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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 March 2023 and April 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 and 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

- Materials management (tunnel boring machine arisings); and
- Conveyor construction.

South Ruislip

- Vent shaft construction;
- 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

- HOAC Compound: operation;
- 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, standard piers FRC works for pile cap and pier, post-tensioning of AFD legs and tower crane mob / demob;
- ATFS: site preparation, bulk earthworks fill and permanent drainage;
- 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, drainage works, removal of sheet piles, South Abutment construction stage 1 - continuity of activity 41.04, South Abutment construction stage 2, South Abutment construction stage 2 – earthworks and yard supporting activities;
- Pile Trimming;
- Grand Union Canal Work: operation and maintenance;
- Fencing;
- Environmental Maintenance;
- Cofferdam Excavation: cofferdam excavation, dewatering, waling beams and concrete plugs;
- 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;
- Deck Finishes Logistics: preparation and operation of storage yards and installation of below deck access provision, traffic management on the deck surface, installation of parapets, noise barriers, troughs, pipes, steel works and other minor material to the storage yards and deck, installation of access at the top of the deck (HAKI stairs) and foundation works in the north embankment, deck finishes support plan;

- Deck Finishes – On-deck Construction: construction of robust kerbs, installation of parapets, construction of concrete stitch and filling of voids and top openings;
- Deck Finishes – In-deck Construction: diaphragm walls, concrete works within the deck, drainage works within the deck and steel works within the deck; and
- Landscaping: advanced works including removal of cofferdam, early earthworks including ground profiling and cut, initial ground drainage including manhole chamber and early soil placement.

CVV Moorhall Road

- North and South Moorhall Road: compound operation;
- 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;
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1.1.5 Thirteen (13) 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 1. 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_{10} concentrations of 190µg/m^3, 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 twenty-three (23) dust trigger alerts recorded during the monitoring period (April 2023). However, only one was potentially associated with dusty works activities. The exceedances are presented in Appendix B, Table 2. All other results were in line with the expected ranges.

1.1.9 Data capture was below 90% for multiple monitors in April 2023 due to an ongoing fault, power supply, and access issues.

1.1.10 Diffusion tube monitoring of Nitrogen Dioxide (NO_2) 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.

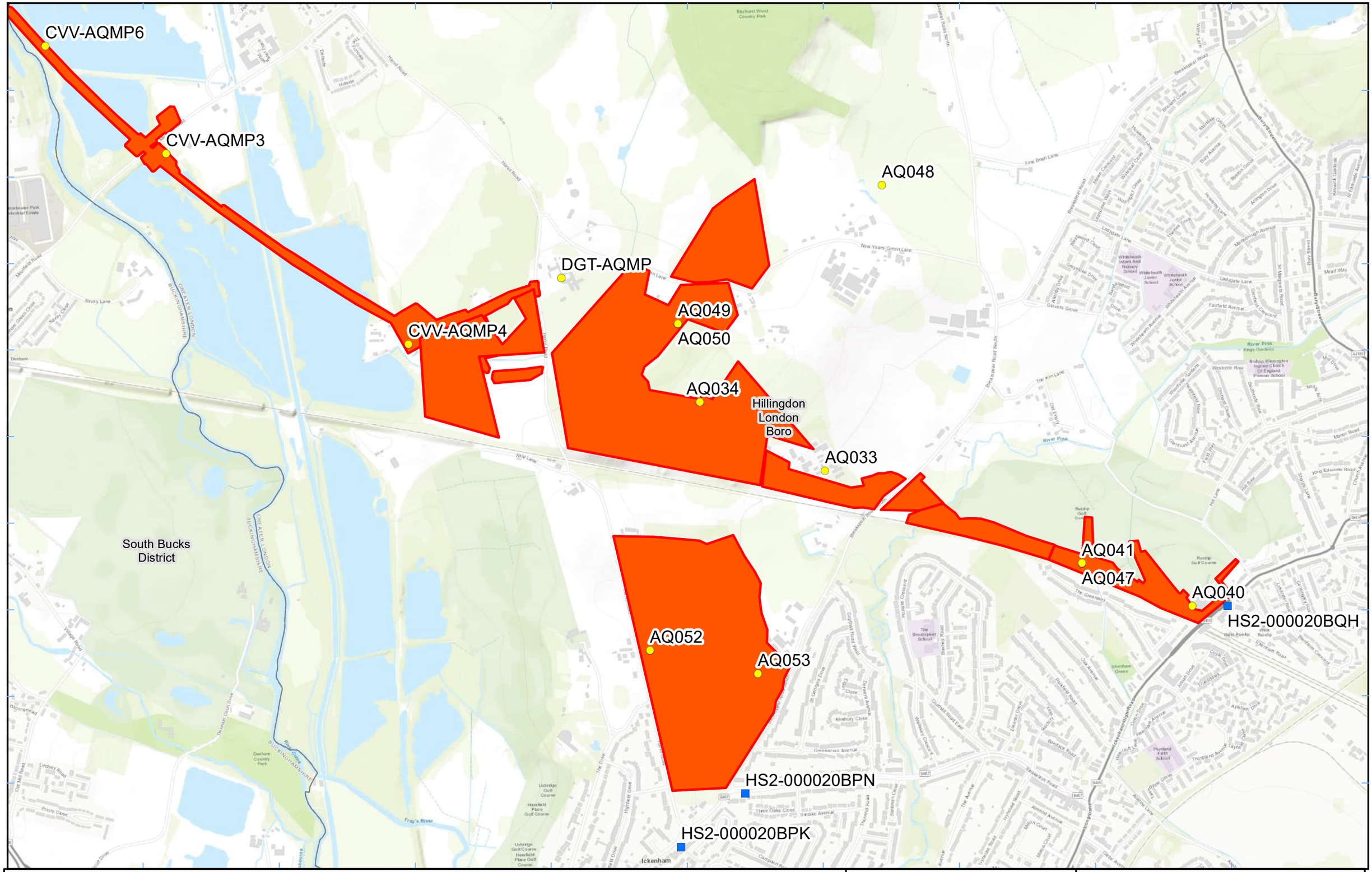
1.1.11 Diffusion tube monitoring results are as provided from the laboratory analysis, and therefore still require various analysis and adjustments to be undertaken. Final corrected results will be presented and described in the annual report. However, based on the results to date, no unexpected values were recorded during the monitoring period.

