

Air Quality and Dust Monitoring Monthly Report – May 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 April 2025 and May 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 and headhouse 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 Maintenance: haul road maintenance;
- ATFS: ATFS permanent drainage, soiling and seeding, ATFS access road construction, Slab removal;
- Pumping Water Management: pumping water management;
- Satellite Welfares;
- South Abutment: drainage works, South Abutment construction stage 2 – earthworks, yard supporting activities, soiling and seeding works, launching girder platform removal;
- Environmental Maintenance;
- Stockpiling Activity HOAC: stockpile management;
- Deck Finishes Logistics: preparation and operation of storage yards and installation of below deck access provision, traffic management on the deck surface, delivery of parapets, noise barriers, troughs, pipes, steel works and other minor material to the

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- 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, SFRC slab construction, North Embankment and south embankment noise barriers and foundations, noise barrier and concrete panel installation at north embankment and masking wall installation at north embankment and south embankment;
 - 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 (Pier 57 - Pier 1): advanced works including removal of cofferdams, initial ground drainage including manhole chamber, hardstanding removal, tree removal & vegetation clearance, earthworks cut & fill, landscaping (subsoil, topsoil, cultivating, seeding, planting) and streetworks – bellmouth road construction;
 - Jetty Removal and associated earthworks: cutting tubular piles, sheet piles and steelworks; and
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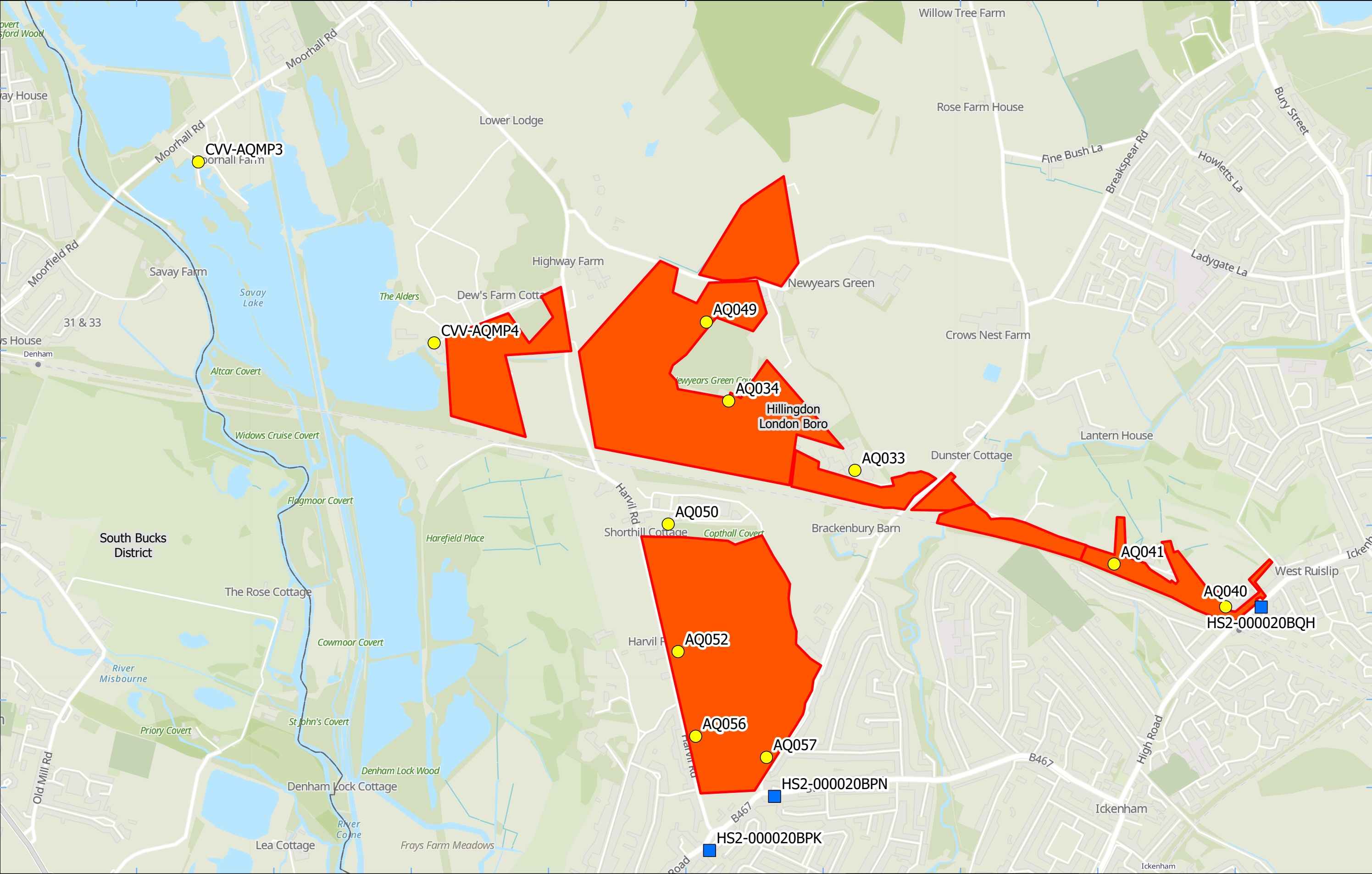
- 1.1.5 Eleven (11) dust monitors are installed around these worksites, where works are underway. These sites returned a low to medium dust risk rating.
- 1.1.6 Dust monitoring locations and results are presented in Appendix B, Table 2, together with line charts of monthly data from each dust monitor 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 3.
- 1.1.9 Data capture was below 90% for the AQ033 monitor due to the monitor running out of hydrogen gas, subsequently recharged.
- 1.1.10 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.
- 1.1.11 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.
- 1.1.12 NO₂ monitoring locations and results are presented in Appendix C, Table 4, together with the 2025 running mean.
- 1.1.13 Table 1 provides a summary of the complaint information relating to dust and air quality received during the reporting period, together with the findings of any related investigations.

