

Air Quality and Dust Monitoring Monthly Report – February 2026

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 2026.
- 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:

Sublot 4

Washwood Heath

- Traffic on main site haul road, including haul road maintenance with excavators, Articulated Dump Trucks (ADTs), dozers and rollers to compact.
- Vehicle delivery check area, including reversing vehicles and loading / unloading plant / material deliveries.
- Installing drainage line close to site hoarding.
- De-vegetation works along site boundary.
- De-weeding works.
- Stockpile management and crushing / screening activities.
- Tarmac batching plant operations, including delivery of aggregates, operating plant and concrete wagons.

Curzon Street

- Supporting deliveries.
- Site generator.
- Road sweeping and dust suppression.
- Phase 2A scaffolding installation.
- Phase 2A welding works.
- Phase 3A welding and scaffolding works.

Bromford East Tunnel Portal (Sublot 1B)

- STP1 decommissioning.
- Supporting deliveries.
- Site generator.

- Site offices – maintenance / deliveries.
- Road sweeping and dust suppression.
- Operation of 1 No. mechanical workshop.
- Muck away to SL Delta – haul roads.
- Operation of TBM material store.
- Aerodynamic structure.
- Building construction: tower crane operation.
- Tunnel strip out (including ground treatment and batching plant operation).

Curzon Street Station – Pre-main works

- 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 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 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 2.

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

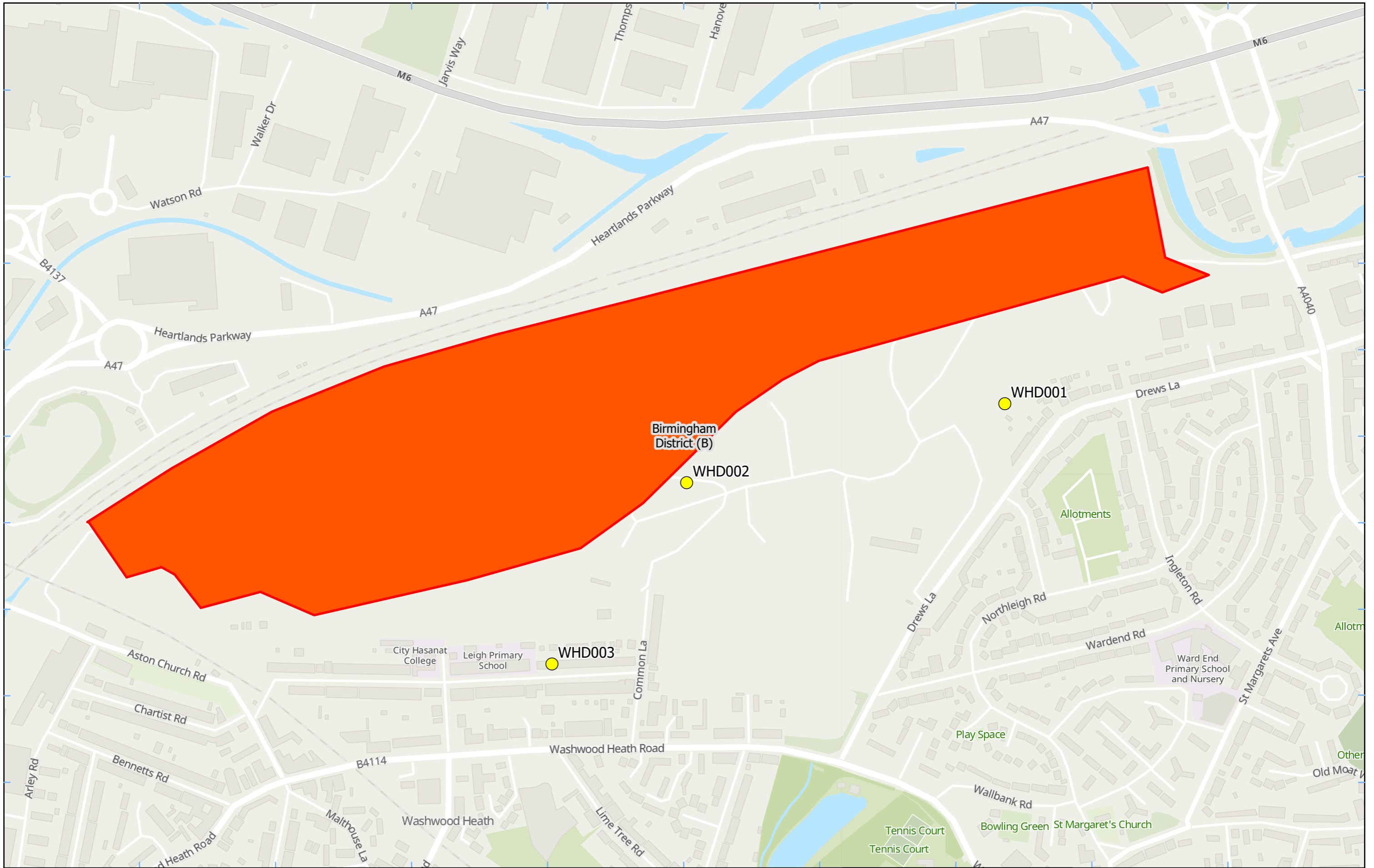
- Monitor BETP001 – A battery refresh took place on 18th February 2026. After the site visit, the issues were resolved.
- Monitor BETP002 – A battery refresh took place on 3rd March 2026. After the site visit, the issues were resolved.
- Monitor WHD002 – A battery refresh took place on 25th February 2026. After the site visit, the issues were resolved.