1.1.12 NO_2 monitoring locations and results are presented in Appendix C, Table 2, together with the 2023 running mean.

1.1.13 There were no (0) complaints received during this reporting period (April 2023).

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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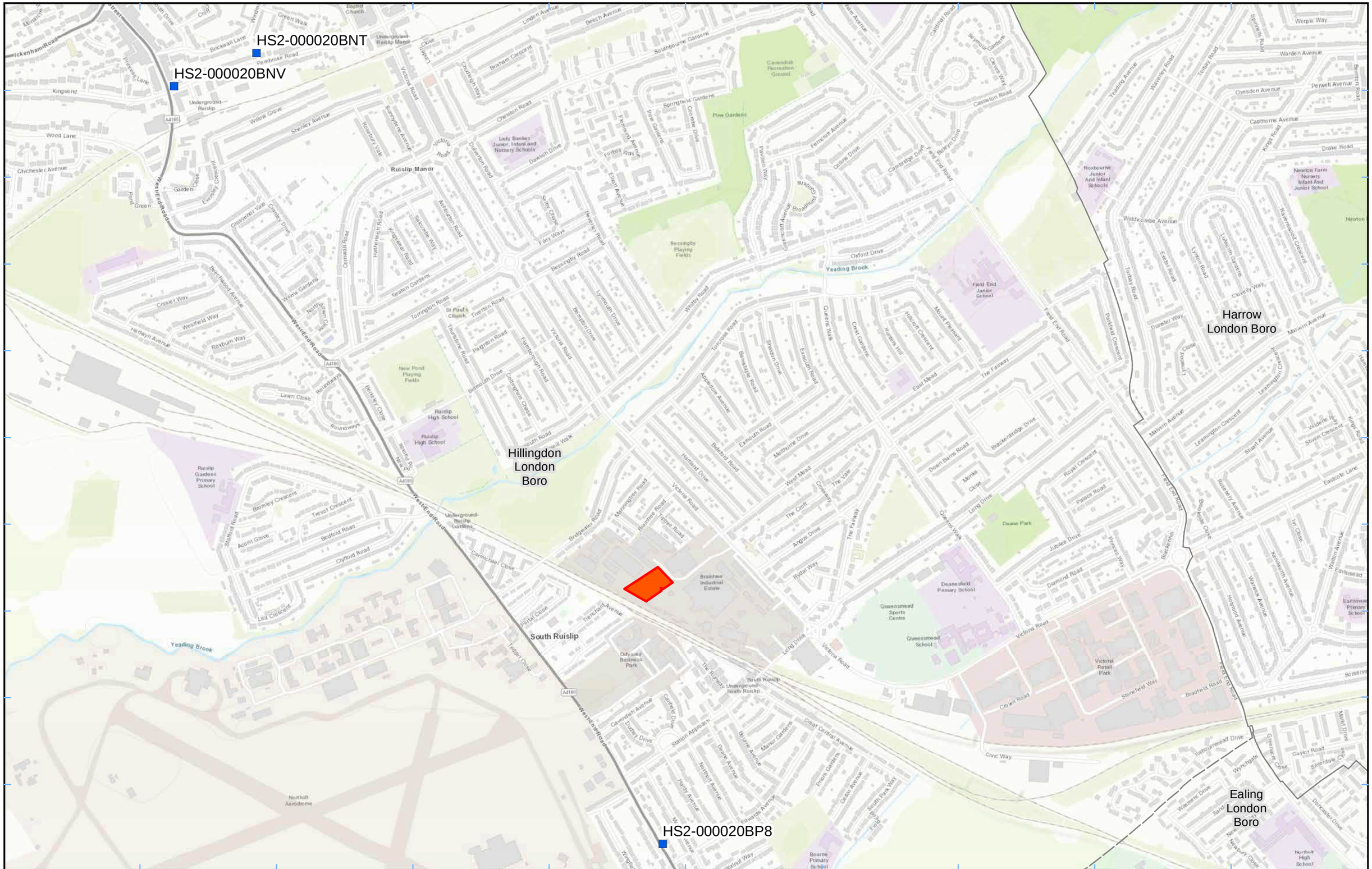

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- Diffusion Tube
- District Borough Unitary Boundaries
- Worksite