Table 1: Summary of complaints received during May 2025

Complaint Reference No.	Worksite Reference	Description of complaint	Results of investigation
HS2-25-46339-C	N/A	Increase of dust in the area.	Several dust mitigation measures are in place. All monitors checked, no exceedances were breached. Resident has been updated and advised Saharan dust has been visible across the UK and may have contributed to the noticeable dust.
HS2-25-46348-C	N/A	Increased amount of dust in the area.	Several dust mitigation measures are in place. All monitors checked, no exceedances were breached. Resident has been updated and advised Saharan dust has been visible across the UK and may have contributed to the noticeable dust.

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 in LBH (Sheet 1)
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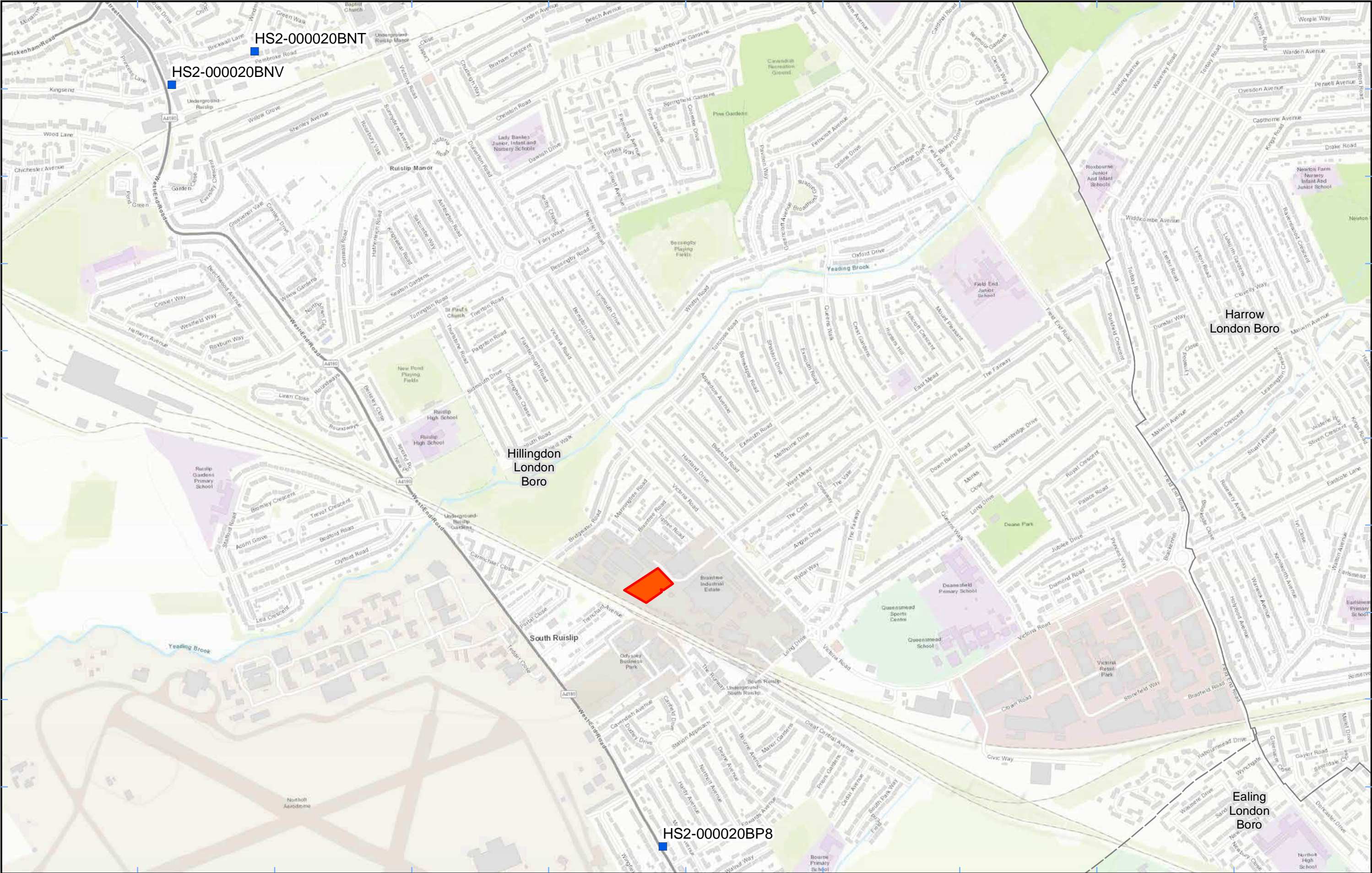


