

Air Quality and Dust Monitoring Monthly Report – February 2025

London Borough of Hillingdon



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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 the London Borough of Hillingdon (LBH) during January 2025 and February 2025 respectively.
- 1.1.2 Figure 1 to Figure 4 in Appendix A present the current worksites together with air quality 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 to Figure 4, include:
- Gatemead and West Ruislip Embankment, Breakspear Road South and River Pinn Underbridge, concreting, groundworks and materials management;
 - Harvil Road realignment groundworks, materials management, concreting and shuttering works at Copthall North;
 - West Ruislip Portal materials management (tunnel boring machine arisings);
 - South Ruislip vent shaft construction, ground works, concrete works and materials management;
 - Northern Sustainable Placement Area (NSPA) landscaping, seeding and planting;
 - Southern Sustainable Placement Area (SSPA) seeding, planting and demobilisation.

CVV Dews Lane

- North Moorhall Compound: operation;
- HOAC Compound: operation;
- Haul Road and Jetty Maintenance: operation and maintenance;
- Ground Investigation works;
- Pier Construction: arch form deck piers – drilling and concrete works;
- ATFS: site preparation, installation of ducts and earthworks, bulk earthworks fill, permanent drainage, soiling and seeding, ATFS access road construction;
- Pumping Water Management: pumping water management ch 25.900 to 29.500;
- Satellite Welfares;
- Generator Farms;
- South Abutment: earthworks, drainage works, South Abutment construction stage 2, South Abutment construction stage 2 – earthworks, yard supporting activities, soiling and seeding works, embankment FRC works;
- Environmental Maintenance;
- Stockpiling Activity HOAC: stockpile of material coming from other sites;

- River Colne Crossing: Emergency removal of obstruction to RC crossing;
- Launching Girder and Deck Works: span segmental erection with launching gantry, shoring steel structure erection and dismantling, external PT, internal PT grouting, crane assembly/disassembly and launching girder dismantling;
- Deck Finishes Logistics: preparation and operation of storage yards and installation of below deck access provision, traffic management on the deck surface, installation of parapets, noise barriers, troughs, pipes, steel works and other minor material to the storage yards and deck, installation of access at the top of the deck (HAKI stairs) and finishes support plant;
- Deck Finishes – On-deck Construction: construction of robust kerbs, installation of parapets, construction of concrete stitch, filling of voids and top openings, verge deck waterproofing, trough installation, noise barrier installation, deck waterproofing and SFRC slab construction;
- Deck Finishes – In-deck Construction: concrete works within the deck, drainage works within the deck, steel works within the deck, and structural health monitoring;
- Landscaping: advanced works including removal of cofferdams, early earthworks including ground profiling and cut, initial ground drainage including manhole chamber, early soil placement, hardstanding removal and tree removal & vegetation clearance;
- Jetty Removal and associated earthworks: Earthworks excavation, backfill, and landscaping, jetty removal, cutting piles and steelworks; and
- Gravel Islands.

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1.1.5 Eleven (11) dust monitors are installed around these worksites, where works are underway. These sites returned a low to high 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 in Figure 5. 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 190µg/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 Details of the trigger alert investigations and remediations are presented in Appendix B, Table 2.

