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# Air Quality and Dust Monitoring Monthly Report – April 2023

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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 (SMBC) during April 2023.
- 1.1.2 Figures 1 and 2 in Appendix A indicate the current worksites together with the dust monitoring locations for April 2023.
- 1.1.3 This summary should be read in conjunction with the overview monitoring report monthly available from <a href="www.gov.uk/government/collections/monitoring-the-environmental-effects-of-hs2">www.gov.uk/government/collections/monitoring-the-environmental-effects-of-hs2</a>, 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, Figures 1 and 2, include:

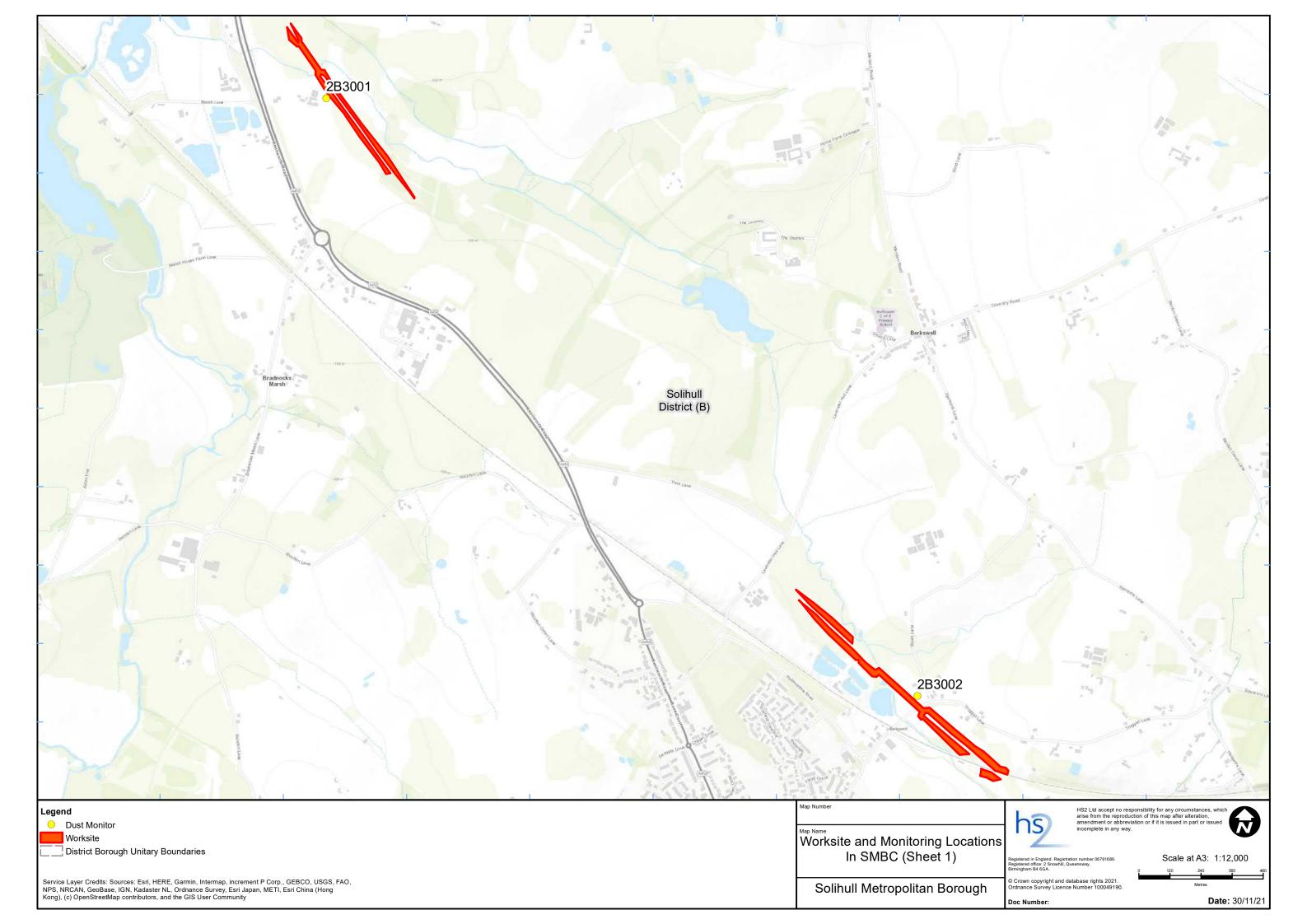
#### **Sublot 2B3**

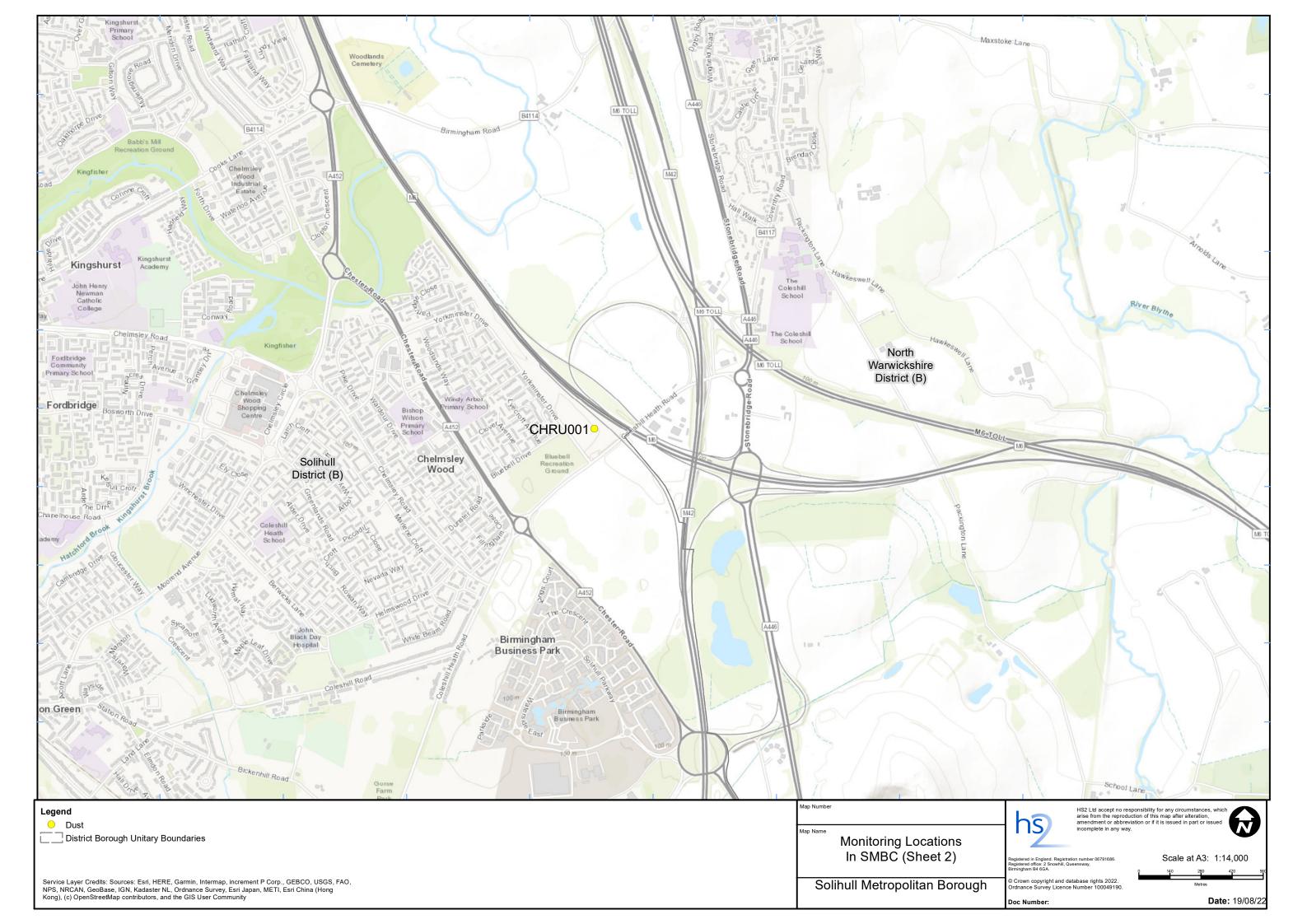
#### **Balsall Common Viaduct:**

- Plant crossing and haul route usage.
- 1.1.5 Three (3) dust monitors are installed at worksites, 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 3. 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  $PM_{10}$  concentrations of 190  $\mu$ g/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 There were no (0) dust trigger alerts recorded during the monitoring period (April 2023).
- 1.1.9 Data capture was below 90% for CHRU001 due to this monitors' solar panels being stolen shortly after it was originally installed on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022, it was completely decommissioned. It was reinstalled and commissioned in a new location on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

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

Figures 1 and 2: Worksites and Monitoring Locations within the SMBC





## **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 <sub>10</sub> concentration (μg/m³)	Minimum 1- hour PM <sub>10</sub> concentration (μg/m³)	Maximum 1- hour PM <sub>10</sub> concentration (μg/m³)	Number of 1- hour periods exceeding trigger level of 190 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Data capture Month (%)
2B3001	422322, 280034	Sublot 2B3, at Marsh Farm	М	Yes	No	11.3	0.1	43.2	0	100.0
2B3002	424601, 277729	Sublot 2B3, at Cherry Tree Cottage	М	Yes	No	10.6	0.1	40.1	0	100.0
CHRU001	419300, 286793	Bluebell Drive, Coleshill Heath Road Underbridge	М	No	No	19.2	8.2	32.8	0	17.9

