

## **Air Quality and Dust Monitoring Monthly Report – November 2023**

**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 November 2023.
- 1.1.2 Figures 1 to Figure 3 in Appendix A present the current worksites together with the dust monitoring locations.
- 1.1.3 This summary should be read in conjunction with the overview monitoring report monthly available from [www.gov.uk/government/collections/monitoring-the-environmental-effects-of-hs2](http://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 worksites, as presented in Appendix A, Figure 1 to Figure 3, include:

## **Sublot 2B2**

### Waste Lane Overbridge Satellite

- Utility works.
- D-Wall Piling works.
- Concrete Pour.
- Hydro demolition.

### Carol Green Rail Underbridge

- Piling Rig.
- Backfilling for Carol Green Underbridge.
- Backfilling/Train freight movement.

## **Sublot 2B3**

### Balsall Common Viaduct

- Piling works.
- Haul road traffic.
- Truggist Lane traffic.

### Park Lane

- Material stockpile and reload/moving plants.
- Collins Earthworks/Moving traffic.
- Piling works for M215 footbridge (public right of way) construction.

- Topsoil strip/Embankment works/Collins earthworks.

### **Sublot 5S**

#### Coleshill Heath Road

- Excavate and dust.
- Rigid inclusion installation.
- Backfill and demobilising.

#### Coleshill Heath Road Underbridge

- Steel fixing.
- Piling.
- Rebar stability towers.
- Temporary Vehicle Restraint System (TVRS) installation.
- Pile cap excavation.

1.1.5 Eight (8) dust monitors are installed around these worksites, where works are underway. These sites returned a low to 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 4. 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.

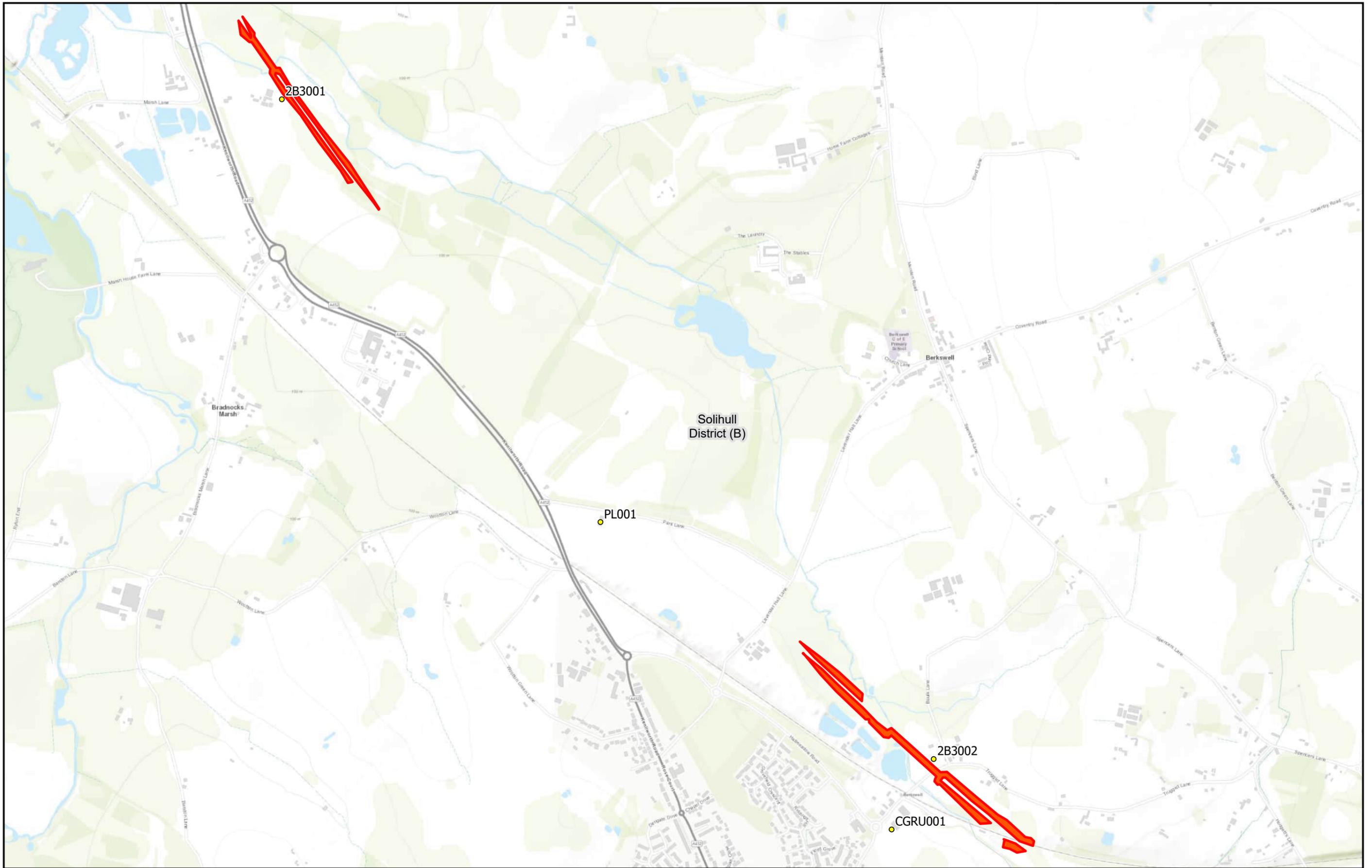
1.1.8 No (0) dust trigger alerts were recorded during the monitoring period (November 2023).