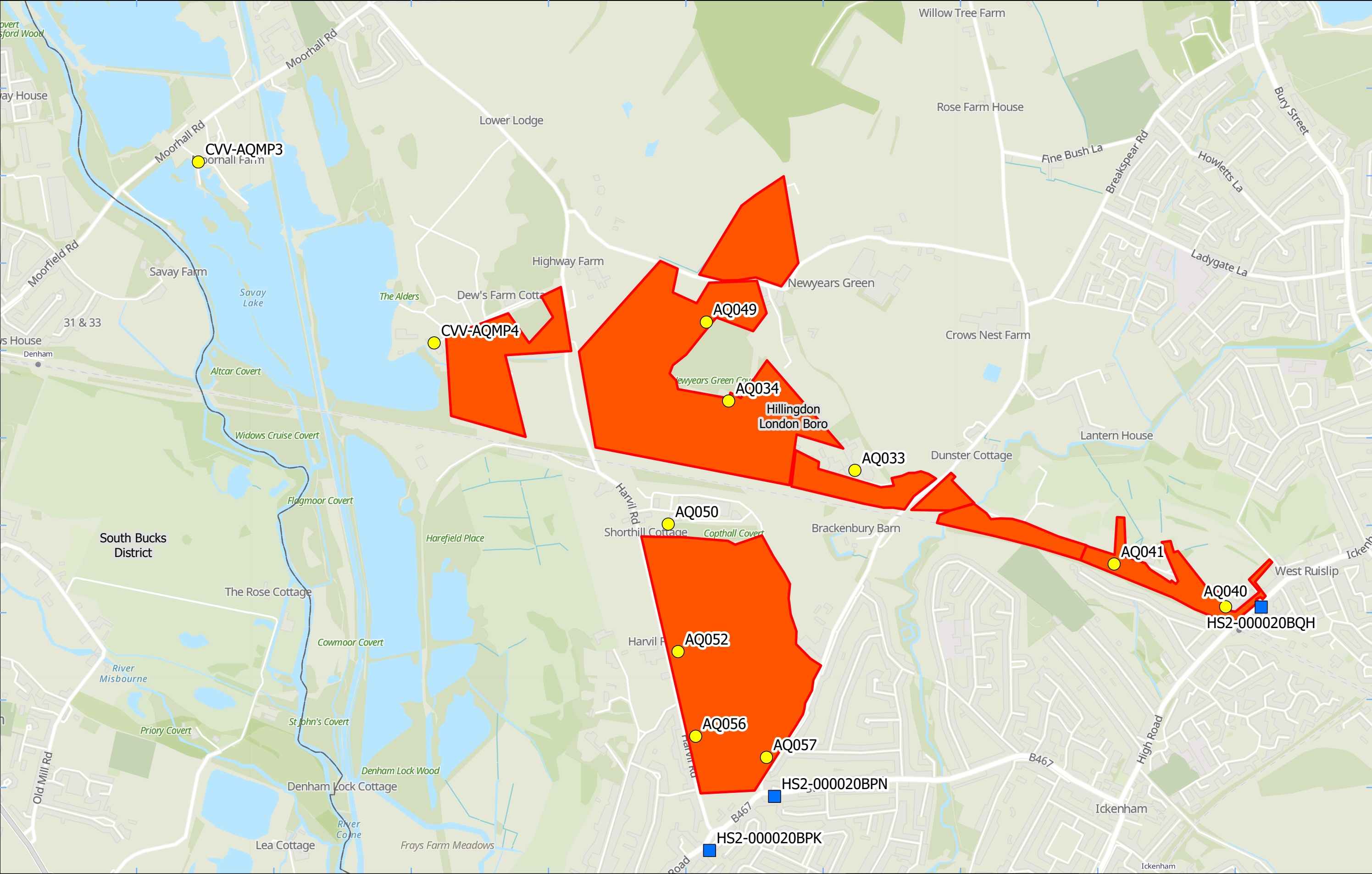
1.1.9 Data capture was below 90% for multiple monitors due to:

- AQ052 and AQ057 - the monitors are powered by solar panels and impacted due to reduced daylight hours.
- AQ033 - monitor running out of hydrogen gas, subsequently recharged.
- AQ034 - faulty hydrogen generator and a faulty webserver, both subsequently replaced.
- AQ041 - loss of power to the monitor.

- 1.1.10 CVV-AQMP3 was removed at the start of February and Align are due to relocate this monitor within March.
- 1.1.11 Diffusion tube monitoring of Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) is undertaken at eleven (11) locations around highways within the LBH as part of the management of air quality where significant effects may occur as a result of the scheme.
- 1.1.12 Diffusion tube monitoring results are as provided from the laboratory analysis, and therefore still require various analysis and adjustments to be undertaken. Final corrected results will be presented and described in the annual report. However, based on results to date, no unexpected values were recorded during the monitoring period.
- 1.1.13 NO₂ monitoring locations and results are presented in Appendix C, Table 3, together with the 2024 running mean.
- 1.1.14 There were no (0) complaints received during the reporting period (February 2025).