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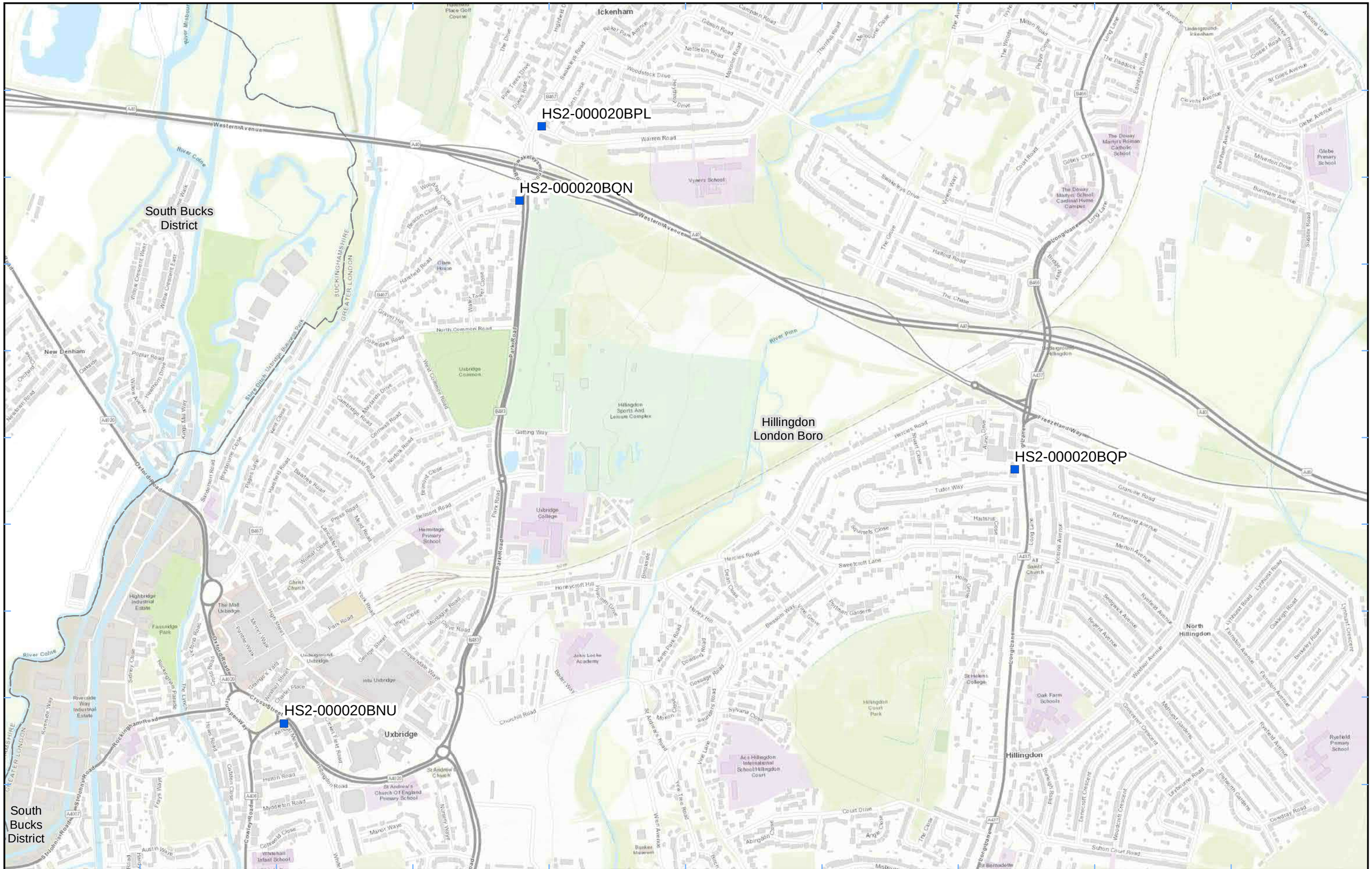
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Uxbridge
Hillingdon
North Hillingdon
New Denham
Western Avenue
Warren Road
North Common Road
Park Road
Getting Way
Belmont Road
Harefield Road
Rickmansworth Road
Oxford Road
Uxbridge Road
Freezeland Way
Long Lane
Swakeleys Drive
Court Road
Halford Road
The Chase
Tudor Way
Sweetcroft Lane
Hercies Road
Honeycroft Hill
Middleton Road
Hillingdon Court Park
Hillingdon Sports And Leisure Complex
Uxbridge Common
River Colne
River Pinn
Uxbridge College
Hermitage Primary School
Whitehall Infant School
St Andrew's Church Of England Primary School
John Locke Academy
St Helens College
Oak Farm Schools
Ryefield Primary School
The Douay Martyrs Roman Catholic School
The Douay Martyrs School Cardinal Hume Campus
Vyners School
Glebe Primary School
Underground Ickenham
Underground Hillingdon
Underground Uxbridge
Intu Uxbridge
Highbridge Industrial Estate
Riverside Way Industrial Estate
Fassnidge Park
Uxbridge Common
Bunker Museum
Ace Hillingdon International School Hillingdon Court
All Saints' Church
Christ Church
St Andrew's Church
The Mall Uxbridge
Chiltern Way
Cowley Road
Colham Mill Road
Stockley Road
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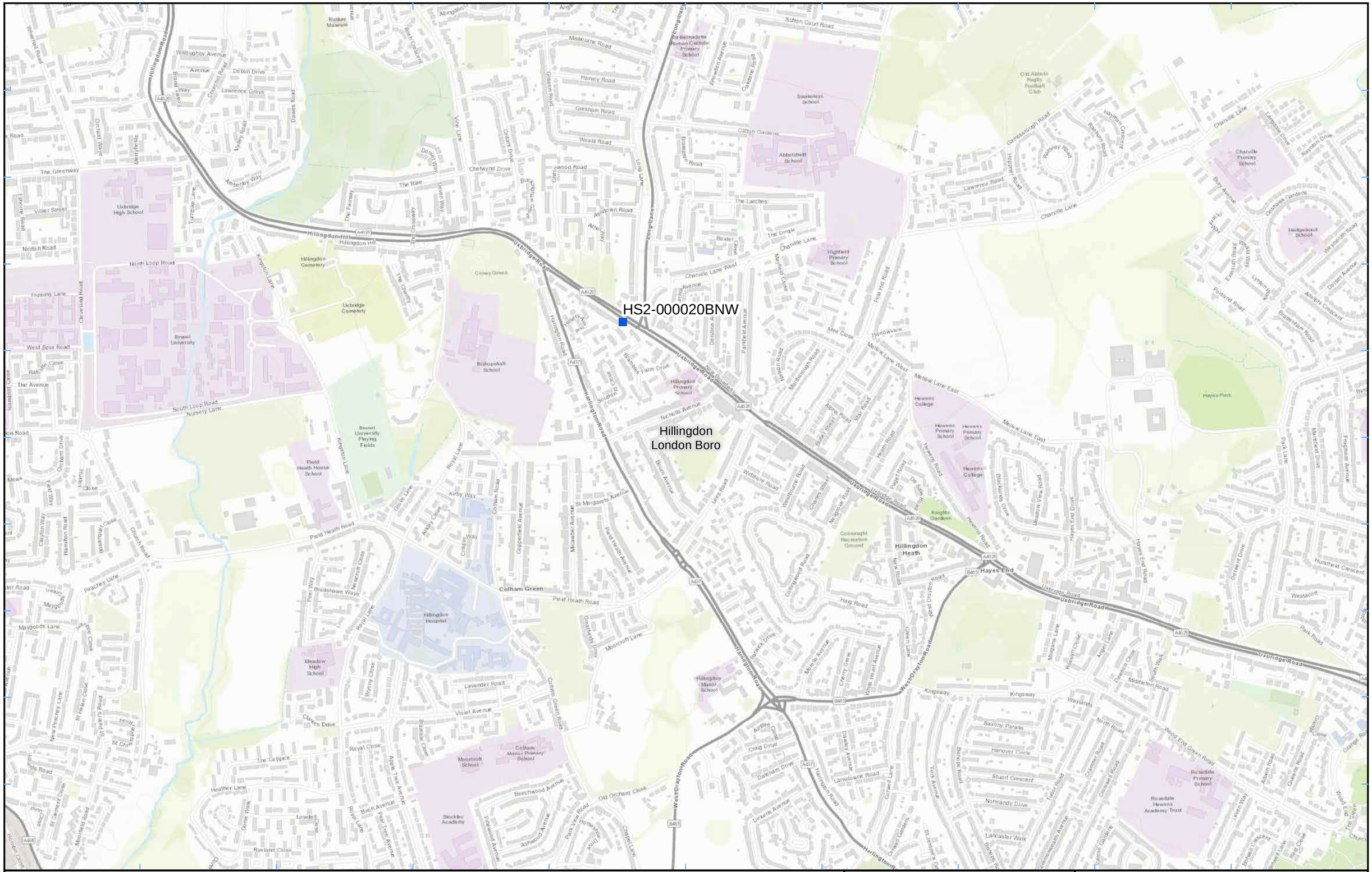