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 Worksite


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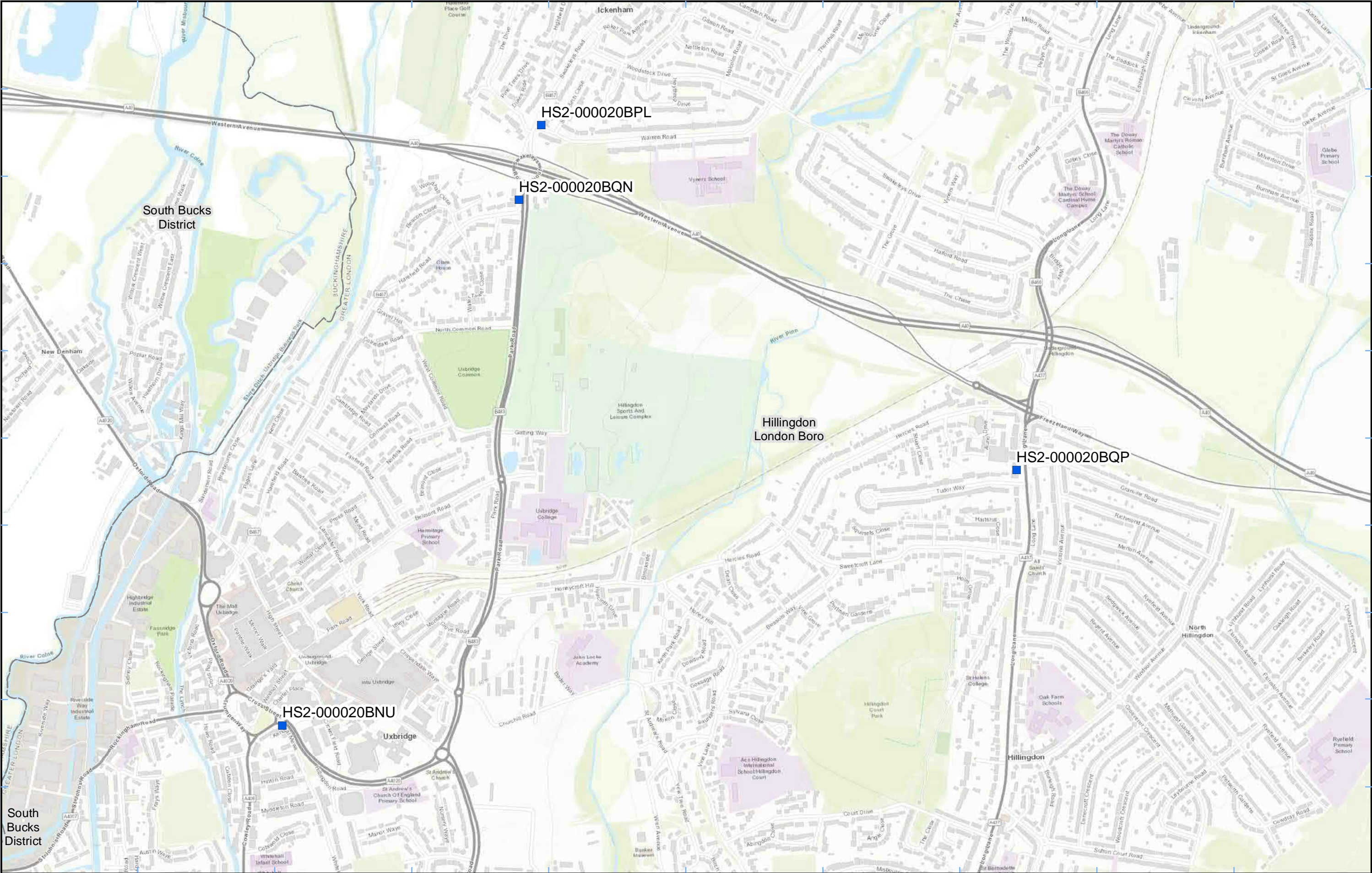


