

Air Quality and Dust Monitoring Monthly Report – July 2024

Three Rivers 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 Three Rivers District Council (TRDC) during July 2024.
- 1.1.2 Figure 1 in Appendix A presents the current worksite together with the dust 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 worksites, as presented in Appendix A, Figure 1, include:

South Portal site (Phase 10)

- General Plant: wheel washers, generators and site-wide support plant;
- Earthworks and Drainage: soil strip, excavation, filling, subgrade and ground stabilisation;
- Civils: platforms, accommodation and slabs;
- Stockpiling: INNS stockpile management and storage of excavated materials from CVW pile arisings and vent shaft sites in SP10 and West Hyde Embankment;
- Site Wide Fencing-Phase D & F Fencing and STP Acid Storage Fencing;
- Batching Plant 1, 2 and 3: Deliveries and operation (Batching plant 1 & 2), collection of concrete for activity at vent shaft sites and demobilisation and dismantling of batching plant;
- Tunnel Precast Factory: demobilisation and dismantling of tunnel precast factory;
- Viaduct Precast Factory;
- Western Valley Slope Cake Placement: earthworks chalk cake placement;
- Tunnelling Works (Surface Support): Slurry treatment plant decommissioning, cake shed removal, gantry crane removal, A&B component compound operation and decommissioning, cooling plant operation, rolling stock gantry crane and associated equipment, ventilation fans, pond water treatment plant, multi-service vehicles, storage on top of south portal, tunnel walkways including a mock-up slipform test area, steel scraping area, decommissioning of tunnel support activities;
- CVW Jetty Pre-Cast Yard Operation;
- Concrete Breaking Activities;
- Pugmill Plant Operation;
- South Portal Civils Works: permanent works and porous works;
- Surface Water Management;
- CVW Formwork Assembly;

- Roads and hardstanding: surfacing, grading, excavation;
- CVV bridge parapet mock-up works; and
- Landscaping Works: planting and fencing.