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Appendix B – Dust Monitoring Results

Table 1: Dust monitoring locations and April 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 ($\mu g/m^3$)	Minimum 1-hour PM_{10} concentration ($\mu g/m^3$)	Maximum 1-hour PM_{10} concentration ($\mu g/m^3$)	Number of 1- hour periods exceeding trigger level of 190 $\mu g/m^3$	Data capture (%)
AQ033	507045, 187352	Breakspear Road South	M	Yes	N	8.4	0.7	71.2	0.0	100.0
AQ034	506608, 187592	Copthall Cutting	L	Yes	N	21.0	1.0	286.1	3	93.6
AQ040	508328, 186880	West Ruislip Golf Course	M	Yes	N	10.4	1.3	101.7	0	99.9
AQ041	507942, 187028	West Ruislip Portal	M	Yes	N	10.4	0.8	49.0	0	100.0
AQ047	507942, 187029	West Ruislip Portal	M	Yes	N	9.7	0.8	57.6	0	99.9
AQ048	507243, 188349	Northern Sustainable Placement Area	M	Yes	N	130.5	1.1	6527.9	20	61.1
AQ049	506531, 187865	Copthall North, Ancient Woodland	M	Yes	N	9.4	0.8	129.6	0	93.6
AQ050	506531, 187865	Copthall South Compound	H	Yes	N	8.4	0.7	87.8	0	100.0
AQ052	506433, 186725	Southern Sustainable Placement Area	H	Yes	N	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data