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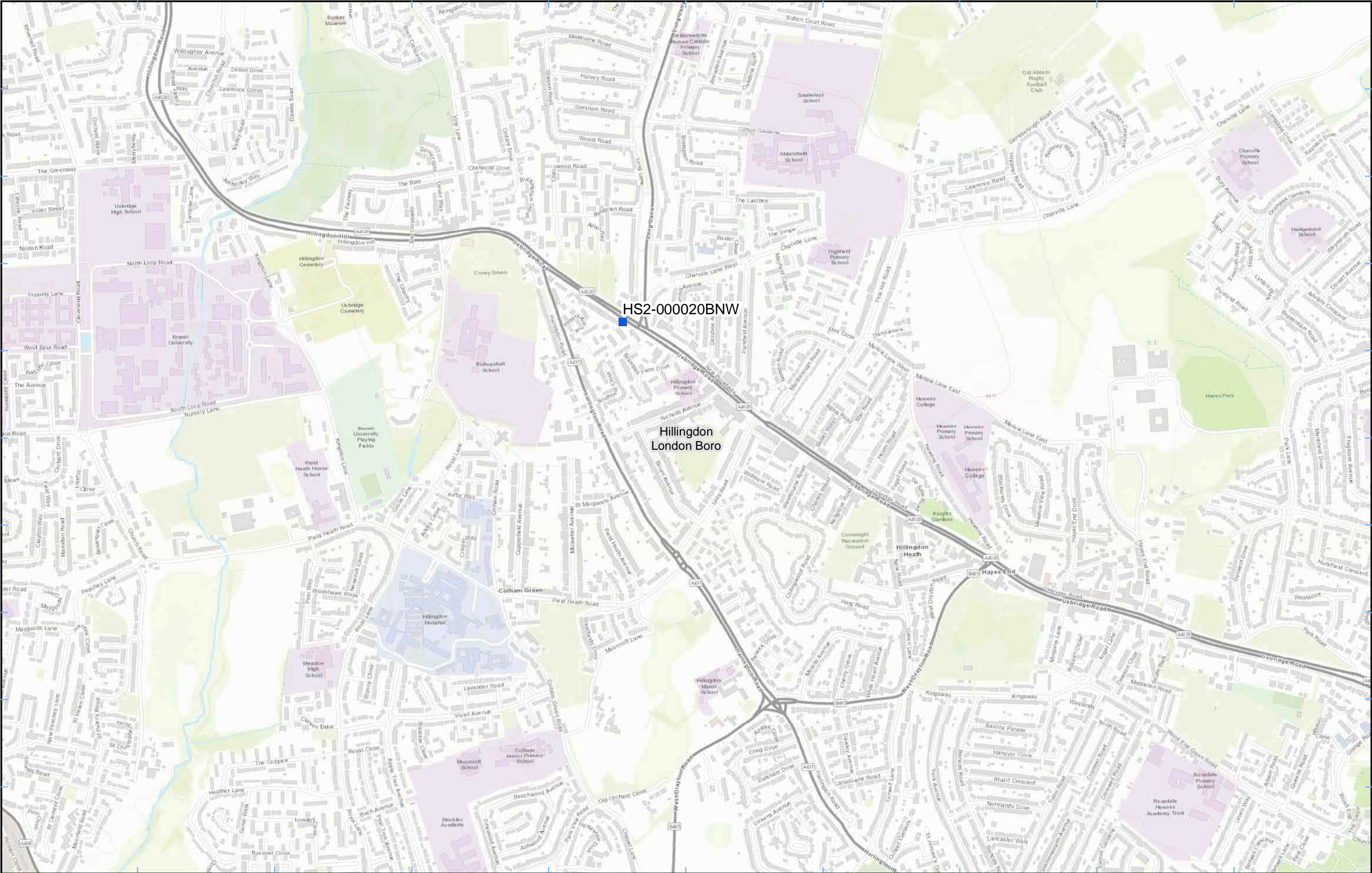
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Appendix B – Dust Monitoring Results

