

Air Quality and Dust Monitoring Monthly Report – August 2025

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 August 2025.
- 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, 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:

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Washwood Heath

- Traffic on main site haul road, including haul road maintenance with excavator, Articulated Dump Trucks (ADTs), dozer and roller to compact.
- Vehicle delivery check area, including reversing vehicles and loading/unloading plant/material deliveries.
- Small tools work installing Vehicle Restraint System (VRS) fencing.
- Installing drainage line close to site hoarding.
- 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.
- De-vegetation works along site boundary close to MPB compound.

Curzon Street

- Underground drainage works.
- Tripod dismantling and installations.
- Excavators, Mobile crane and roller working at site.
- Concrete works.
- Traffic on main site haul road, including haul road maintenance with excavator and roller to compact.
- Vehicle delivery check area, including reversing vehicles and loading/unloading plant/material deliveries.

Curzon Street Station

- Installation of bearing and secant piles

- Import of materials required for piling activities
- Export of excavated materials – including commencement of bulk dig
- Earthworks required for installation of site compound
- Excavation and construction of pile caps
- Movement and stockpiling of excavated materials within the site boundary

1.1.5 Eight (8) 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 2, 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 PM₁₀ concentrations of 190 µg/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 monitor CS001 due to technical issues. A lab calibration monitor swap out was done on 4th September 2025. Another site visit is to be scheduled to resolve the technical issues.

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.

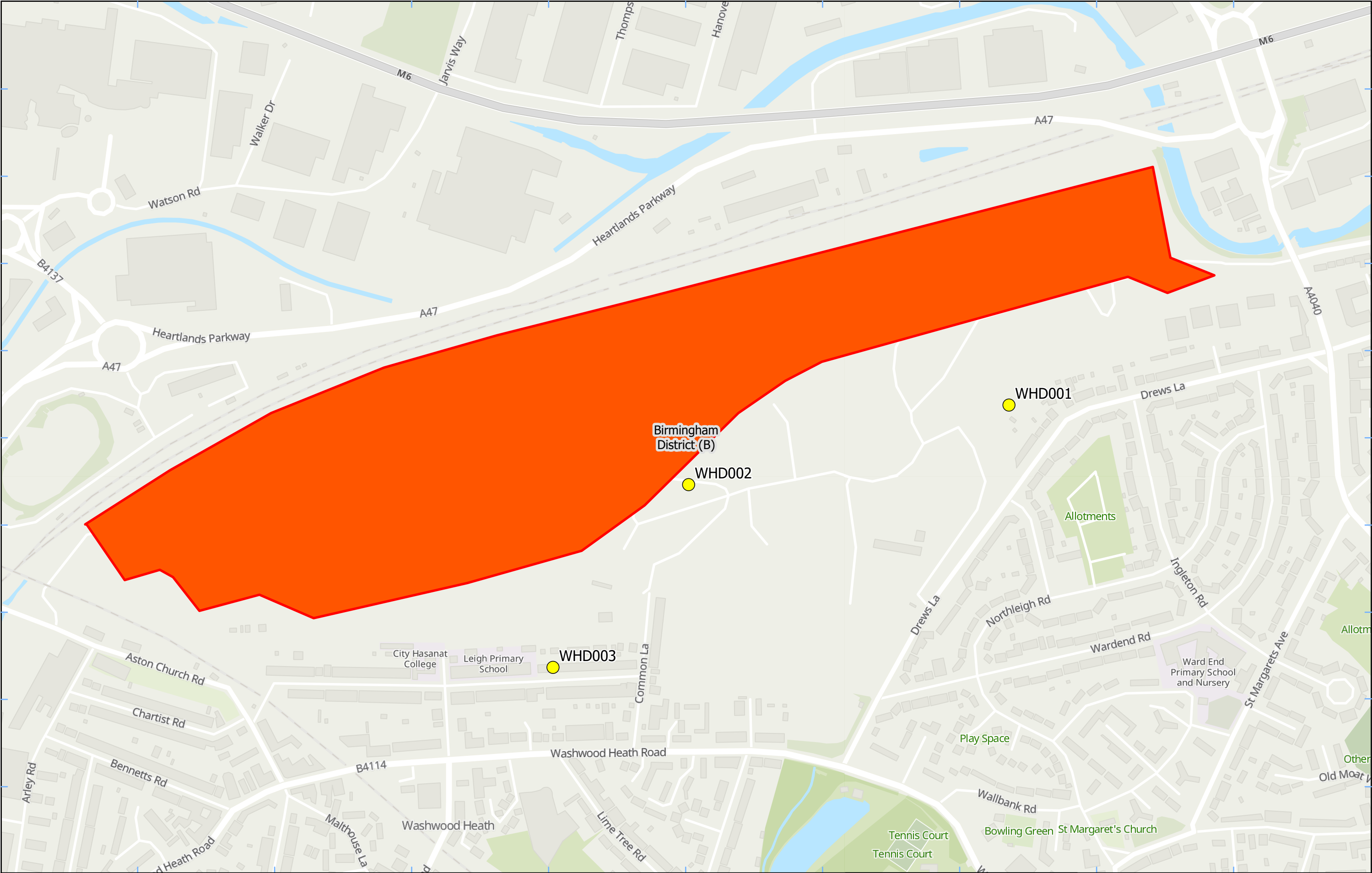
Table 1: Summary of complaints received during August 2025