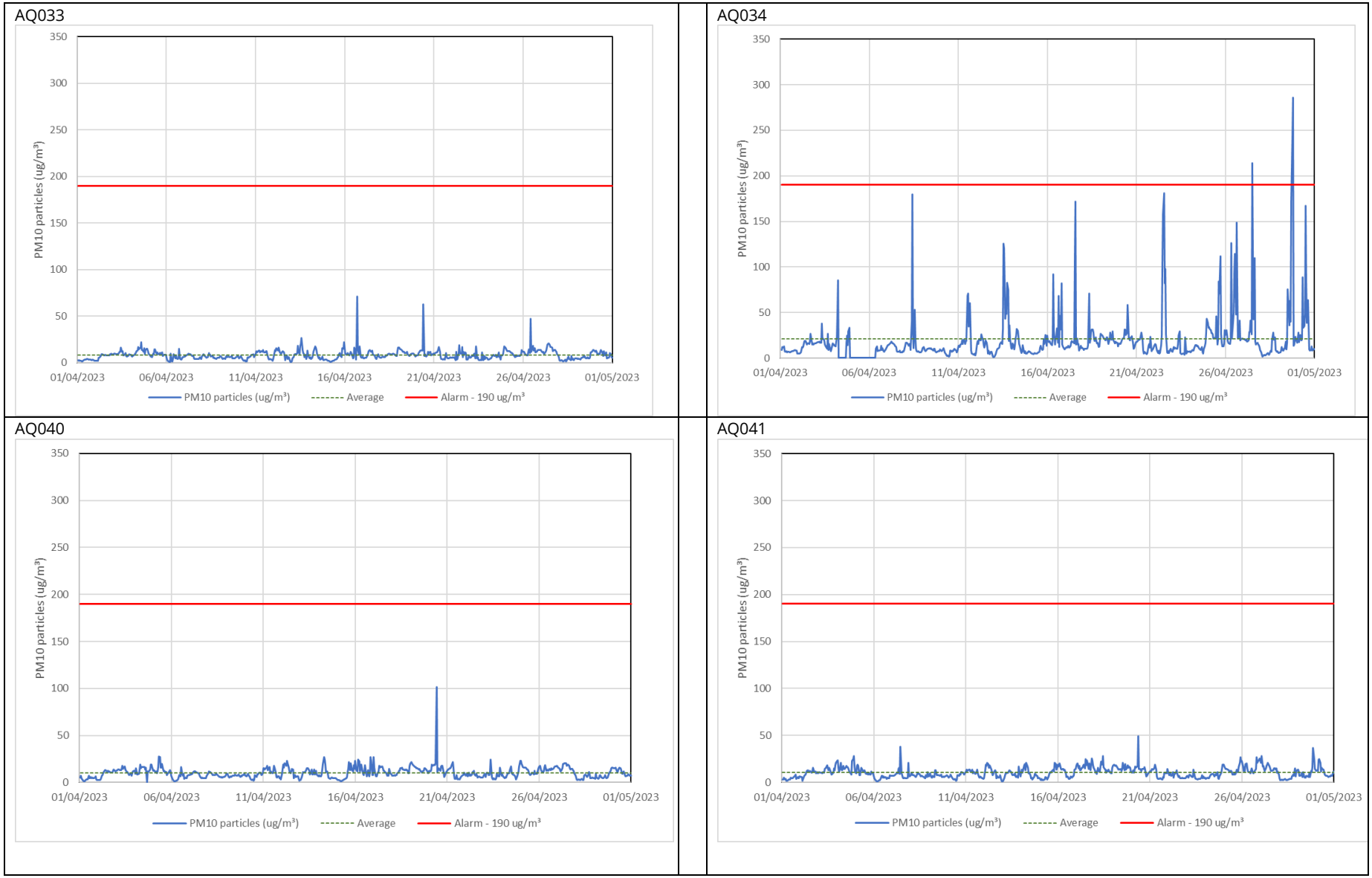
Monitoring site ID	Coordinates (X,Y)	Location description	Dust risk rating for site	Monitoring site active during period	Change to site since previous period report	Mean 1-hour PM_{10} concentration ($\mu g/m^3$)	Minimum 1-hour PM_{10} concentration ($\mu g/m^3$)	Maximum 1-hour PM_{10} concentration ($\mu g/m^3$)	Number of 1- hour periods exceeding trigger level of 190 $\mu g/m^3$	Data capture (%)
AQ053	506811, 186643	Southern Sustainable Placement Area	H	Yes	N	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
CVV-AQMP3	504773, 188419	On the eastern boundary along south side of Moorhall Road	M	Yes	Yes	11.6	1.0	76.0	0	100.0
CVV-AQMP4	505589, 187793	On the western boundary of HOAC at Dews Lane	M	Yes	Yes	9.3	1.0	63.0	0	100.0
CVV-AQMP6	504321, 188835	Korda Lake Compound, along haul route north of Moorhall road.	M	Yes	Yes	8.8	1.0	58.0	0	100.0

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

Monitoring site ID	Period exceeding trigger level	Investigation	Outcomes / Resolution / Remedial measures implemented
AQ048	04/04/2023 02:01 – 03:00; 199.96 µg/m^3 03:01 – 04:00; 277.93 µg/m^3 05/04/2023 00:01 – 01:00; 334.59 µg/m^3 01:01 – 02:00; 512.11 µg/m^3 02:01 – 03:00; 355.84 µg/m^3 22:01 – 23:00; 376.51 µg/m^3 06/05/2023 23:01 – 00:00; 429.75 µg/m^3 00:01 – 01:00; 324.26 µg/m^3 08/04/2023 23:01 – 00:00; 806.39 µg/m^3 00:01 – 01:00; 6500.38 µg/m^3 01:01 – 02:00; 6522.47 µg/m^3 02:01 – 03:00; 4615.86 µg/m^3 06:01 – 07:00; 3054.23 µg/m^3 22:01 – 23:00; 618.54 µg/m^3 09/04/2023 23:01 – 00:00; 3183.54 µg/m^3 00:01 – 01:00; 3534.54 µg/m^3 01:01 – 02:00; 6524.6 µg/m^3 02:01 – 03:00; 6527.9 µg/m^3 24/04/2023 01:01 – 02:00; 457.28 µg/m^3 02:01 – 03:00; 5471.5 µg/m^3	There is an ongoing fault (throughout April) with the hydrogen generator powering the monitor resulting in intermittent power loss to the monitor. Low power to the pump and internal heater along with inclement wet and cold weather has resulted in erratic readings.	Monitor serviced and the generator replaced in early May.