Table 2: Dust Monitoring Locations and Results

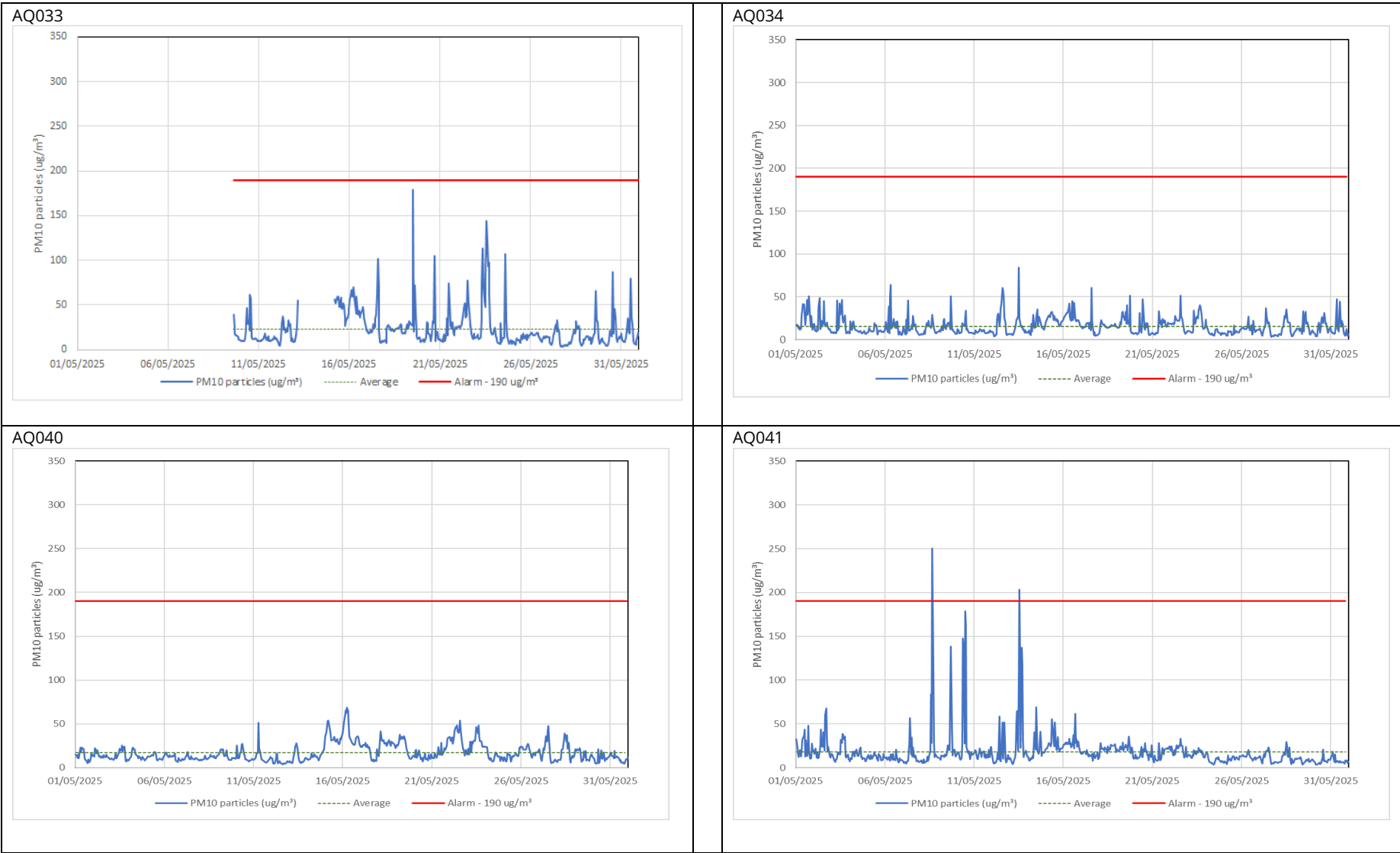
Monitoring site ID	Coordinates (X,Y)	Location description	Dust risk rating for site	Monitoring site active during period	Change to site since previous period report	Mean 1-hour PM ₁₀ concentration (µg/m ³)	Minimum 1-hour PM ₁₀ concentration (µg/m ³)	Maximum 1-hour PM ₁₀ concentration (µg/m ³)	Number of 1-hour periods exceeding trigger level of 190 µg/m ³	Data capture (%)
AQ033	507045, 187352	Breakspear Road South	M	Yes	N	23.1	3.2	178.9	0	66.1
AQ034	506608, 187592	Copthall Cutting	L	Yes	N	15.6	3.0	83.9	0	100.0
AQ040	508328, 186880	West Ruislip Golf Course	M	Yes	N	17.2	4.1	68.8	0	100.0
AQ041	507942, 187028	West Ruislip Portal	M	Yes	N	18.2	3.3	250.0	2	100.0
AQ049	506531, 187865	Copthall North, Ancient Woodland	M	Yes	N	11.5	2.5	99.5	0	100.0
AQ050	506399, 187166	Copthall South Compound	M	Yes	N	10.5	3.8	84.5	0	100.0
AQ052	506433, 186725	Southern Sustainable Placement Area	M	Yes	N	21.9	10.0	67.0	0	100.0
AQ056	506494, 186432	Southern Sustainable Placement Area	M	Yes	N	18.6	10.0	46.0	0	94.9
AQ057	506739, 186359	Southern Sustainable Placement Area	M	Yes	N	22.8	10.0	79.0	0	100.0

