

## Air Quality and Dust Monitoring Monthly Report – February 2024

Birmingham City 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 within Birmingham City Council (BCC) during February 2024.

1.1.2 Figure 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:

## **Washwood Heath (Sublot 4)**

- Traffic on the main site haul road, including haul road maintenance with an excavator, Articulated Dump Trucks (ADTs), dozer and roller to compact.
- Vehicle delivery check area, including reversing vehicles and loading/unloading plant/material deliveries.
- Stockpile management area including tipping and loading of ADTs and wagons, excavators, and dozers.
- Tarmac batching plant operations, including delivery of aggregates, operating plant, and concrete wagons.

## **Bromford East Tunnel Portal (Sublot 1B)**

- Pit bottom.
- Segment feeder pulled back so that multi-service vehicles (MSV) ramp can be welded.
- Wastewater pump inlet pipe assembly.
- ADTs carrying muck and grout for storage at the Grout Batching Plant (GBP) from the muck bin area.
- Installation and assembly of Tunnel Boring Machine 2 (TBM2).

## **Curzon Street Station – Pre-main works**

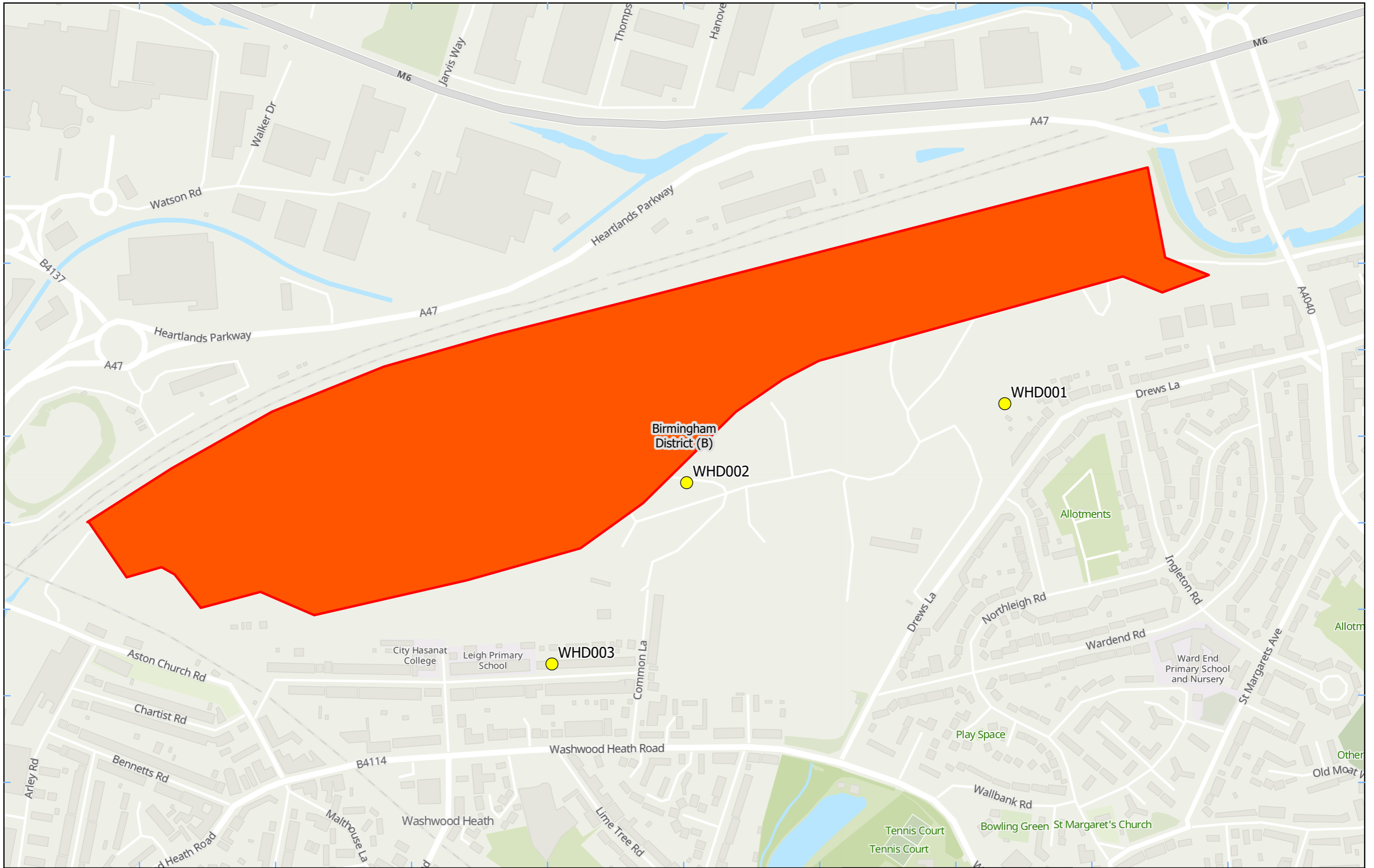
- Stripping of weathering layer
- Pile matt construction
- Installation of temporary haul road