1.1.9 Data capture was below 90% for multiple monitors due to monitor 2B3001 being swapped out for an investigation on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 with a temporary cable replacement installed at the same monitor on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023. DLE001 had a power supply issue. A battery refresh is scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

1.1.10 There were no (0) complaints received during this reporting period (November 2023).

# Appendix A – Worksites and Monitoring Locations

Figures 1-3: Worksites and Monitoring Locations within SMBC



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 ● Dust Monitor □ District Borough Unitary Boundaries  
 ■ Worksite

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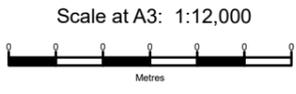
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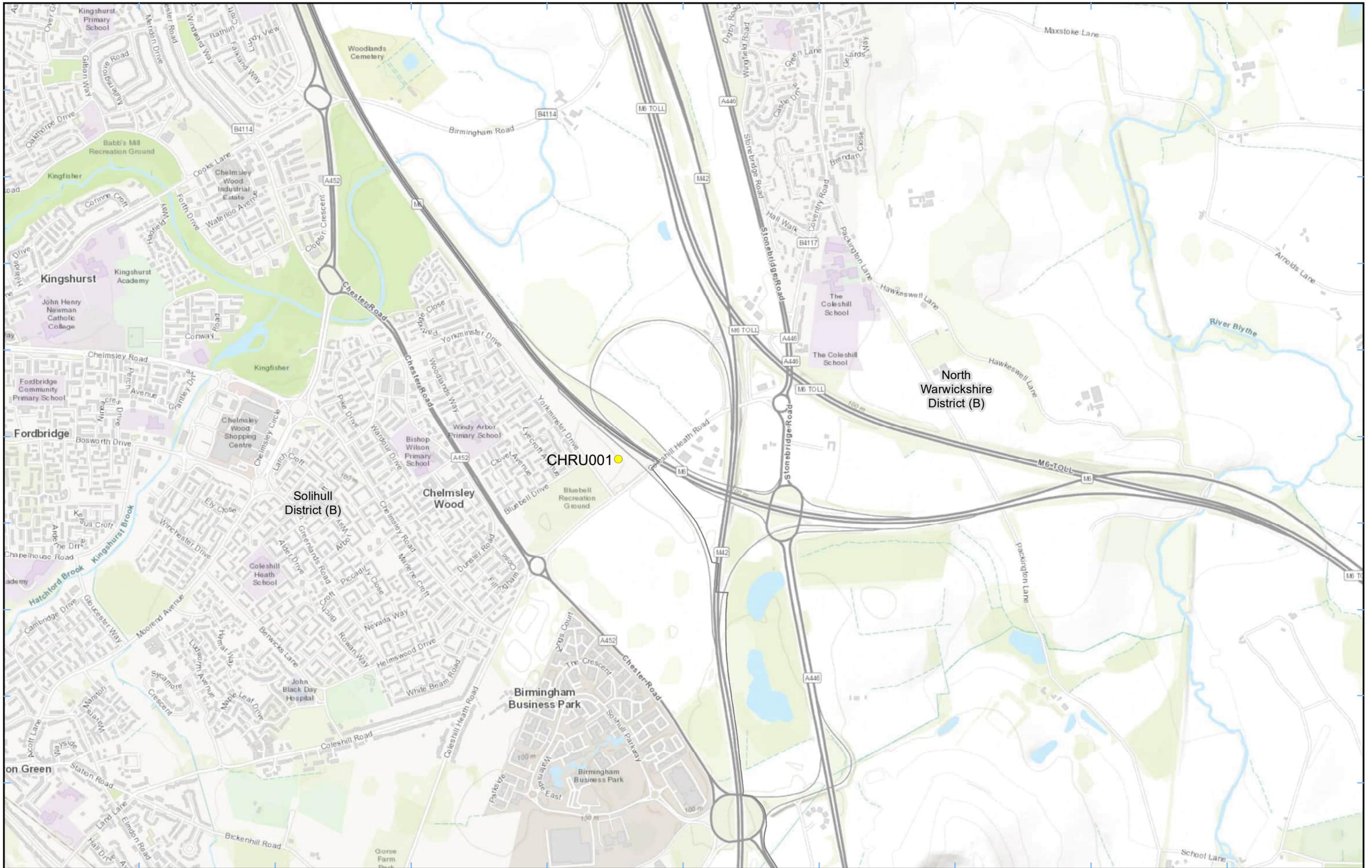


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## Appendix B – Dust Monitoring Results

Table 1: Dust Monitoring Locations and 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/m <sup>3</sup> )	Minimum 1-hour PM <sub>10</sub> concentration (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Maximum 1-hour PM <sub>10</sub> concentration (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	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	M	Yes	No	12.5	1.7	45.1	0	25.3
2B3002	424601, 277729	Sublot 2B3, at Cherry Tree Cottage	M	Yes	No	7.2	0.1	77.2	0	99.6
CHRU001	419300, 286793	Bluebell Drive, Coleshill Heath Road Underbridge	M	Yes	No	7.3	0.1	92.9	0	100.0
PL001	423436, 278557	Park Lane	M	Yes	No	16.7	0.1	129.2	0	99.9
DLE001	421035, 281818	Diddington Lane	M	Yes	No	10.2	0.3	84.4	0	81.9
DLE002	421139, 282222	Hampton Hill Farmhouse	M	Yes	No	7.1	0.1	143.9	0	99.7
BIS001	420284, 283503	Hollywell Brook	M	Yes	No	6.8	0.1	34.5	0	100.0
CGRU001	424454, 277483	Annora House	L	Yes	No	10.7	0.4	181.7	0	96.5

Figure 4: Construction dust 1-hour mean indicative PM<sub>10</sub> concentration for all dust monitors