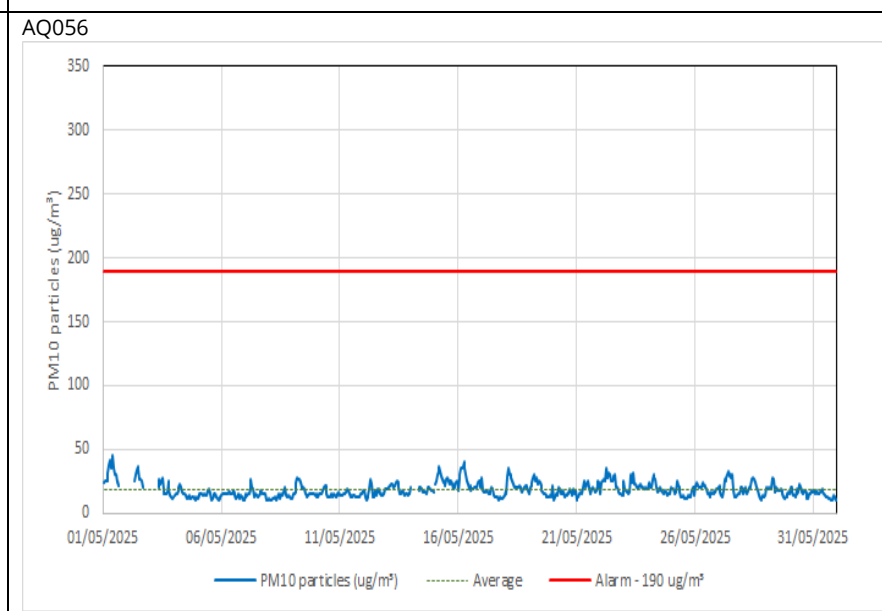
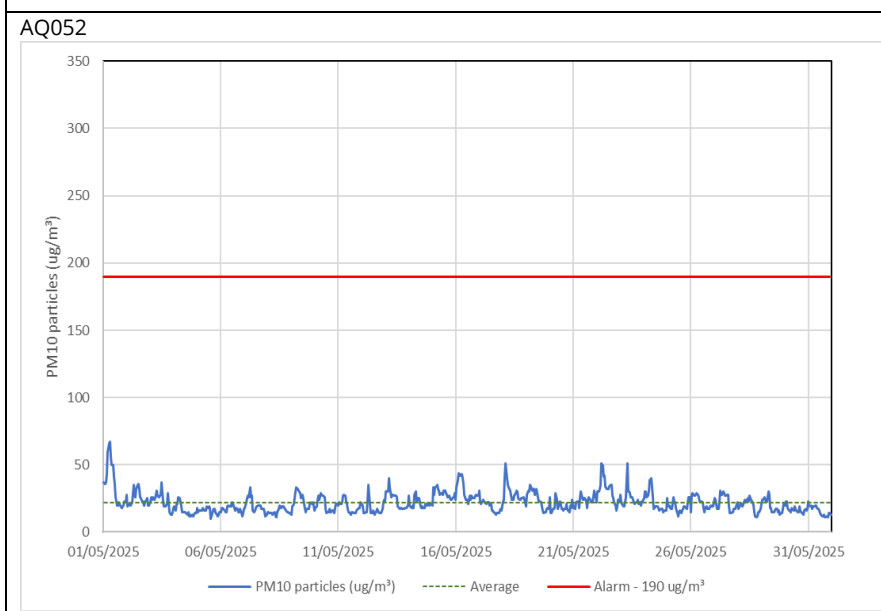
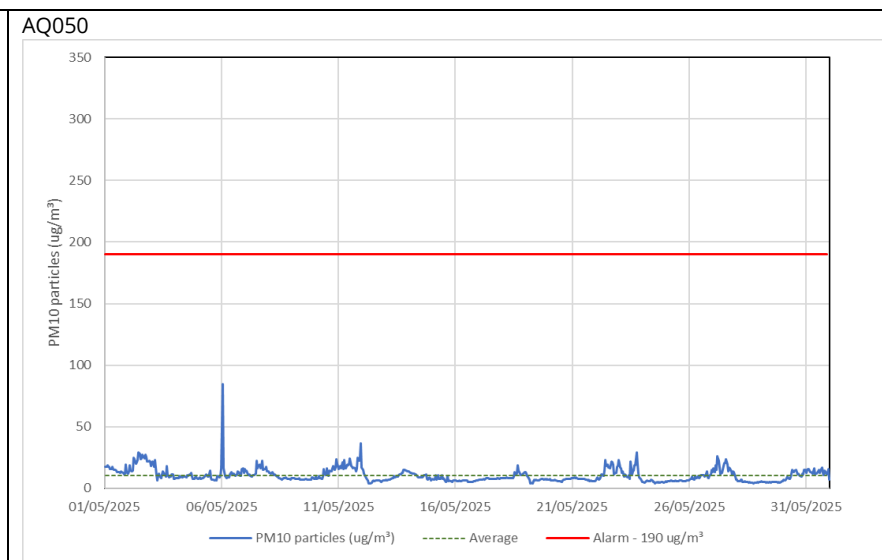
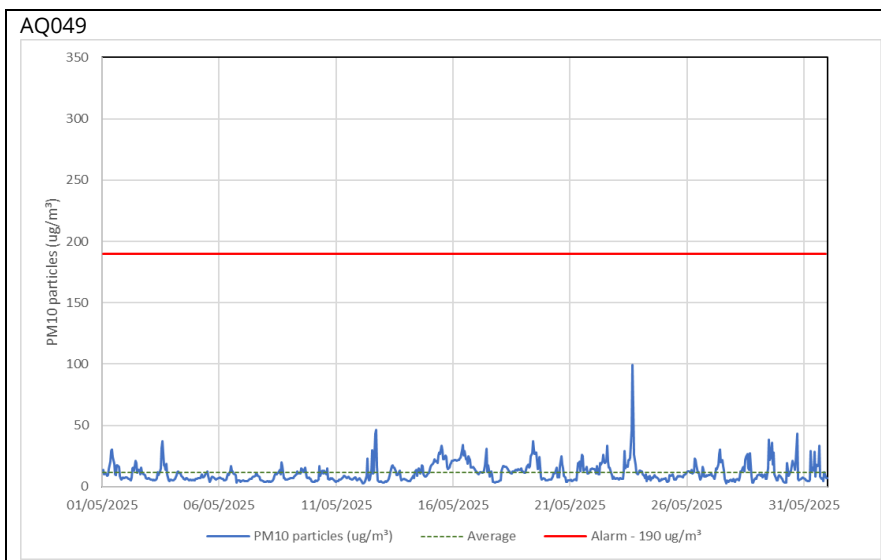
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CVV-AQMP4	505589, 187793	On the western boundary of HOAC at Dews Lane	M	Yes	Y	6.7	1.0	42.0	0	99.9