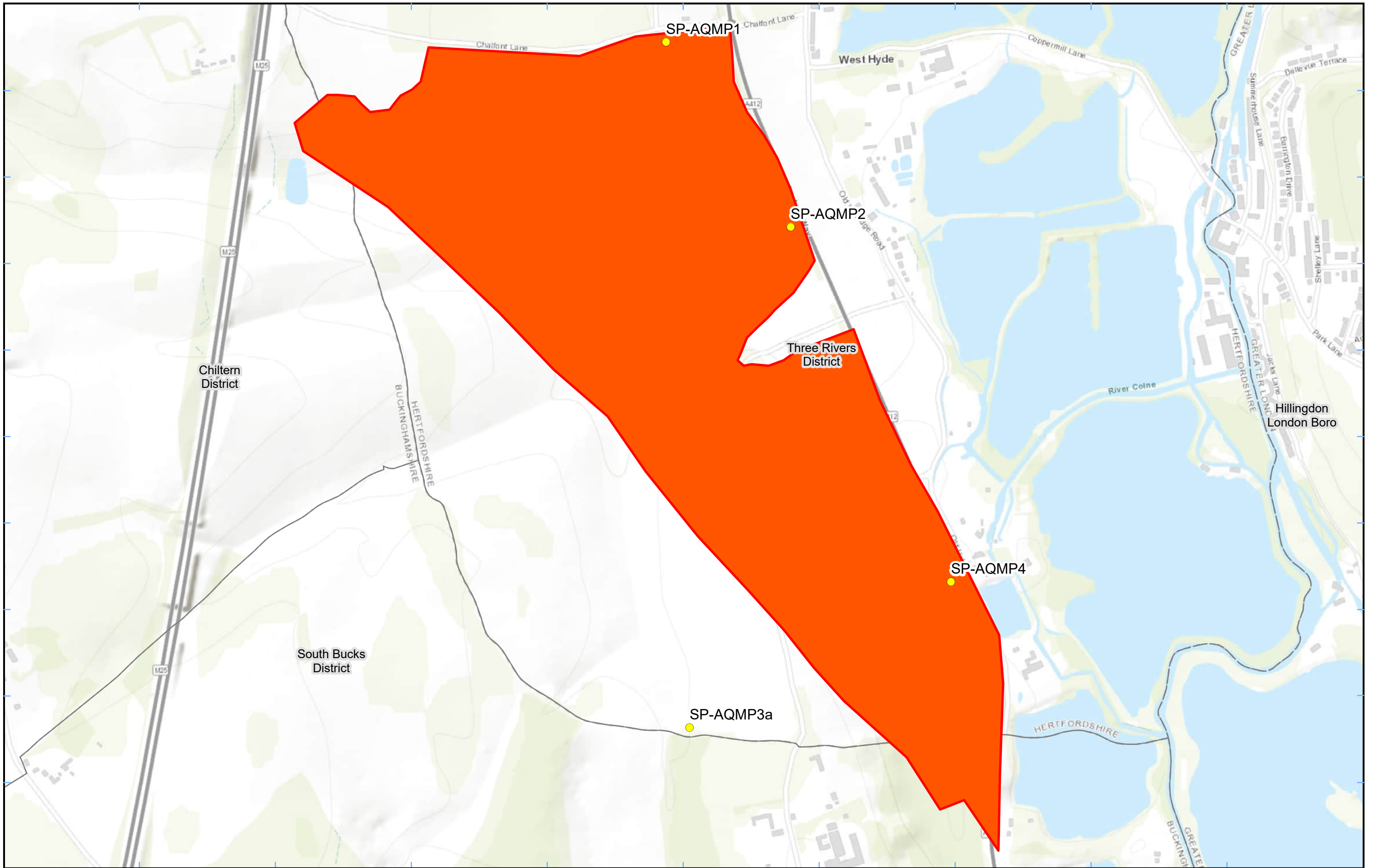
- 1.1.5 Four (4) dust monitors are installed around this worksite, where works are underway. These sites returned a medium dust risk rating.
- 1.1.6 Dust monitoring locations and results are presented in Appendix B, Table 2, together with line charts of monthly data from each dust monitor, presented 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 PM₁₀ concentrations of 190 µg/m³, measured as a 1-hour mean, in accordance with the updated IAQM 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 (July 2024).
- 1.1.9 Data capture was below 90% for multiple monitors due to limited solar power due to solar panel location. The installation team are considering alternative locations to allow for better solar power as alternative power sources are not possible at these locations.
- 1.1.10 Table 1 provides a summary of the complaint information relating to dust or air quality received during the reporting period, together with the findings of any related investigations.

Table 1: Summary of complaints received during July 2024

Complaint Reference No.	Worksite Reference	Description of complaint	Results of investigation
HS2-24-45580-C	N/A	Terrible odour coming from site.	Odour not related to HS2 site; resident updated.

Appendix A – Worksite and Monitoring Locations

Figure 1: Worksites and Monitoring Locations within TRDC



Legend
● Dust Monitor District Borough Unitary Boundaries
 Worksite

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**Worksite and Monitoring Locations
 In TRDC (Sheet 1)**
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Appendix B – Dust Monitoring Results

Table 2: 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 (%)
SP-AQMP1	502922, 191467	On the northern boundary of the site at Chalfont Lane	M	Yes	Yes	2.8	1.0	23.0	0	100.0
SP-AQMP2	503176, 191090	On the eastern boundary of the site at Denham Way	M	Yes	Yes	4.9	1.0	28.0	0	57.5
SP-AQMP3a	502970, 190069	On the southern boundary of the site at Old Shire Lane	M	Yes	Yes	4.0	1.0	53.0	0	43.5
SP-AQMP4	503503, 190366	On the eastern boundary of the site on the A412	M	Yes	Yes	5.4	1.0	70.0	0	59.4

Figure 2: Continuous dust 1-hour mean indicative PM₁₀ concentration for all dust monitors