Appendix A – Worksites and Monitoring Locations

Figure 1 to Figure 4: Current monitoring locations within the LBH



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Dust Monitor

Worksite

Diffusion Tube

District Borough Unitary Boundaries

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Worksite and Monitoring Locations
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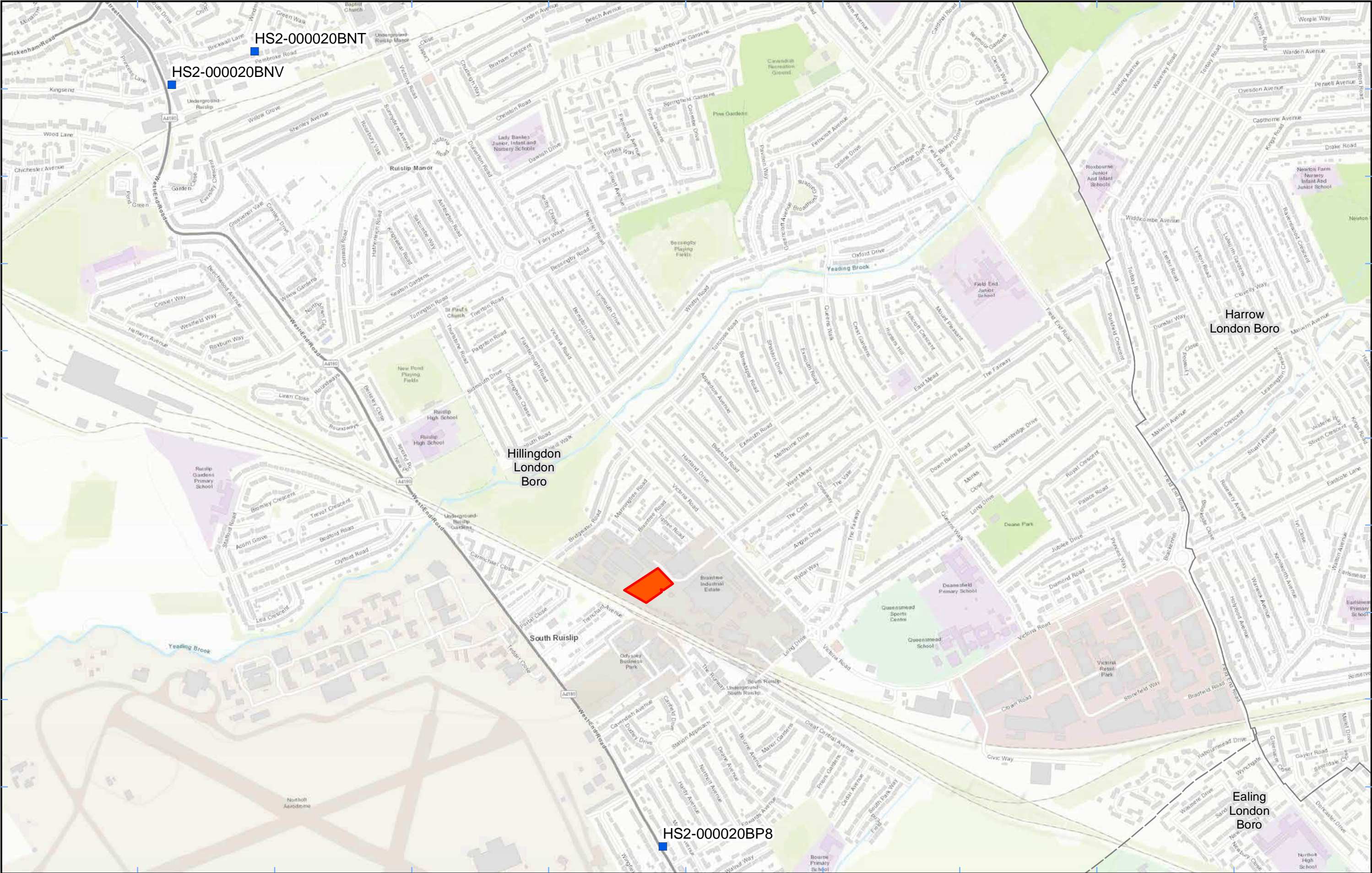
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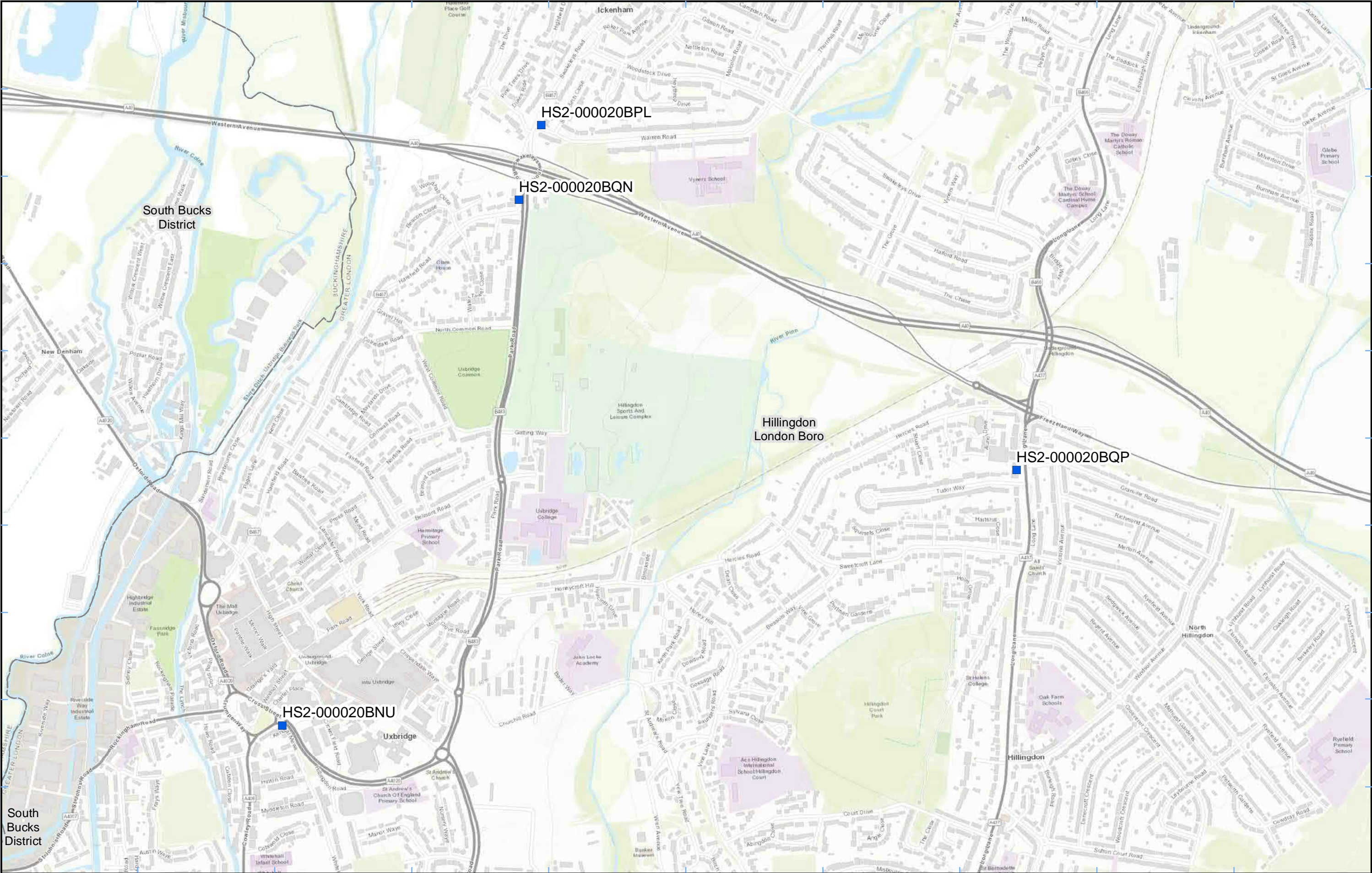
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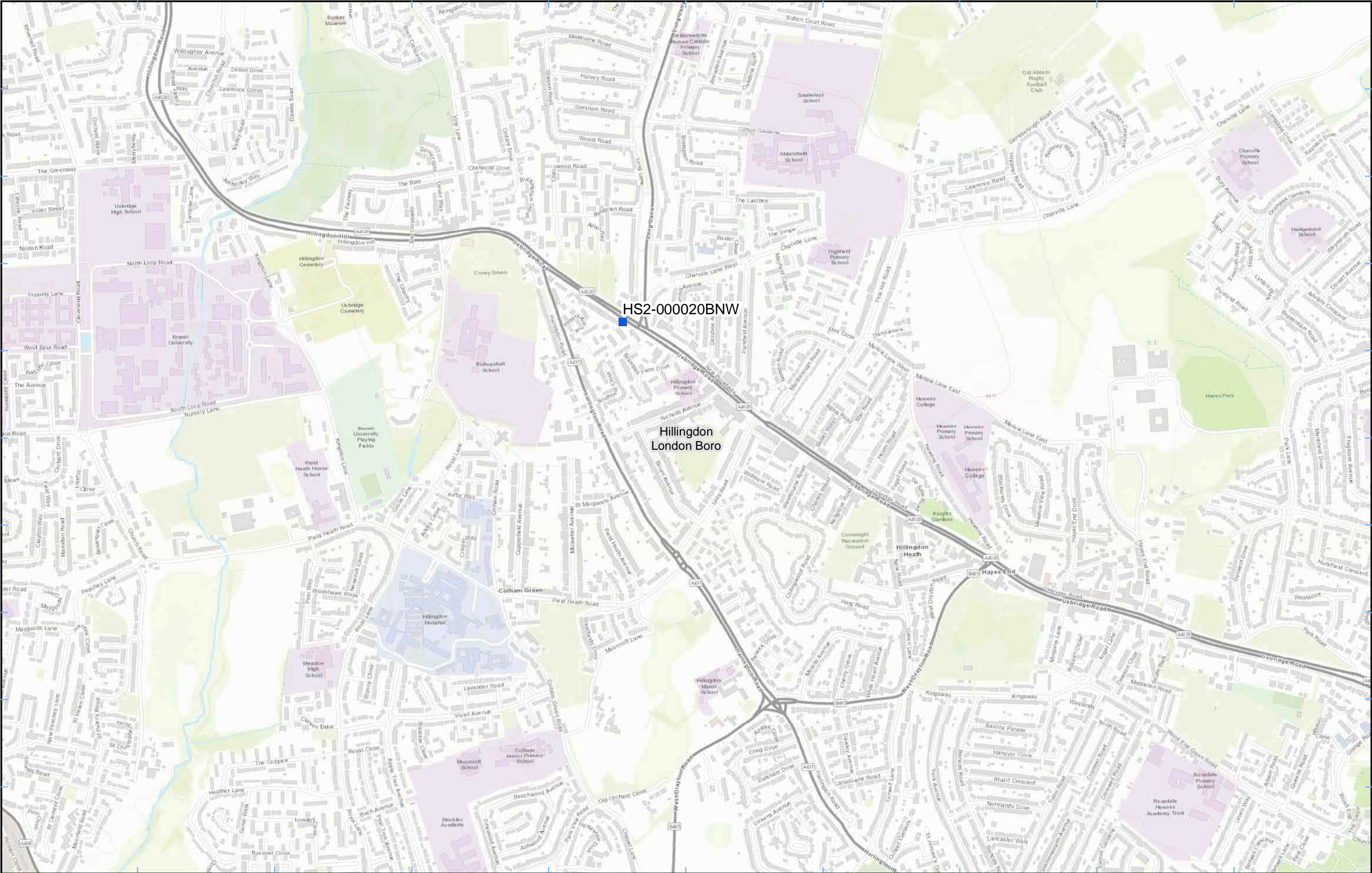
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Appendix B – Dust Monitoring Results