Monitoring site ID	Period exceeding trigger level	Investigation	Outcomes / Resolution / Remedial measures implemented
AQ034	27/04/2023 11:01 – 12:00; 213.7 µg/m^3	Monitor AQ034 is located at the south-eastern boundary of the Ancient Woodland on the North Copthall site. At the time of the trigger there was no indication of dusty works or duty machinery movements on the haul in the area. Historical trigger alerts from this monitor usually indicate the nearby haul road is drying out/dusty. The haul is usually damped down with a bowser and regularly swept but intermittent elevated levels (not triggers) during April potentially indicate the haul road or nearby small equipment/materials compound is drying out between regular wet weather periods in April.	Dust suppression circuits with bowsers/ road sweepers will increase on the haul road with the anticipated drier weather in May.
	29/04/2023 17:01 – 18:00; 243.9 µg/m^3 18:01 – 19:00; 286.1 µg/m^3	At the time of the trigger the site was shut and the day before had been raining so the haul road was damp.	Monitor serviced on the 9th May to rule out any fault with the monitor or loose debris within the inlet tube.

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



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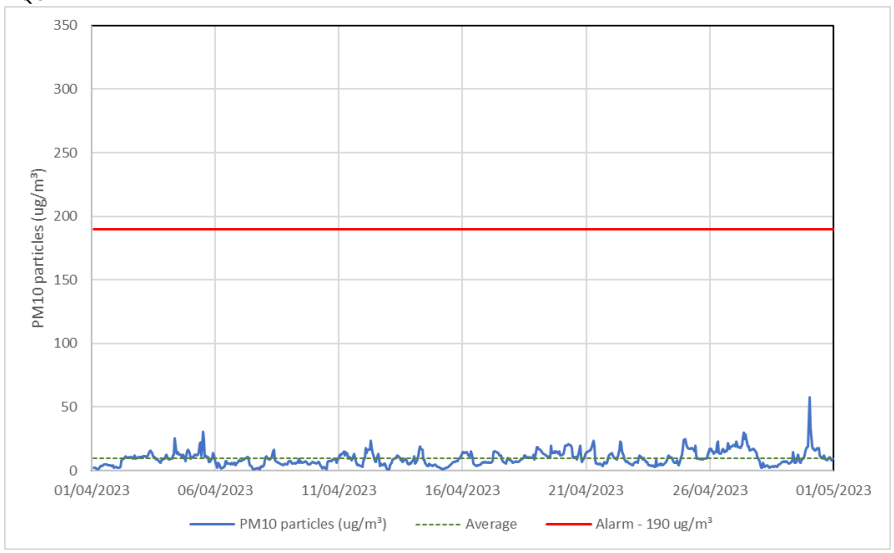

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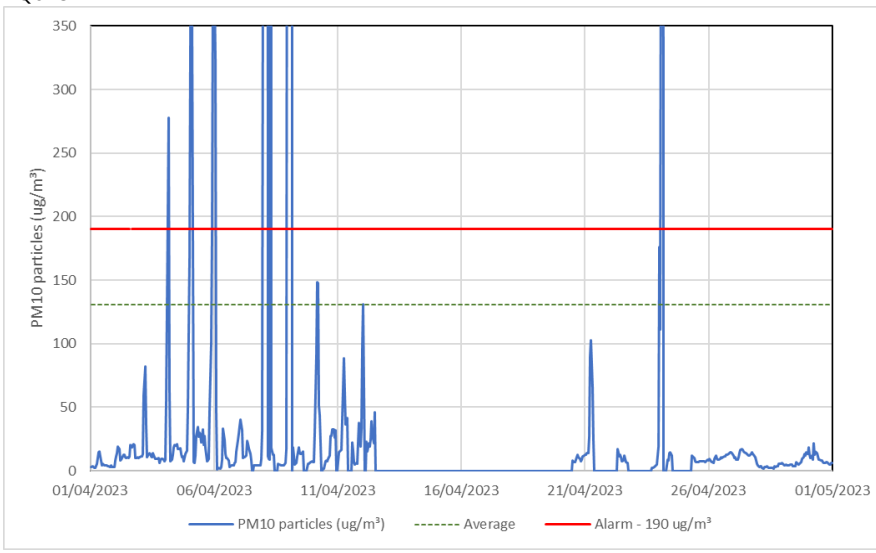

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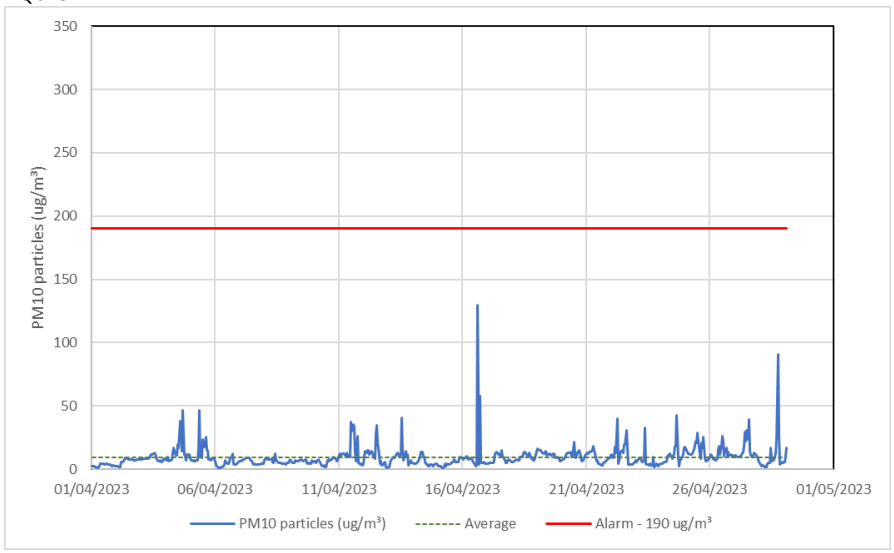