1.1.5 Seven (7) dust monitors are installed around these 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 each dust monitor, 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 Details of the trigger alert investigations and remediations are presented in Appendix B, Table 2.
- 1.1.9 There were no (0) complaints received during the reporting period (February 2024).

# Appendix A – Worksites and Monitoring Locations

Figures 1 - 3: Worksites and Monitoring Locations within BCC



**Legend**  
 [Red outline] District Borough Unitary Boundaries [Red fill] Worksite  
 [Yellow dot] Dust Monitor

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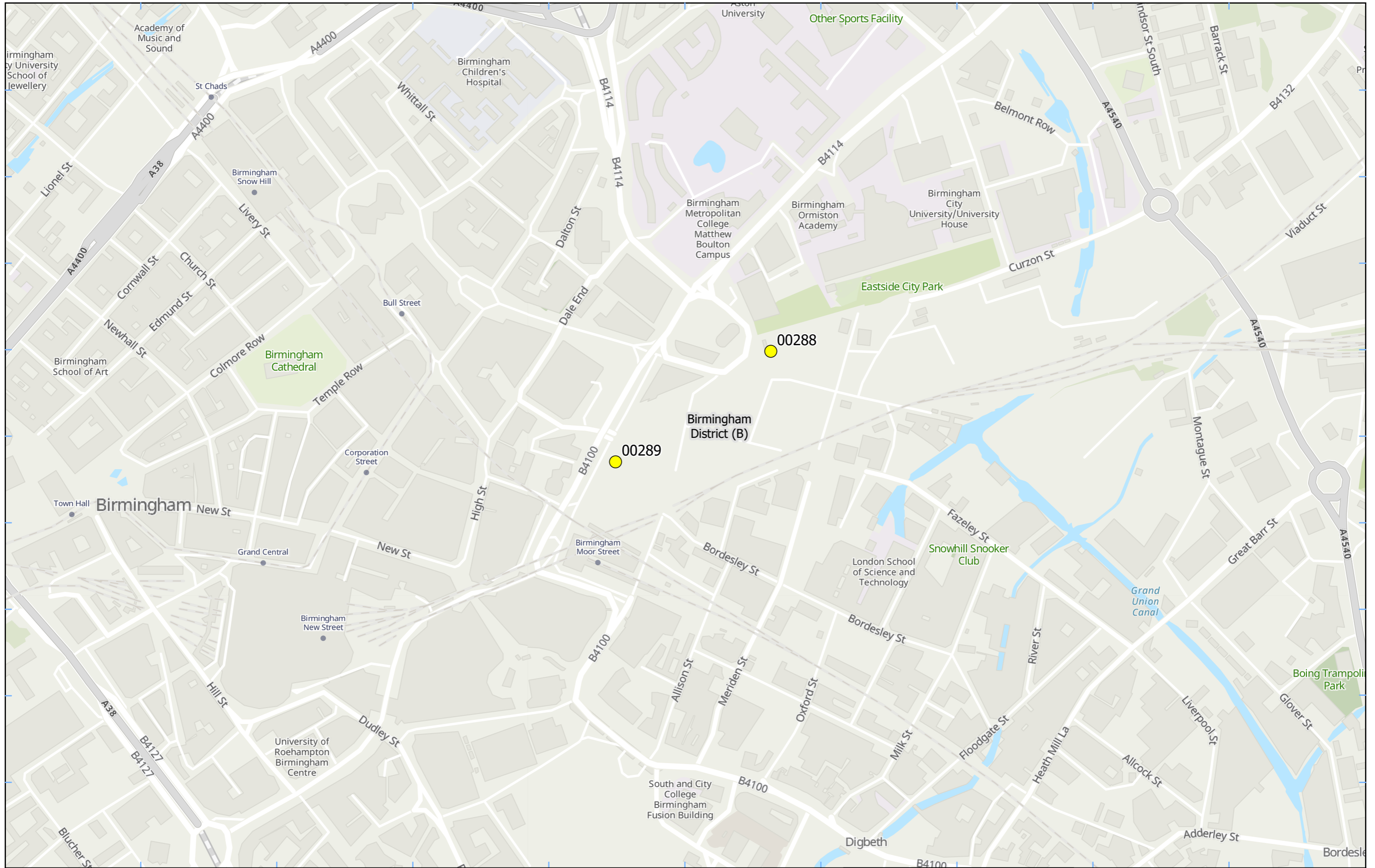
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## Appendix B – Dust Monitoring Results