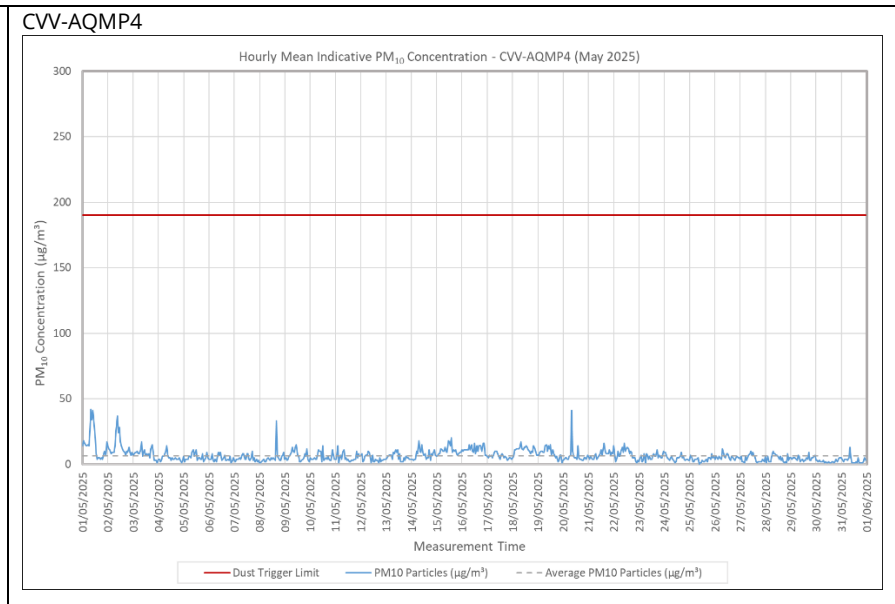
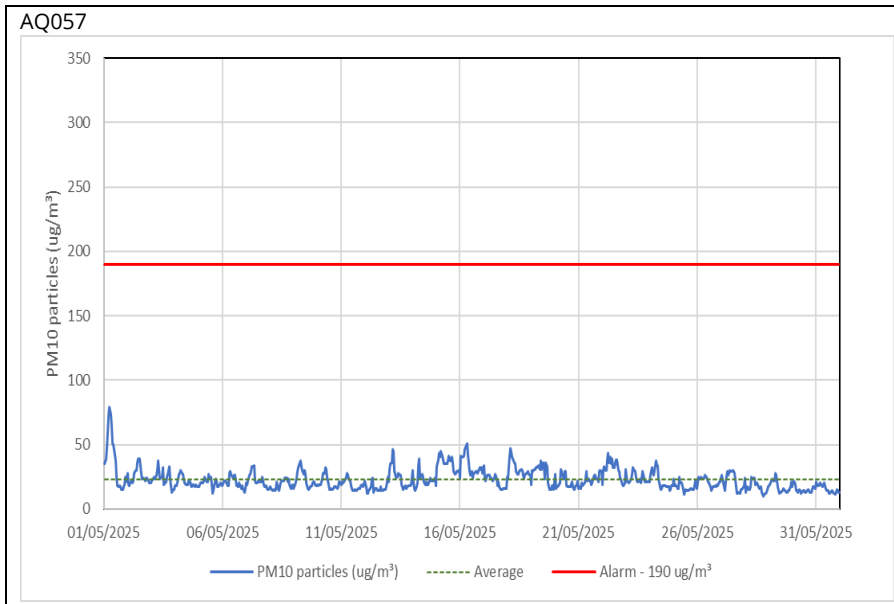
Table 3: Summary of exceedances during period (May 2025)