Table 1: Dust Monitoring Locations and Results

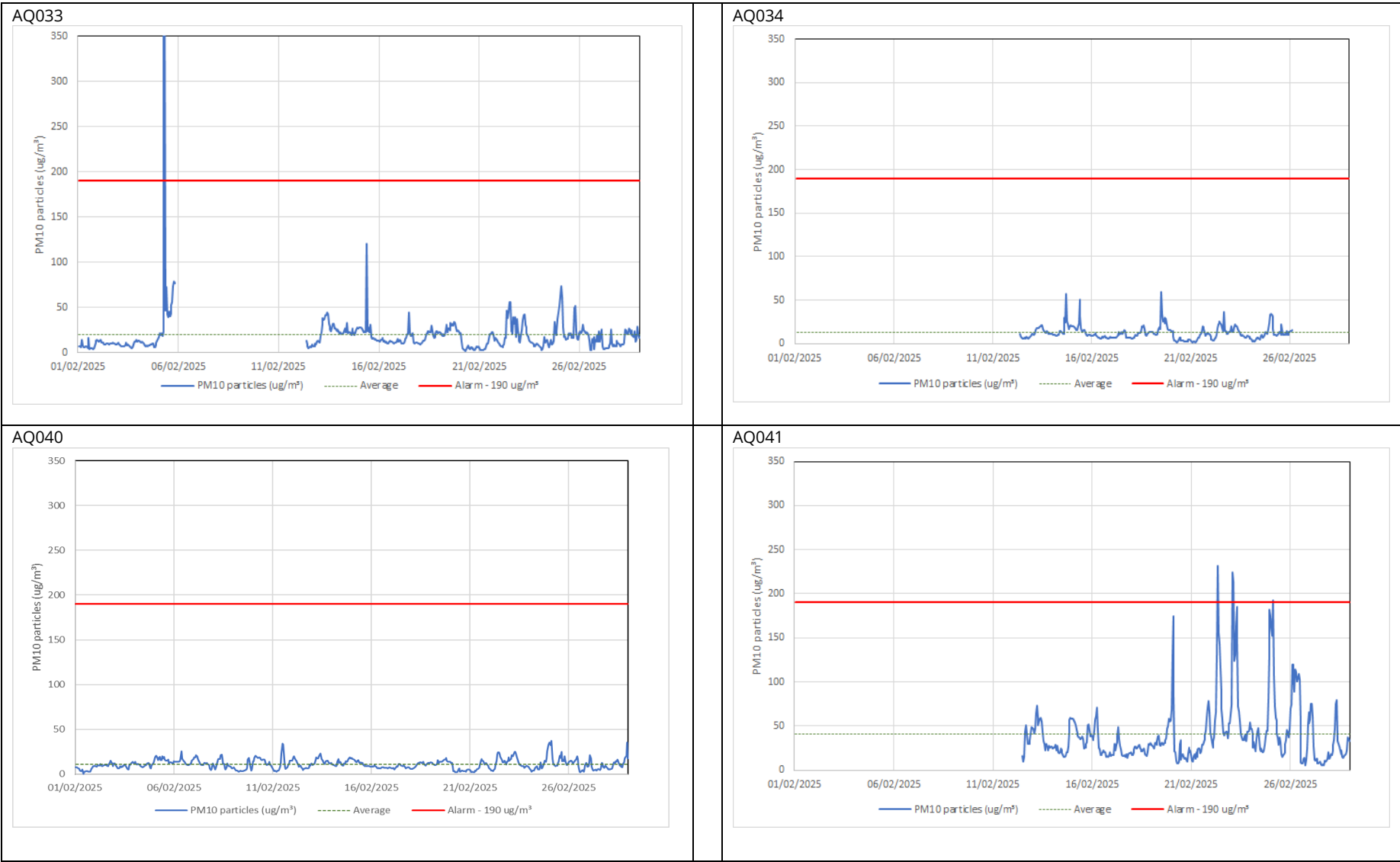
Monitoring site ID	Coordinates (X,Y)	Location description	Dust risk rating for site	Monitoring site active during period	Change to site since previous period report	Mean 1-hour PM ₁₀ concentration (µg/m ³)	Minimum 1-hour PM ₁₀ concentration (µg/m ³)	Maximum 1-hour PM ₁₀ concentration (µg/m ³)	Number of 1-hour periods exceeding trigger level of 190 µg/m ³	Data capture (%)
AQ033	507045, 187352	Breakspear Road South	M	Yes	N	19.7	2.3	415.7	3	77.4
AQ034	506608, 187592	Copthall Cutting	L	Yes	N	12.4	1.7	59.4	0	49.4
AQ040	508328, 186880	West Ruislip Golf Course	M	Yes	N	11.1	1.9	37.0	0	99.9
AQ041	507942, 187028	West Ruislip Portal	M	Yes	N	41.0	5.7	231.3	4	59.1
AQ049	506531, 187865	Copthall North, Ancient Woodland	M	Yes	N	8.7	1.4	37.0	0	99.9
AQ050	506399, 187166	Copthall South Compound	H	Yes	N	12.2	1.9	38.6	0	100.0
AQ052	506433, 186725	Southern Sustainable Placement Area	H	Yes	N	25.6	8.0	80.0	0	82.4
AQ056	506494, 186432	Southern Sustainable Placement Area	M	Yes	N	27.0	6.0	78.0	0	99.9
AQ057	506739, 186359	Southern Sustainable Placement Area	M	Yes	N	40.2	9.0	84.0	0	77.2