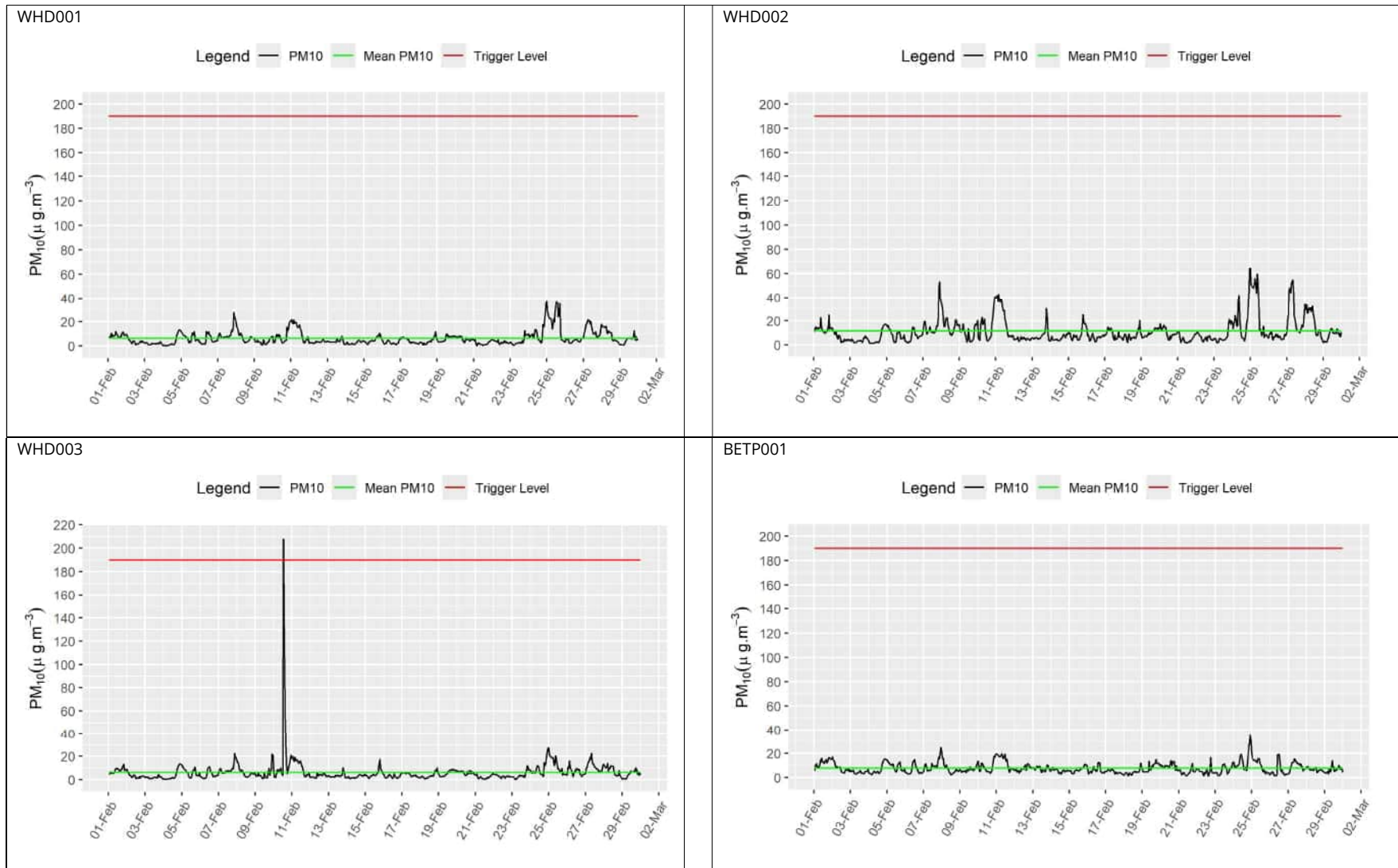
Table 1: Dust Monitoring Locations and Results