Monitoring site ID	Period exceeding trigger level	Investigation	Outcomes / Resolution / Remedial measures implemented
AQ041	13/05/2025: 12:01 – 13:00; 203.0 µg/m ³	At the time of both isolated triggers from AQ041 ballast removal works and then further north of that concrete slab lifting were underway. Both are potentially dusty operations, but these activities had adequate dust suppression with the use of several dust cannons, and no dust emissions were observed. The dust cannon spray directed at the ballast removal/loading activities but also towards the nearby monitor. The fine mist of the dust cannon was spraying over the monitor. Osiris monitors can read excessive fine mist/humidity as particles which has been experienced from dust cannon on other occasions across the project and during misty, frosty, wet weather conditions mainly in the mornings/ nights. It is considered that this was the reason for the triggers, not excessive dust.	Dust suppression continued to be deployed on the specific activities and the wider site area.

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







Appendix C – Air Quality Monitoring Results

Table 4: 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	25	33	19									27
HS2-000020BNU	Cowley Road sign post at junction with Hillingdon Road	505492, 183926	44	34	Tube Missing	36									38
HS2-000020BNV	High Street sign post at junction with Pembroke Road	509439, 187117	47	33	42	35									39
HS2-000020BNW	Signpost on A4020 Uxbridge Road at junction with Long Lane	507365, 182687	38	43	Tube Missing	45									42
HS2-000020BPK	Lamp post in crescent off Swakeleys Road	506542, 186037	34	32	36	25									32
HS2-000020BPL	Warren Road sign post on corner of Swakeleys Road and Warren Road	506240, 185660	43	20	12	26									25

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.

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HS2-000020BPN	Lamp post on B467	506767, 186224	41	38	Tube Missing	32									37
HS2-000020BQH	Lamp post on High Road Ickenham	508451, 186879	37	36	42	37									38
HS2-000020BQN	Lamp post on Park Road	506176, 185444	50	37	63	39									47
HS2-000020BQP	Sign post on Long Lane	507614, 184663	44	42	Tube Missing	39									42
HS2-000020BP8	Triplicate site at South Ruislip roadside automatic monitoring station	510858, 184916	34	30	45	30									35