Complaint Reference No.	Worksite Reference	Description of complaint	Results of investigation
HS2-25-46640-C	N/A	Increased amount of dust on personnel property.	All mitigation measures in place to reduce dust in dry weather conditions, monitors have been checked, and no breaches have been recorded. An additional monitor to be installed in the area. Resident has been updated.
HS2-25-125282-E-C	N/A	Constant dust issues.	All mitigation measures in place to reduce dust in the area, monitors checked, and no exceedances have been breached. Resident advised that construction can generate some dust and recent Saharan dust events, along with prolonged hot and dry weather, have contributed to fine dust settling across wide

			areas of the UK — a fact confirmed by national meteorological reports.
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Appendix A – Worksites and Monitoring Locations

Figures 1 - 3: Worksites and Monitoring Locations within BCC



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 District Borough Unitary Boundaries  Worksite

 Dust Monitor

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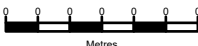
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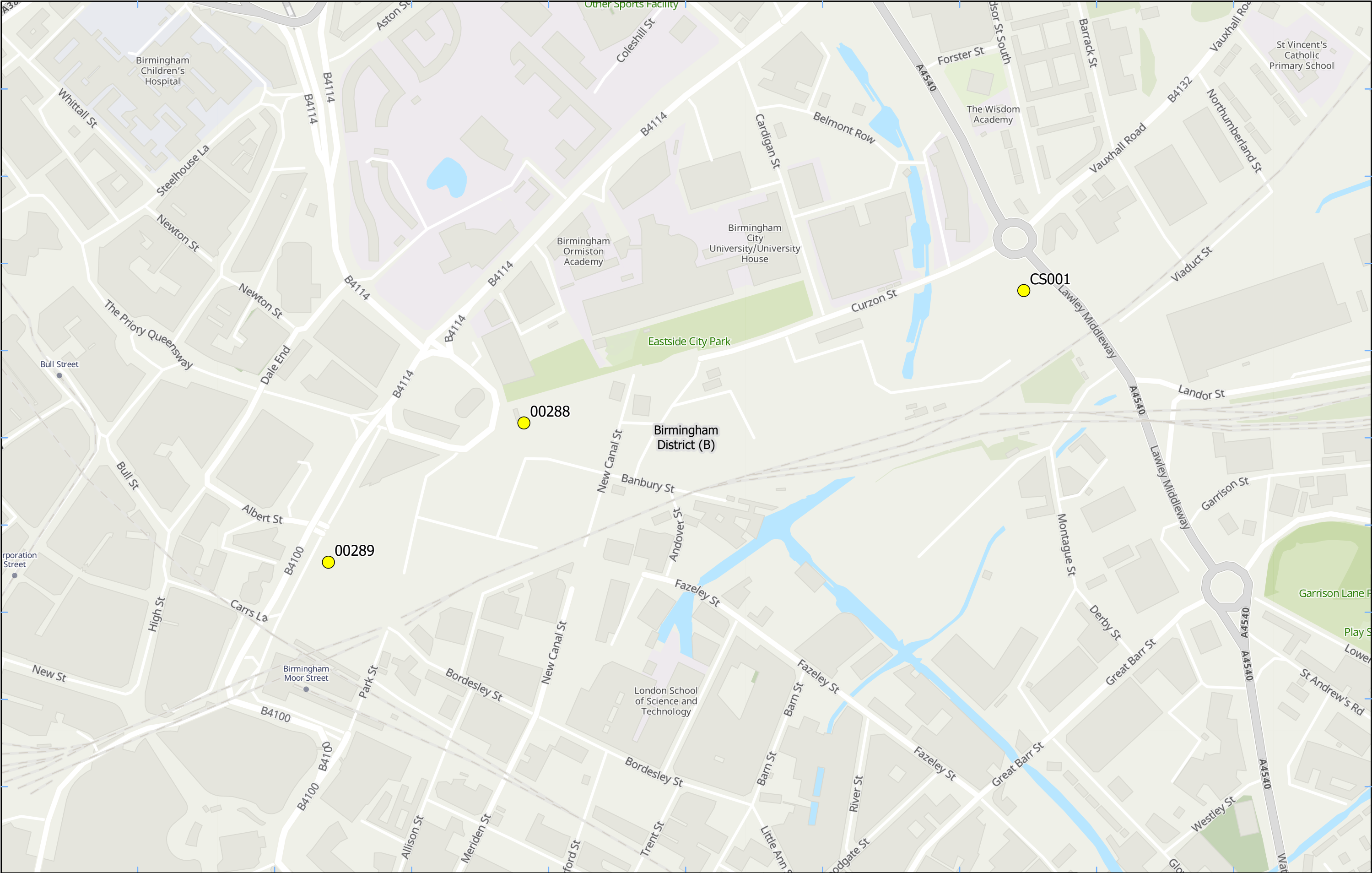
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Appendix B – Dust Monitoring Results