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CVV-AQMP3	504773, 188419	On the eastern boundary along south side of Moorhall Road	M	Yes	Y	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CVV-AQMP4	505589, 187793	On the western boundary of HOAC at Dews Lane	M	Yes	Y	16.0	1.0	64.0	0	99.3

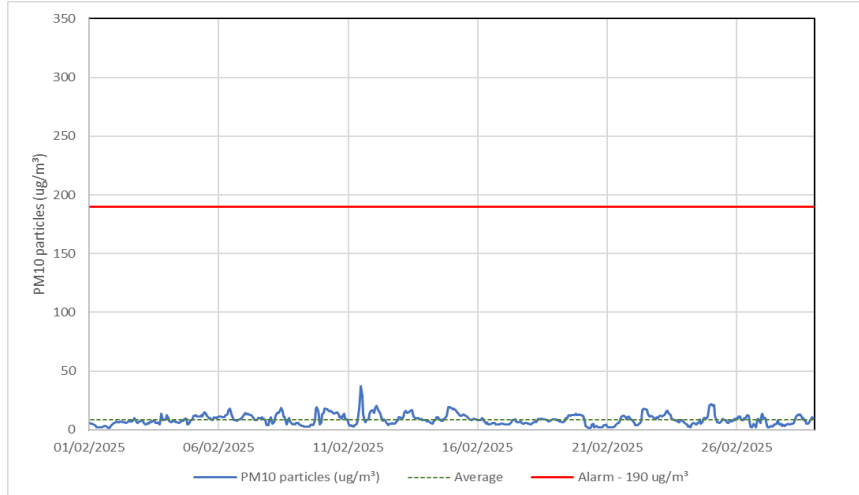
Table 2: Summary of exceedances during period (February 2025)

Monitoring site ID	Period exceeding trigger level	Investigation	Outcomes / Resolution / Remedial measures implemented
AQ033	05/02/2025 06:01 – 07:00; 388.1 µg/m ³ 07:01 – 08:00; 415.7 µg/m ³ 23:01 – 00:00; 199.4 µg/m ³	The triggers are considered to be caused by the generator running out of hydrogen gas causing a loss of power to the monitor and spikes in data as the pump and heater stopped.	Monitor and generator subsequently serviced and the hydrogen cylinders replenished.
AQ041	22/02/2025 07:01 – 08:00; 231.3 µg/m ³ 23/02/2025 01:01 – 02:00; 223.8 µg/m ³ 02:01 – 03:00; 213.9 µg/m ³ 25/02/2025 02:01 – 03:00; 192.9 µg/m ³	The triggers are considered to be caused by a faulty heater, confirmed during a prearranged service visit, and subsequently replaced. The monitor had reading erratically during the early hours of the morning and evidently affected by the frosty nights.	Internal heater replaced.

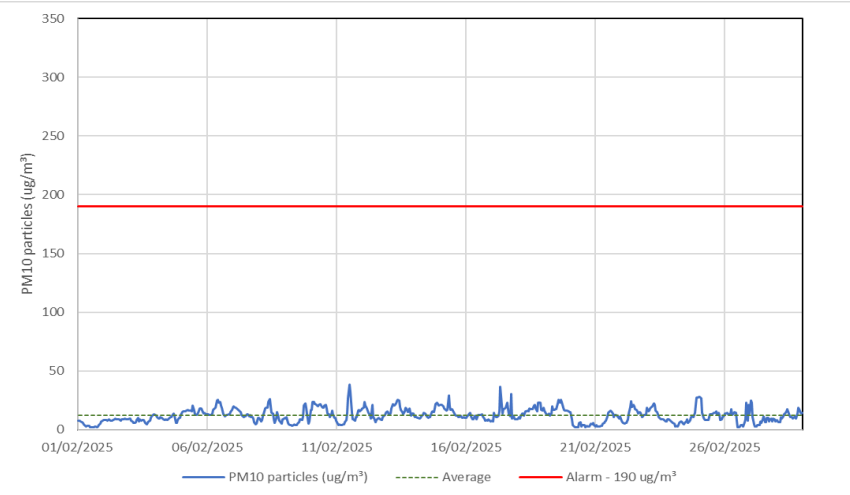
Figure 5: Construction dust 1-hour mean indicative PM₁₀ concentration for all dust monitors