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 PM10 concentration (µg/m3)	Minimum 1-hour PM10 concentration (µg/m3)	Maximum 1-hour PM10 concentration (µg/m3)	Number of 1-hour periods exceeding trigger level of 190 µg/m3	Data capture (%)
WHD001	411221, 289245	Washwood Heath Depot, near receptors on Drews Lane	M	Yes	No	6.3	0.1	37.2	0	100.0
WHD002	410758, 289130	Washwood Heath Depot, near receptors on Common Lane	M	Yes	No	11.3	1.1	64.5	0	100.0
WHD003	410562, 288866	Washwood Heath Depot, near receptors on Warren Road	M	Yes	No	6.3	0.2	207.7	1	100.0
BETP001	416719, 290767	Bromford East Tunnel Portal, Twisted Oak Stables	L	Yes	No	7.7	1.1	35.4	0	100.0
BETP002	417406, 290605	Bromford East Tunnel Portal, Attleboro Lane	M	Yes	No	7.3	0.1	37.9	0	100.0
00288	407676, 287057	Curzon St – East Side City Park	M	Yes	No	8.7	0.7	229.0	1	99.6
00289	407450, 286896	Curzon St – Moor St Queensway	M	Yes	No	7.5	0.7	226.7	1	100.0

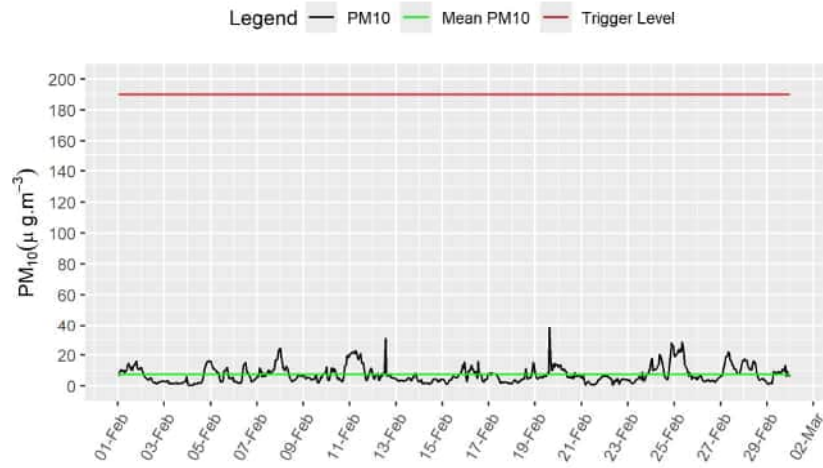
Table 2: Summary of exceedances during period (February 2024)

Monitoring Site ID	Period of trigger alert & Concentration recorded	Investigation	Outcomes / Resolution / Remedial measures implemented
WHD003	10/02/2024 12:00 – 12:59; 207.7 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Exceedance not associated with HS2 construction works as works were occurring too far away from the location of the monitor to be the cause of the exceedance.	N/A
00288	25/02/2024 05:00 – 05:59; 229.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	At the time of the trigger there were no works associated with the HS2 site as the site was not doing any out-of-hours works. It is considered the trigger was due to the weather conditions (low fog).	N/A
00289	25/02/2024 06:00 – 06:59; 226.7 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	At the time of the trigger there were no works associated with the HS2 site as the site was not doing any out-of-hours works. It is considered the trigger was due to the weather conditions (low fog).	N/A

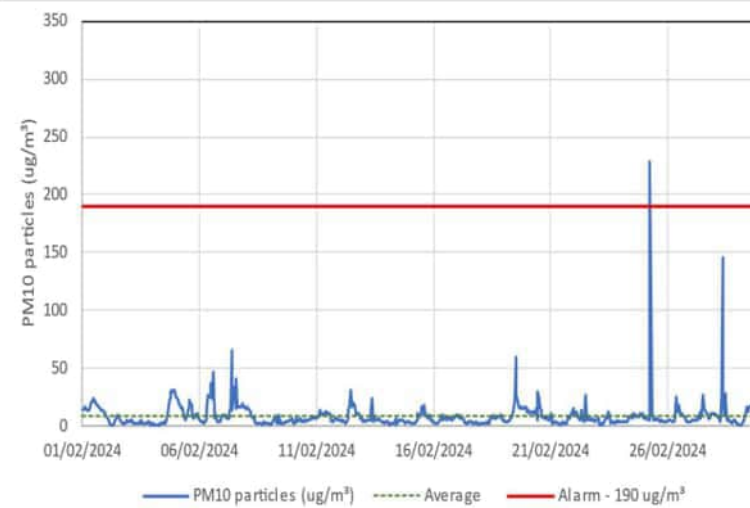
Figure 4: Construction dust 1-hour mean indicative PM<sub>10</sub> concentration for all dust monitors



BETP002



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