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 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	411142, 289094	Washwood Heath Depot, near receptors on Drews Lane	M	Yes	No	8.7	0.1	34.1	0	100.0
WHD002	410750, 288985	Washwood Heath Depot, near receptors on Common Lane	M	Yes	No	9.0	0.1	85.3	0	99.9
WHD003	410623, 288913	Washwood Heath Depot, near receptors on Warren Road	M	Yes	No	1.9	0.1	50.7	0	98.9
BETP001	416630, 290801	Bromford East Tunnel Portal, Twisted Oak Stables	L	Yes	No	8.8	0.5	161.1	0	100.0
BETP002	417409, 290603	Bromford East Tunnel Portal, Attleboro Lane	M	Yes	No	7.9	0.1	40.0	0	91.0
CS001	408208, 287235	University Locks, Curzon Street	M	Yes	No	12.9	1.5	133.3	0	55.6
00288	407676, 287057	Curzon St – East Side City Park	H	Yes	No	38.4	1.9	460.5	18	98.9
00289	407450, 286896	Curzon St – Moor St Queensway	H	Yes	No	43.4	3.6	346.1	19	100.0

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

Monitoring Site ID	Period of trigger alert & Concentration recorded	Investigation	Outcomes / Resolution / Remedial measures implemented
00288	07/08/2025: 11:01 – 12:00; 238.8 µg/m³ 12:01 – 13:00; 204.1 µg/m³ 13:01 – 14:00; 318.6 µg/m³ 14:01 – 15:00; 460.5 µg/m³ 15:01 – 16:00; 360.7 µg/m³ 16:01 – 17:00; 204.9 µg/m³ 08/08/2025: 09:01 – 10:00; 215.7 µg/m³ 12:01 – 13:00; 190.9 µg/m³ 13:01 – 14:00; 299.0 µg/m³ 14:01 – 15:00; 359.3 µg/m³ 13/08/2025: 16:01 – 17:00; 419.8 µg/m³ 15/08/2025: 13:01 – 14:00; 226.8 µg/m³ 21/08/2025: 10:01 – 11:00; 252.1 µg/m³ 22/08/2025: 09:01 – 10:00; 269.9 µg/m³ 10:01 – 11:00; 304.5 µg/m³ 14:01 – 15:00; 202.3 µg/m³ 15:01 – 16:00; 232.1 µg/m³ 27/08/2025: 15:01 – 16:00; 205.3 µg/m³	Extended period of dry weather on site at the time of trigger, dust controls in place to manage dust as much as practicable. External contractor working along site boundary where hoarding has temporary been replaced with Safe Fence near the dust monitor. During this time works were being undertaken near the dust monitor resulting in triggers.	All controls already in place to manage dust on site during warm / dry weather including road sweeper & multiple bowsers along the haul road, dust cannon and hoses.

Monitoring Site ID	Period of trigger alert & Concentration recorded	Investigation	Outcomes / Resolution / Remedial measures implemented
00289	07/08/2025: 12:01 – 13:00; 190.4 µg/m³ 13:01 – 14:00; 194.2 µg/m³ 14:01 – 15:00; 209.9 µg/m³ 08/08/2025: 12:01 – 13:00; 209.6 µg/m³ 13:01 – 14:00; 215.7 µg/m³ 14:01 – 15:00; 215.6 µg/m³ 13/08/2025: 16:01 – 17:00; 211.6 µg/m³ 14/08/2025: 09:01 – 10:00; 247.3 µg/m³ 12:01 – 13:00; 224.8 µg/m³ 15/08/2025: 11:01 – 12:00; 245.9 µg/m³ 18/08/2025: 09:01 – 10:00; 282.0 µg/m³ 13:01 – 14:00; 255.4 µg/m³ 15:01 – 16:00; 250.5 µg/m³ 21/08/2025: 09:01 – 10:00; 247.0 µg/m³ 31/08/2025: 02:01 – 03:00; 209.3 µg/m³ 03:01 – 04:00; 293.0 µg/m³ 04:01 – 05:00; 315.0 µg/m³ 05:01 – 06:00; 346.1 µg/m³ 06:01 – 07:00; 298.3 µg/m³	Vehicle movements and stockpiling taking place in this area. Evidence of dust control measures in place including water bowser, hose & dust cannon to manage stockpiling activities. 31/08/2025 – No works on site, so exceedance is not associated with any works / activities on site.	Works in close proximity to monitoring equipment, and dry weather. All practicable controls in place to manage dust on site during warm / dry weather including road sweeper & multiple bowzers along the haul road, dust cannon and hoses.

Figure 4: Construction dust 1-hour mean indicative PM₁₀ concentration for all dust monitors

