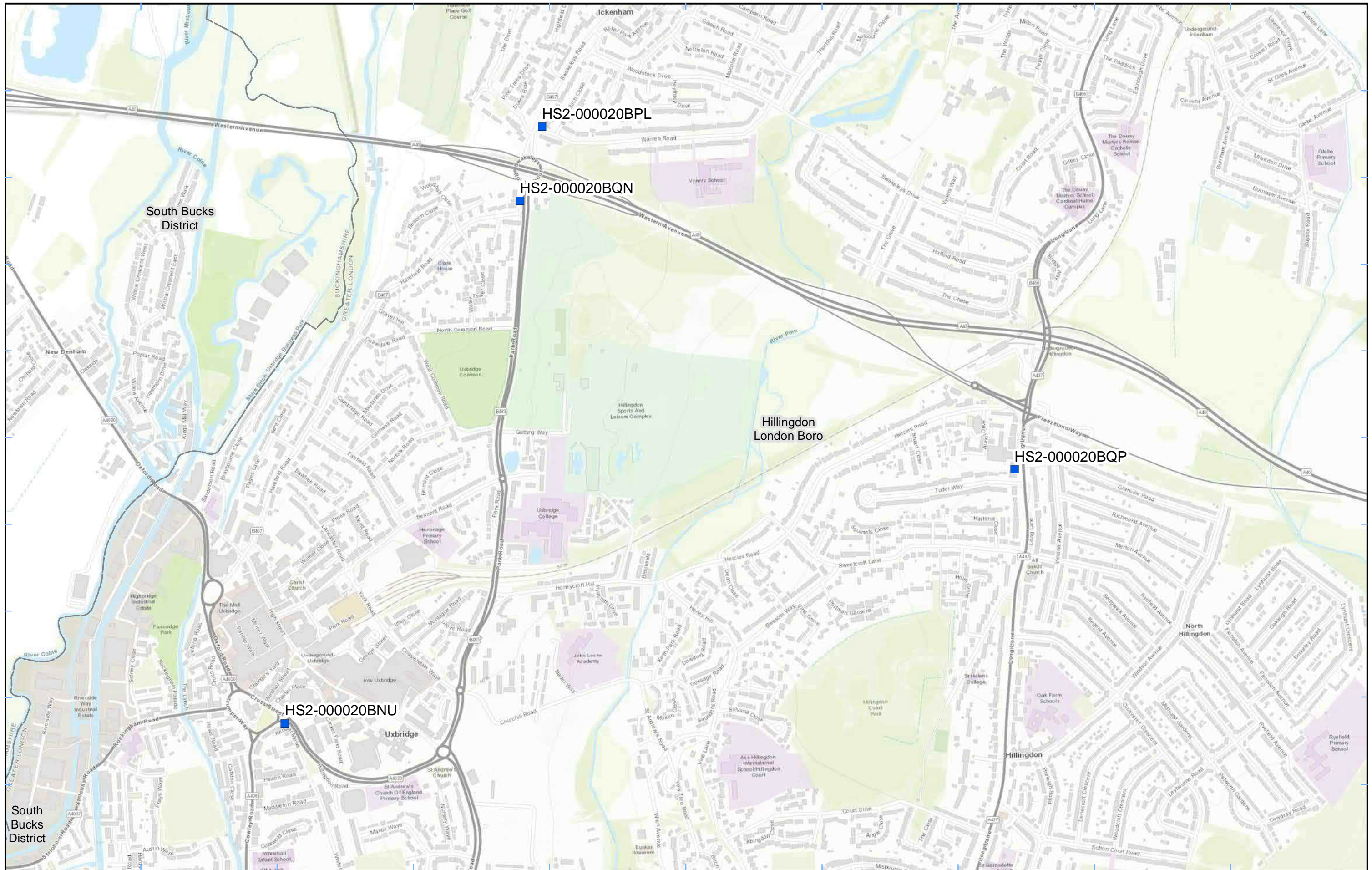
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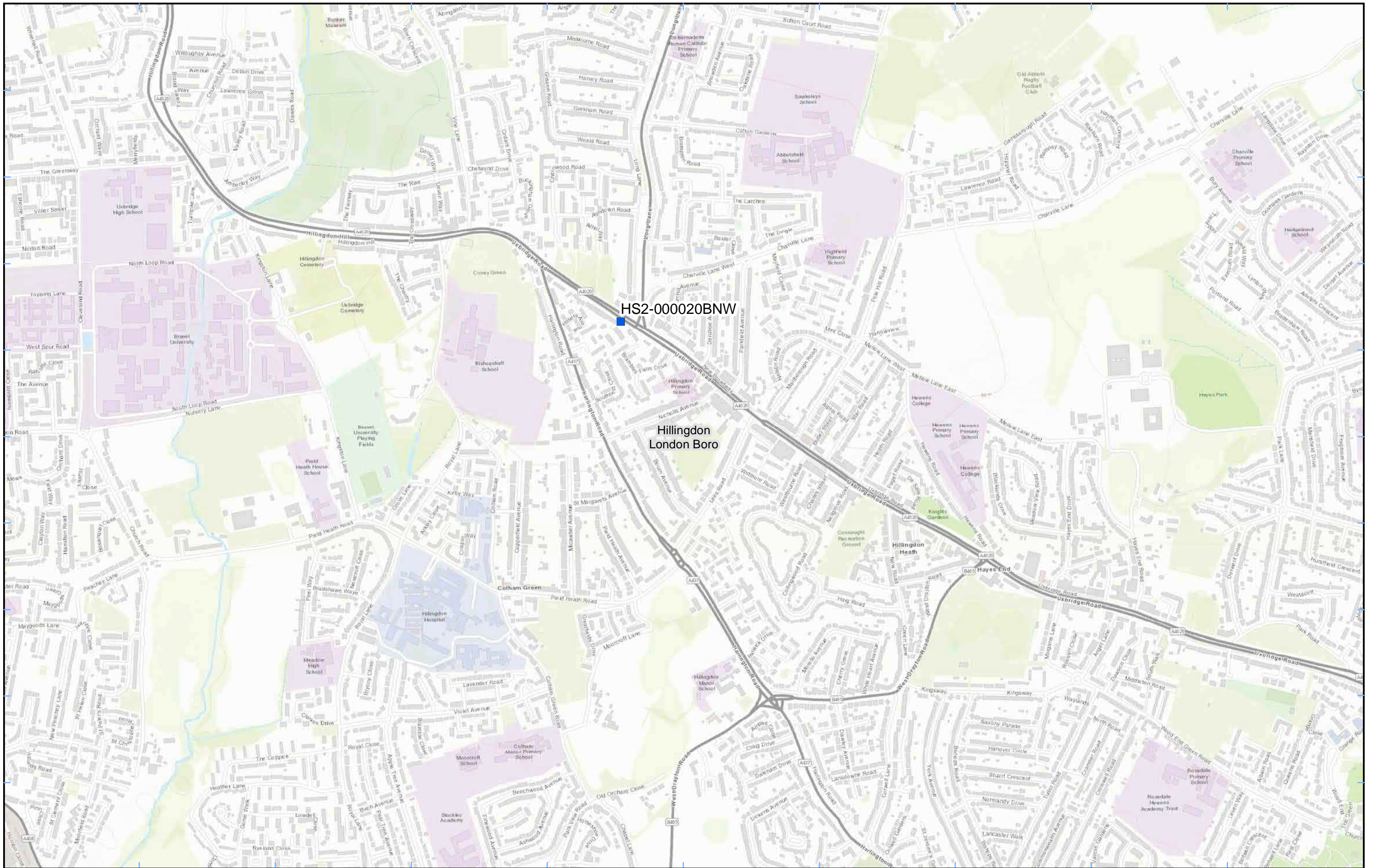
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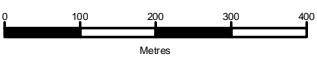
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Appendix B – Dust Monitoring Results

Table 1: Dust monitoring locations and February 2023 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 ₁₀ concentration (µg/m ³)	Minimum 1-hour PM ₁₀ concentration (µg/m ³)	Maximum 1-hour PM ₁₀ concentration (µg/m ³)	Number of 1- hour periods exceeding trigger level of 190 µg/m ³	Data capture (%)
AQ033	507045, 187352	Breakspear Road South	M	Yes	N	9.6	0.7	68.4	0.0	100.0