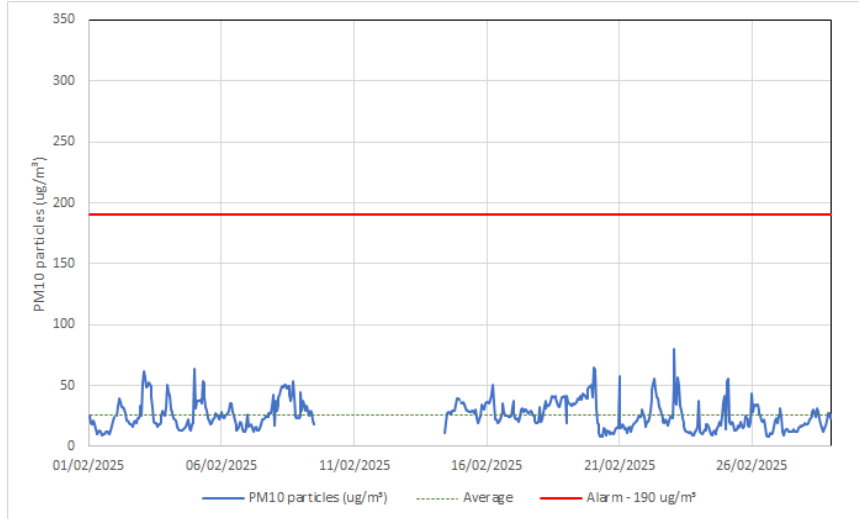
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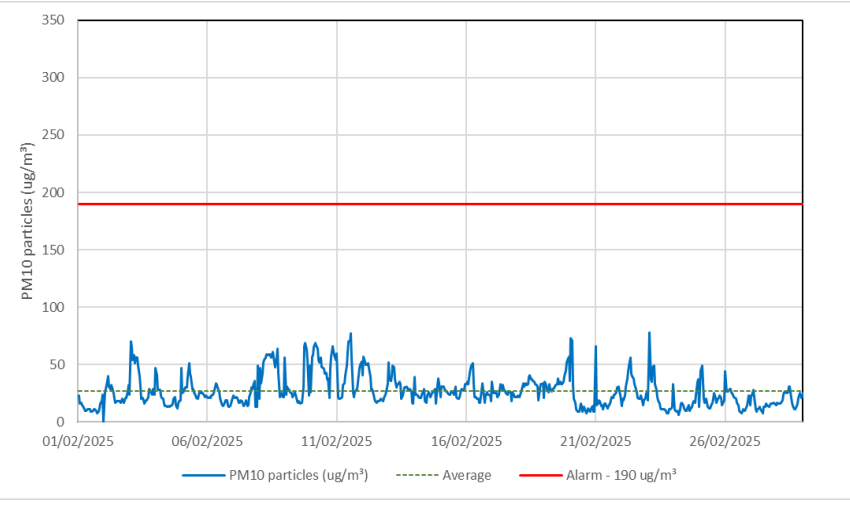
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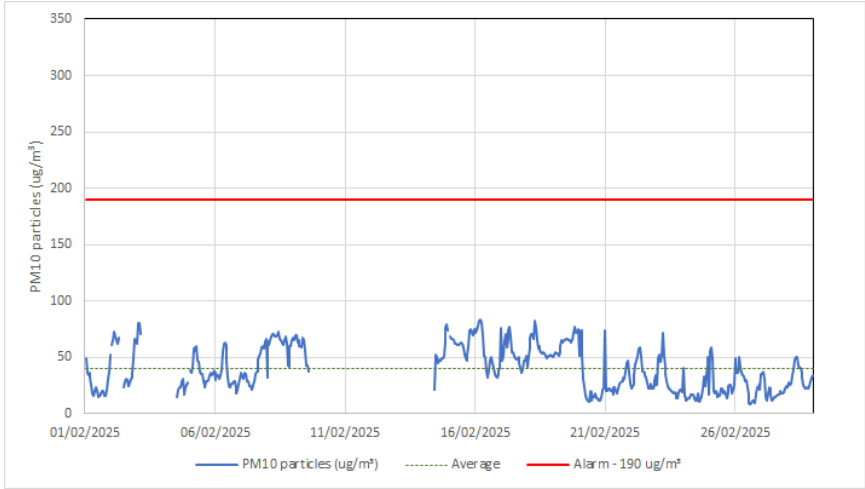
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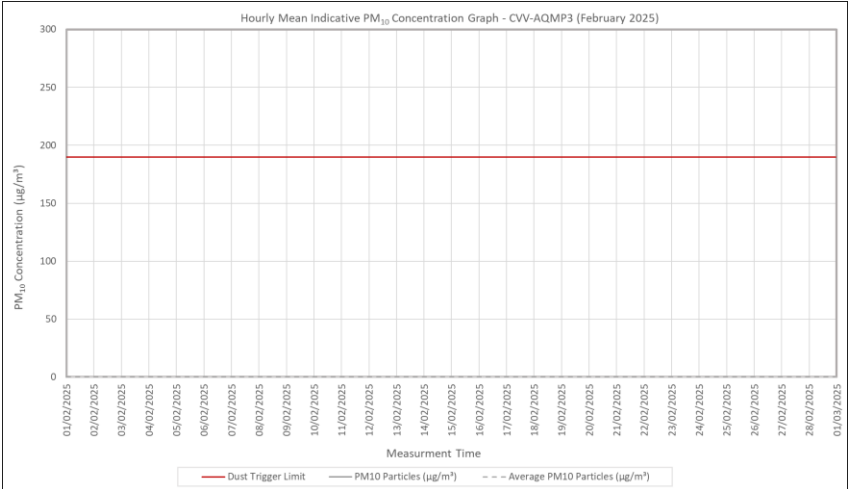
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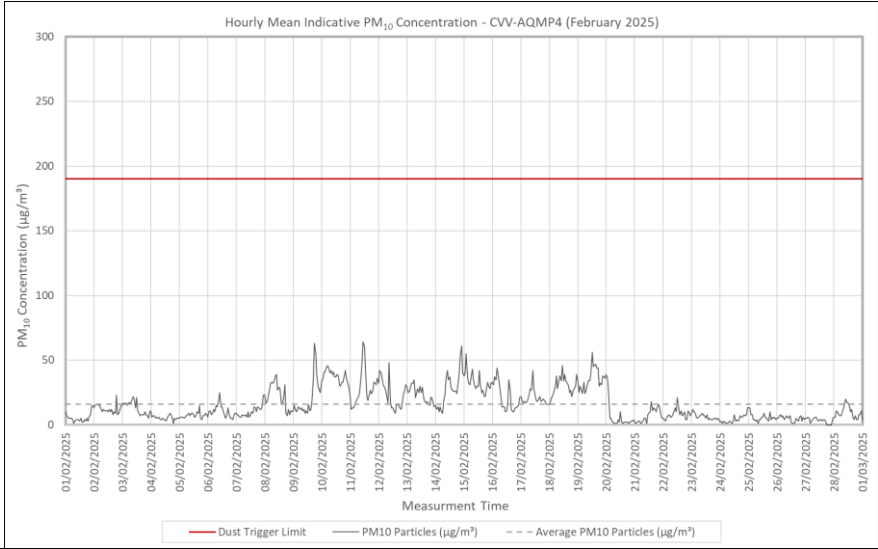
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CVV-AQMP3