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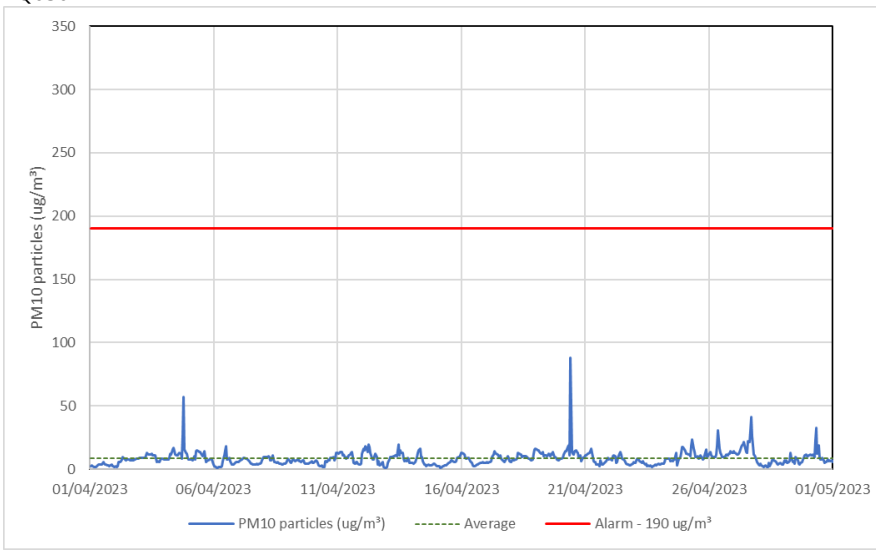

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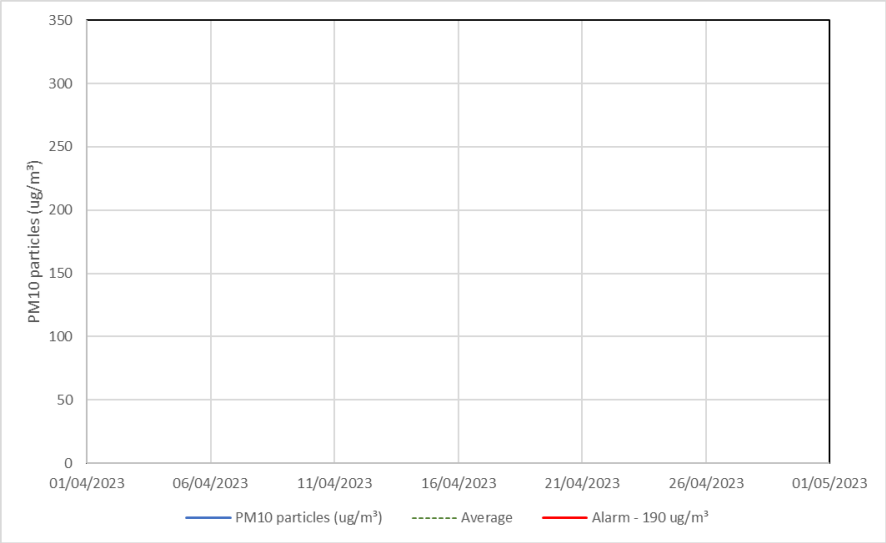

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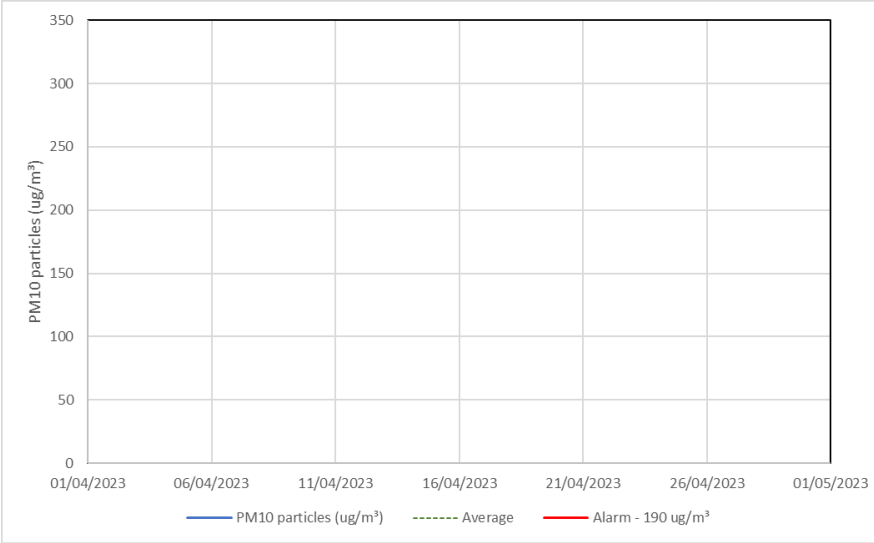