AQ034	506608, 187592	Cophall Cutting	L	Yes	N	17.2	0.9	155.8	0	100.0
AQ040	508328, 186880	West Ruislip Golf Course	M	Yes	N	12.5	0.9	94.2	0	100.0
AQ041	507942, 187028	West Ruislip Portal	M	Yes	N	9.8	0.8	91.8	0	55.7
AQ047	507942, 187029	West Ruislip Portal	M	Yes	N	10.3	0.9	86.2	0	41.6
AQ048	507243, 188349	Northern Sustainable Placement Area	M	Yes	N	10.0	0.5	59.7	0	100.0
AQ049	506531, 187865	Cophall North, Ancient Woodland	M	Yes	N	9.5	0.4	55.0	0	98.5
AQ050	506531, 187865	Cophall South Compound	H	Yes	N	29.2	0.6	5254.4	4	99.7
AQ052	506433, 186725	Southern Sustainable Placement Area	H	Yes	N	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
AQ053	506811, 186643	Southern Sustainable	H	Yes	N	8.3	0.6	48.4	0	45.6

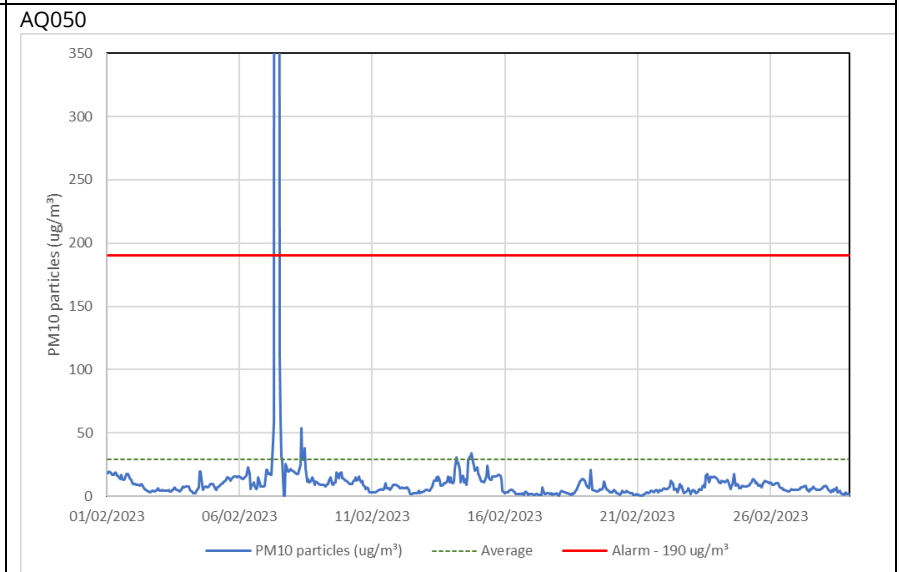
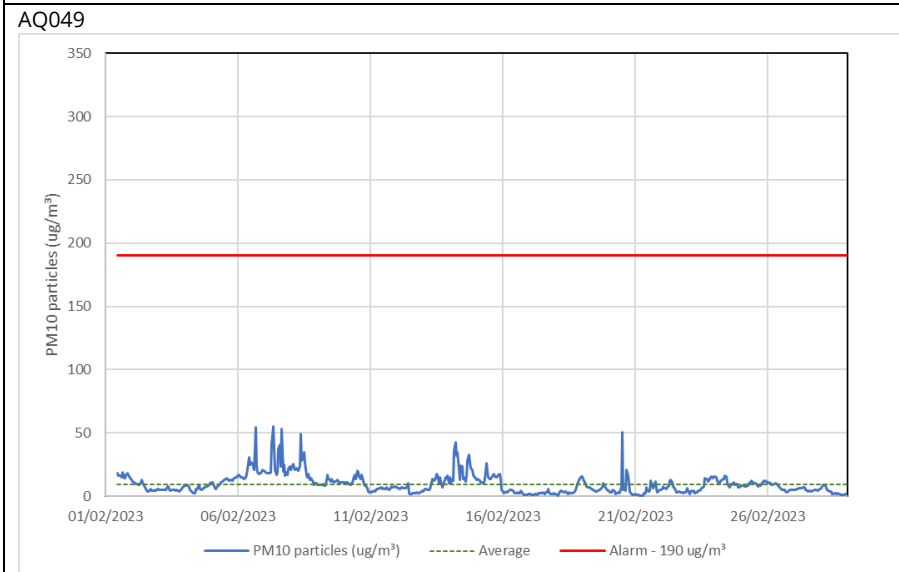
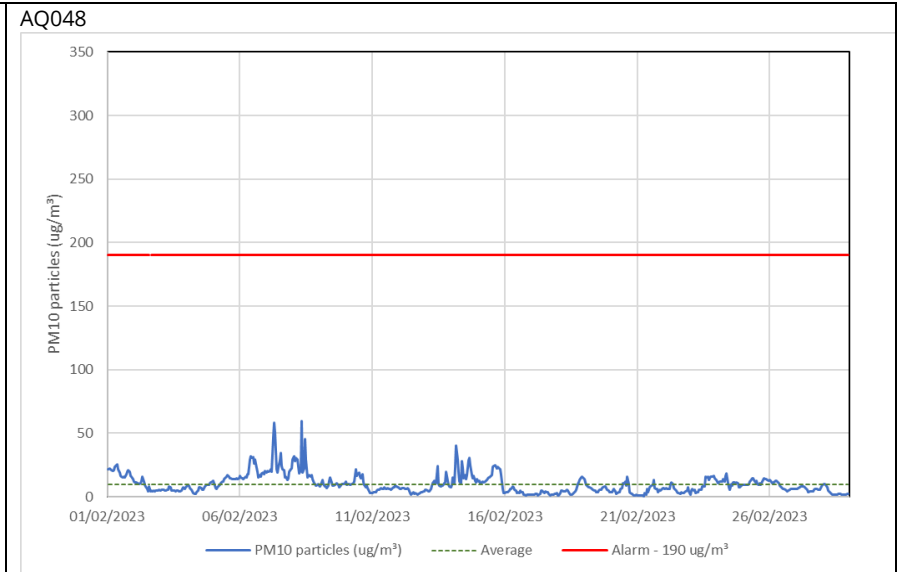
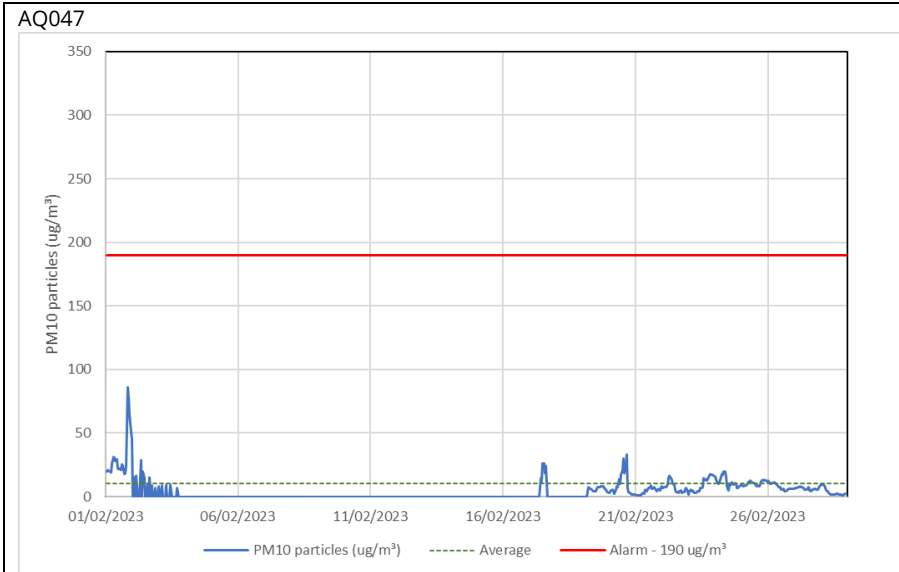
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		Placement Area								
CVV-AQMP3	504773, 188419	On the eastern boundary along south side of Moorhall Road	M	Yes	Yes	17.2	1.0	143.0	0	88.0
CVV-AQMP4	505589, 187793	On the western boundary of HOAC at Dews Lane	M	Yes	Yes	6.4	1.0	59.0	0	59.0
DGT-AQMP (monitor removed 17/02/2023)	506124, 188025	At the Dog Trust on Harvil Road.	M	Yes	Yes	15.8	1.0	74.0	0	100.0
