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# Air Quality and Dust Monitoring Monthly Report - May 2023

Cherwell District Council



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### **Monthly Summary**

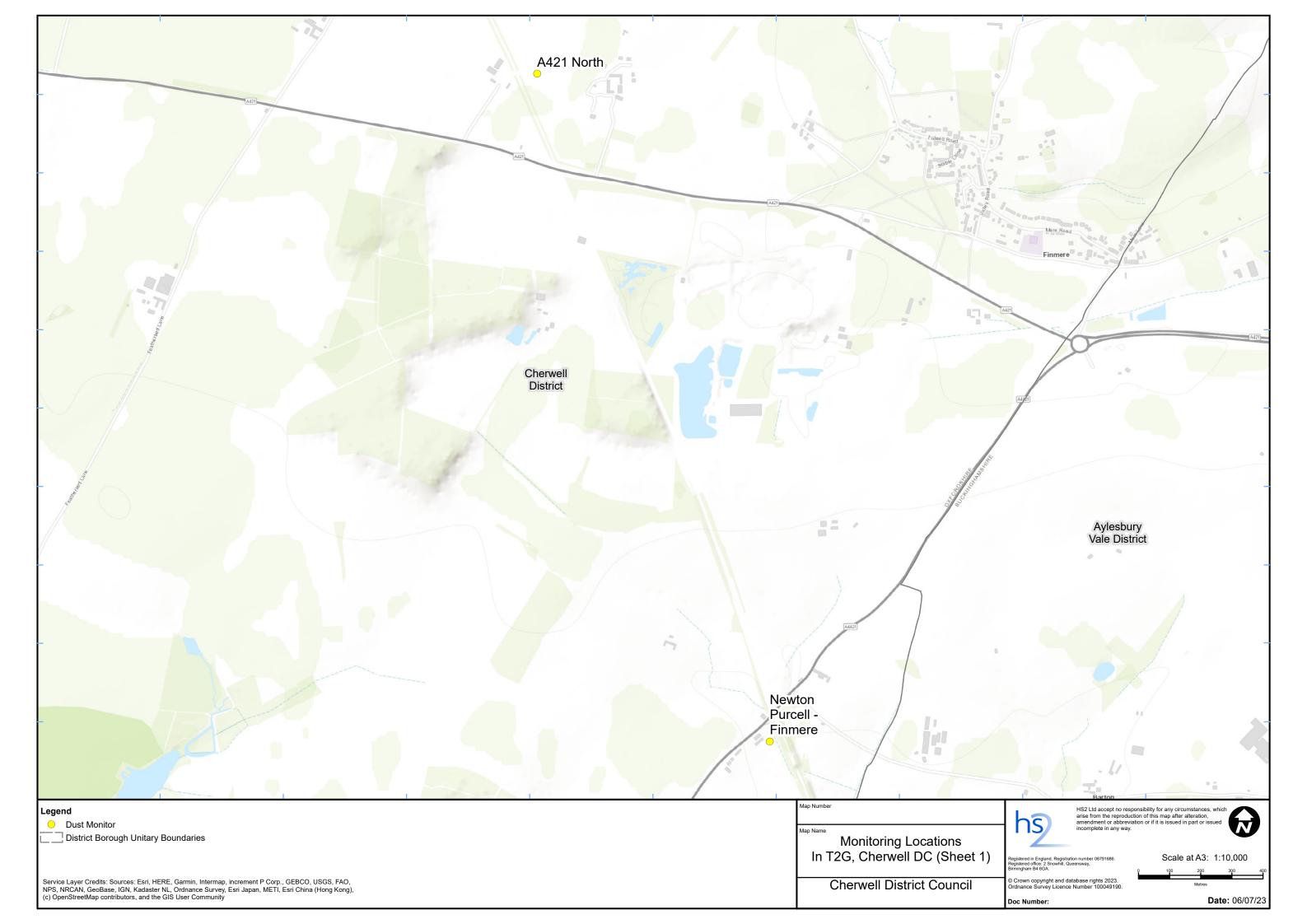
- 1.1.1 This Summary Report is published in fulfilment of commitments detailed in the High Speed Rail (London-West Midlands) Environmental Minimum Requirements, Annex 1: Code of Construction Practice, for the nominated undertaker to present the results of dust monitoring undertaken in the Cherwell District Council (CDC) during May 2023.
- 1.1.2 Figure 1 in Appendix A presents the current worksite together with the dust monitoring location for May 2023.
- 1.1.3 This summary should be read in conjunction with the overview monitoring report 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, Figure 1, include:

#### A4421 Overbridge worksite

- Dismantling and demolition of the bridge structure
- 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 a line chart of monthly data from the dust monitor 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 mitigation.
- 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 No (0) dust trigger alerts were recorded during the monitoring period (May 2023).
- 1.1.9 Data capture was below 90% for Newton Purcell-Finmere due to the dust monitor being reinstalled on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023.
- 1.1.10 No (0) complaints were received during the reporting period.

## **Appendix A - Monitoring Locations**

Figure 1: Worksite and Monitoring locations within CDC



# **Appendix B - Dust Monitoring Results**

Table 1: Dust monitoring locations and May 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/m³	1-hour data capture (%)
Newton Purcell - Finmere	462904, 231144	Site boundary adjacent property on A4421	М	Yes	Yes	9.4	1.0	23.0	0	46.5
A421 North	462156, 233290	A421	М	Yes	Yes	7.8	1.0	27.0	0	99.7

Figure 2: Continuous dust 1-hour mean indicative PM<sub>10</sub> concentration for all dust monitors