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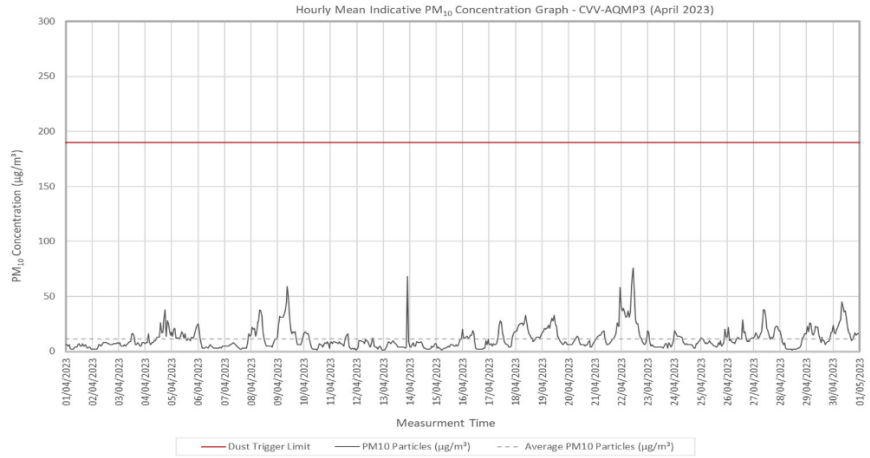

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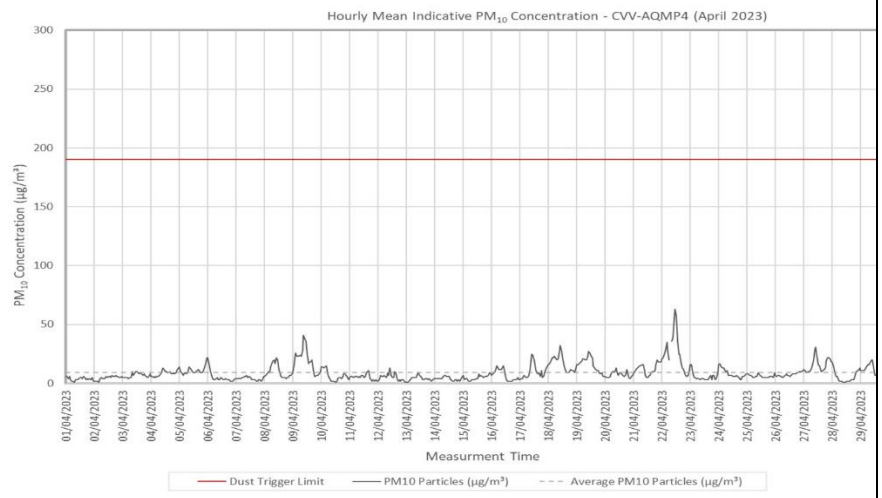

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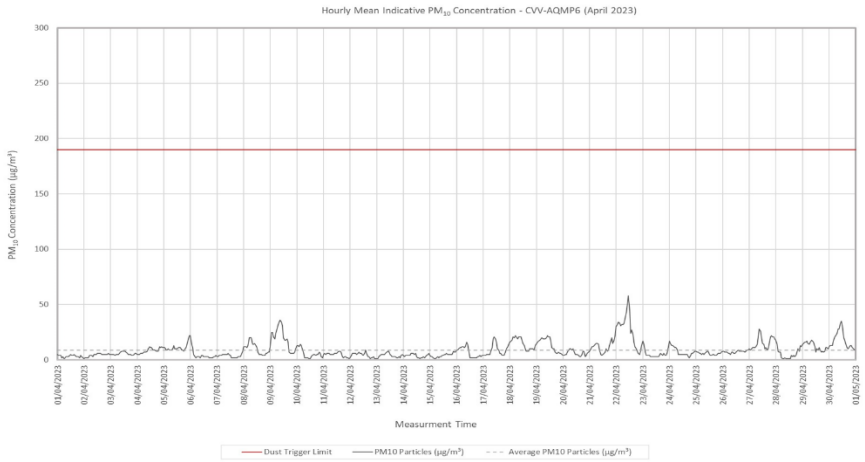
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PM10 Concentration (µg/m³)
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Dust Trigger Limit
PM10 Particles (µg/m³)
Average PM10 Particles (µg/m³)

Appendix C – Air Quality Monitoring Results

Table 2: NO_2 monitoring locations around highways, NO_2 concentrations and monthly monitoring results with running mean for 2023 (µg/m^3)

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	30	15										21
HS2-000020BNU	Cowley Road sign post at junction with Hillingdon Road	505492, 183926	52	45	36										44
HS2-000020BNV	High Street sign post at junction with Pembroke Road	509439, 187117	42	41	35										39
HS2-000020BNW	Signpost on A4020 Uxbridge Road at junction with Long Lane	507365, 182687	44	47	39										43
HS2-000020BPK	Lamp post in crescent off Swakeleys Road	506542, 186037	39	40	30										36
HS2-000020BPL	Warren Road sign post on corner of Swakeleys Road and Warren Road	506240, 185660	45	42	24										37
HS2-000020BPN	Lamp post on B467	506767, 186224	37	42	24										34

[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	47	Tube Missing										42
HS2-000020BQN	Lamp post on Park Road	506176, 185444	42	40	18										33
HS2-000020BQP	Sign post on Long Lane	507614, 184663	16	42	25										27
HS2-000020BP8	Triplicate site at South Ruislip roadside automatic monitoring station	510858, 184916	37	39	29										35