CVV-AQMP6	504321, 188835	Korda Lake Compound, along haul route north of Moorhall road.	M	Yes	Yes	16.2	2.0	52.0	0	11.0

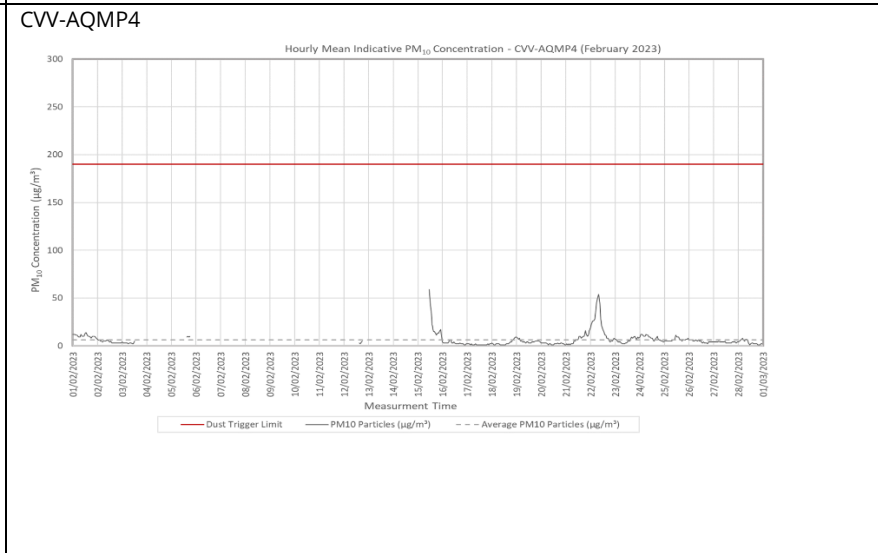
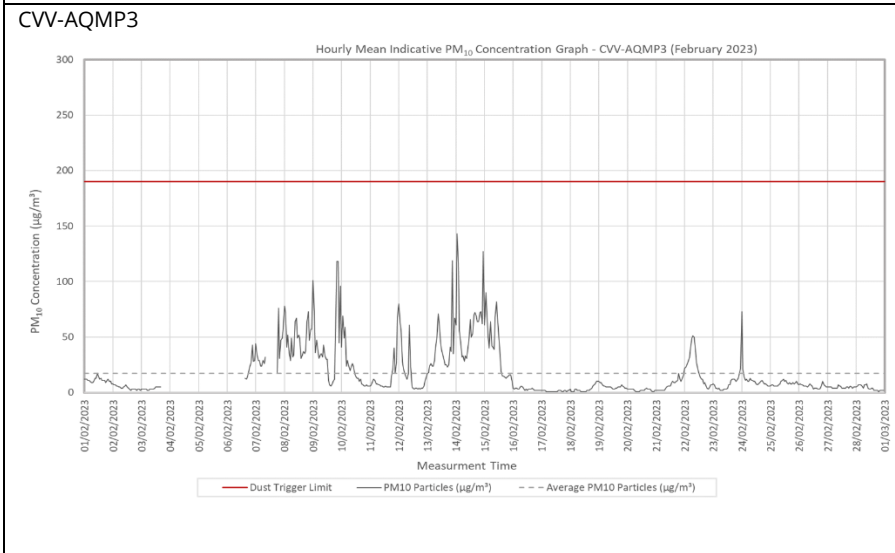
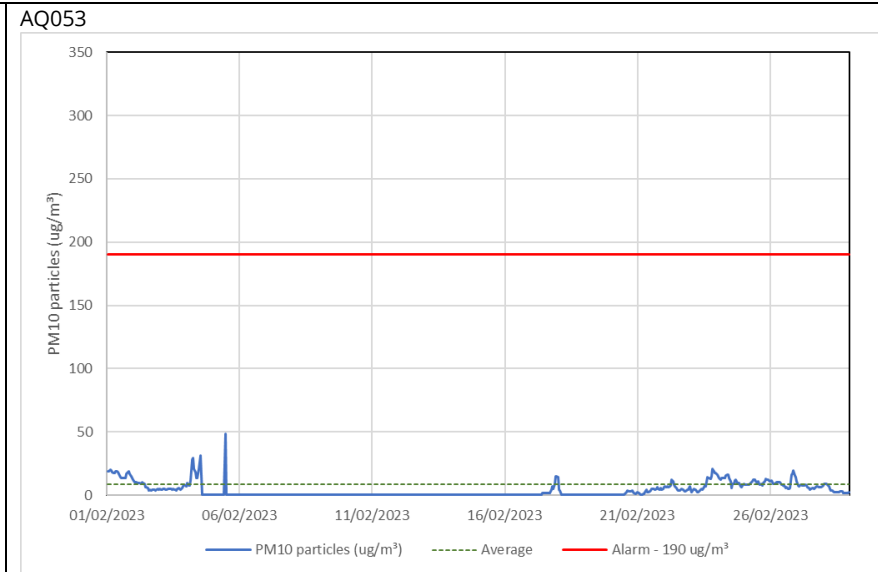
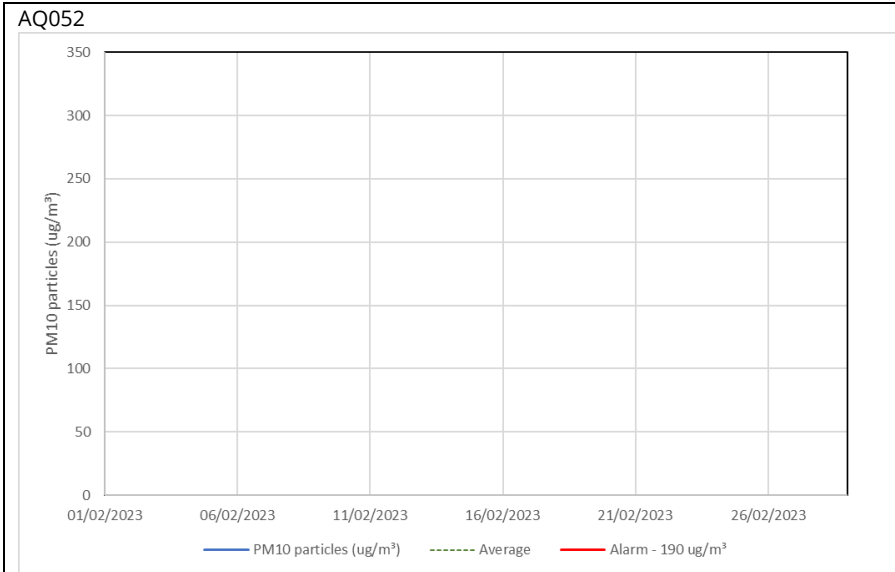
Table 2: Summary of exceedances of trigger level in February 2023

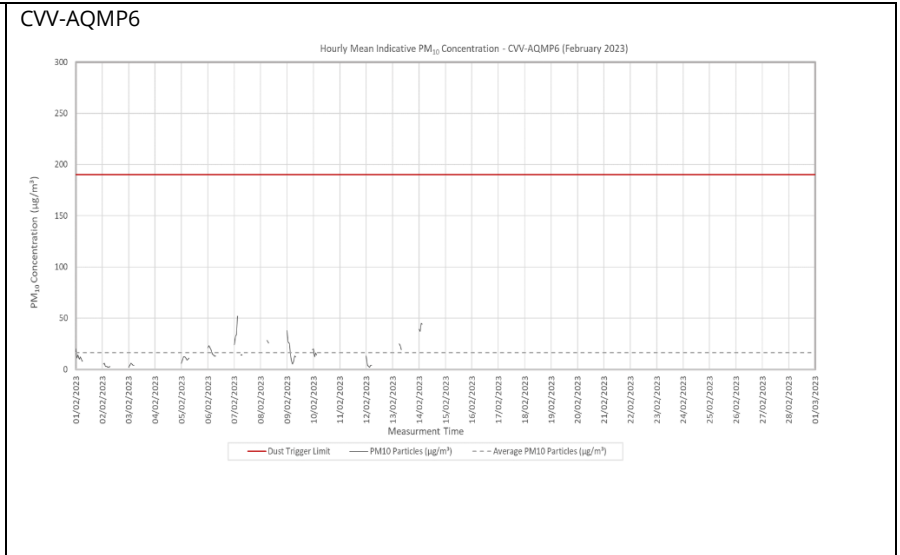
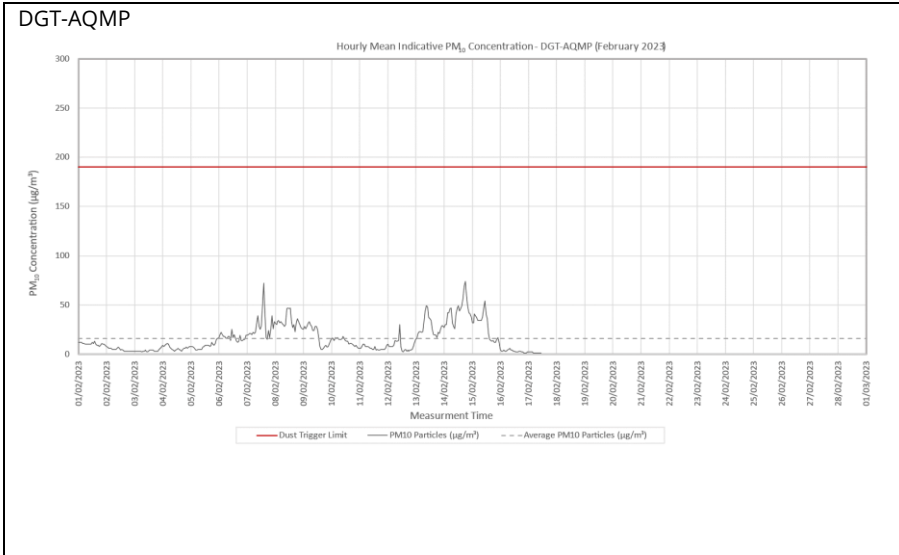
Monitoring site ID	Period exceeding trigger level	Investigation	Outcomes / Resolution / Remedial measures implemented
AQ050	07/02/2023 07:01 – 08:00; 1926.92 µg/m ³ 08:01 – 09:00; 4602.32 µg/m ³ 09:01 – 10:00; 5254.44 µg/m ³ 10:01 – 11:00; 1761.42 µg/m ³	The triggers were received as the site