CVV-AQMP4



Appendix C – Air Quality Monitoring Results

Table 3: NO₂ monitoring locations around highways, NO₂ concentrations and monthly monitoring results with running mean for 2025 (µg/m³)

Monitoring Site ID	Location description	Coordinates (X, Y)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Mean ¹²
HS2-000020BNT	Lamp post on Pembroke Road	509678, 187214	32												32
HS2-000020BNU	Cowley Road sign post at junction with Hillingdon Road	505492, 183926	44												44
HS2-000020BNV	High Street sign post at junction with Pembroke Road	509439, 187117	47												47
HS2-000020BNW	Signpost on A4020 Uxbridge Road at junction with Long Lane	507365, 182687	38												38
HS2-000020BPK	Lamp post in crescent off Swakeleys Road	506542, 186037	34												34
HS2-000020BPL	Warren Road sign post on corner of Swakeleys Road and Warren Road	506240, 185660	43												43

¹ Note: to aid interpretation and conform with best practice, the monthly measurements in this table are reported rounded to the nearest whole number. The annual mean presented here is calculated based on laboratory data to 4 significant figures, rounded to a whole number, and therefore may differ slightly to a mean derived from averaging the rounded monthly measurements in the table.

² The annual mean for diffusion tubes presented in the table above still require various analysis and adjustments to be undertaken before comparison to the Air Quality Objectives. The final corrected annual mean will be presented in the HS2 Annual Air Quality Report.

Monitoring Site ID	Location description	Coordinates (X, Y)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Mean ¹²
HS2-000020BPN	Lamp post on B467	506767, 186224	41												41
HS2-000020BQH	Lamp post on High Road Ickenham	508451, 186879	37												37
HS2-000020BQN	Lamp post on Park Road	506176, 185444	50												50
HS2-000020BQP	Sign post on Long Lane	507614, 184663	44												44
HS2-000020BP8	Triplicate site at South Ruislip roadside automatic monitoring station	510858, 184916	34												34