power was lost and the monitor transferred to internal battery and its pump and heater slowly ran down. Power was restored at the end of the day.	Power restored

Figure 5: Construction dust 1-hour mean indicative PM₁₀ concentration for dust monitors









Appendix C – Air Quality Monitoring Results

Table 2: NO₂ monitoring locations around highways, NO₂ concentrations and monthly monitoring results with running mean for 2023 (µg/m³)

Monitoring Site ID	Location description	Coordinates (X, Y)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Mean ¹
HS2-000020BNT	Lamp post on Pembroke Road	509678, 187214	17												17
HS2-000020BNU	Cowley Road sign post at junction with Hillingdon Road	505492, 183926	52												52
HS2-000020BNV	High Street sign post at junction with Pembroke Road	509439, 187117	42												42
HS2-000020BNW	Signpost on A4020 Uxbridge Road at junction with Long Lane	507365, 182687	44												44
HS2-000020BPK	Lamp post in crescent off Swakeleys Road	506542, 186037	39												39
HS2-000020BPL	Warren Road sign post on corner of Swakeleys Road and Warren Road	506240, 185660	45												45
HS2-000020BPN	Lamp post on B467	506767, 186224	37												37

¹ Note: to aid interpretation and conform with best practice, the monthly measurements in this table are reported rounded to the nearest whole number. The annual mean presented here is calculated based on laboratory data to 4 significant figures, rounded to a whole number, and therefore may differ slightly to a mean derived from averaging the rounded monthly measurements in the table.

Monitoring Site ID	Location description	Coordinates (X, Y)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Mean ¹
HS2-000020BQH	Lamp post on High Road Ickenham	508451, 186879	38												38
HS2-000020BQN	Lamp post on Park Road	506176, 185444	42												42
HS2-000020BQP	Sign post on Long Lane	507614, 184663	16												16
HS2-000020BP8	Triplicate site at South Ruislip roadside automatic monitoring station	510858, 184916	37												37