- Monitor WHD001 – A dust full work up and battery refresh took place on 25th February 2026. This monitor has been flagged for low results and remains under investigation, though no fault has been found.

1.1.10 There were no (0) complaints received during the reporting period (February 2026).

Appendix A – Worksites and Monitoring Locations

Figures 1 - 3: Worksites and Monitoring Locations within BCC



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

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**Worksite and Monitoring Locations
 In BCC (Sheet 1)**
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- District Borough Unitary Boundaries
- Worksite
- Dust Monitor

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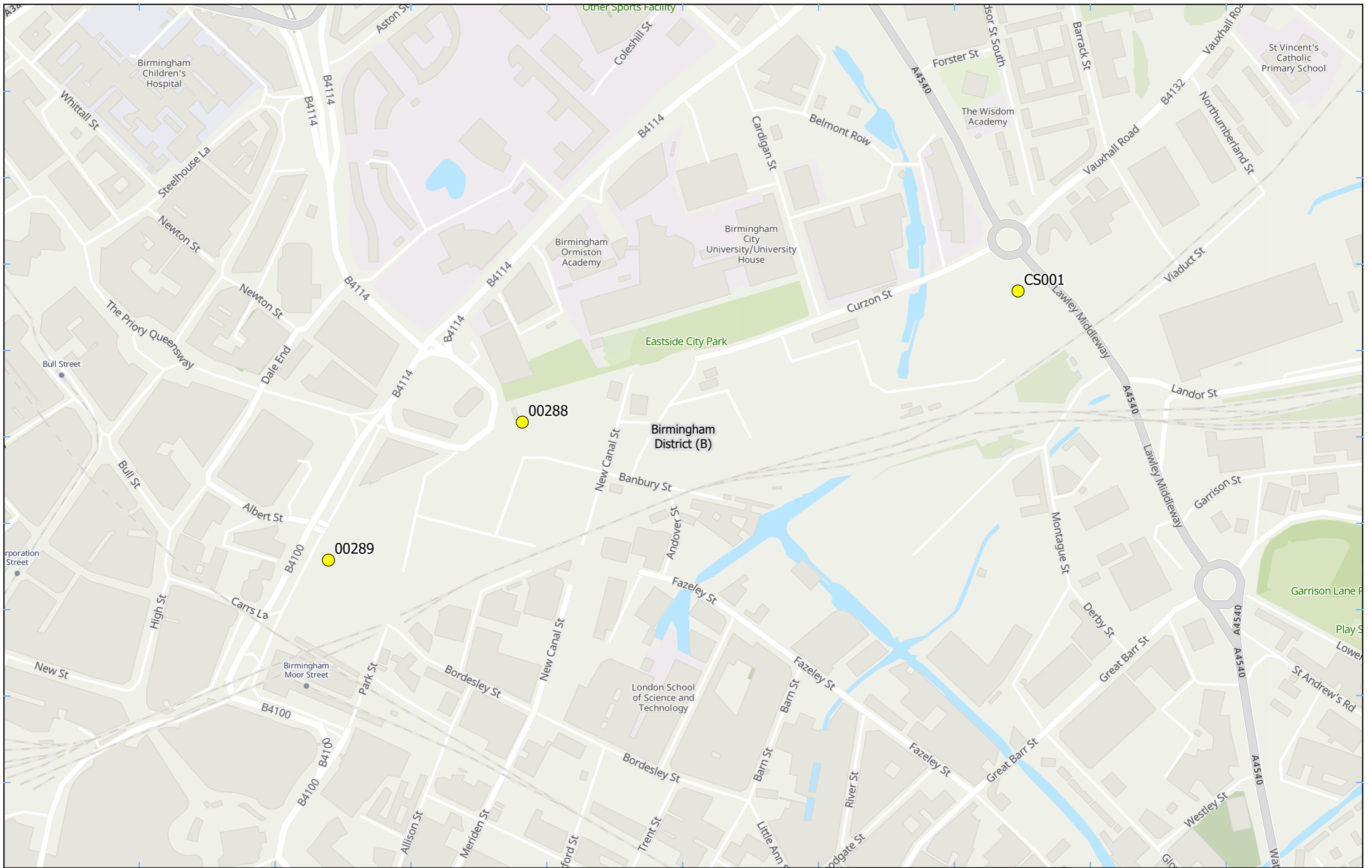
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**Monitoring Locations
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Appendix B – Dust Monitoring Results

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	1.9	0.1	29.1	0	78.7
WHD002	410758, 289130	Washwood Heath Depot, near receptors on Common Lane	M	Yes	No	5.8	0.1	21.4	0	56.8
WHD003	410562, 288866	Washwood Heath Depot, near receptors on Warren Road	M	Yes	No	0.8	0.1	7.4	0	84.7
BETP001	416719, 290767	Bromford East Tunnel Portal, Twisted Oak Stables	M	Yes	No	11.2	0.3	60.0	0	69.5
BETP002	417406, 290605	Bromford East Tunnel Portal, Attleboro Lane	M	Yes	No	2.4	0.1	44.9	0	81.3
CS001	408254, 287210	University Locks, Curzon Street	M	Yes	No	1.5	0.1	103.3	0	87.4
CSS_D_01	407450, 286896	Curzon St – Moor Street Queensway (GL01)	H	Yes	No	13.6	0.8	193.8	1	100.0

CSS_D_02	407676, 287057	Curzon St – East Side City Park (GL7.5/08)	H	Yes	No	12.6	1.1	61.4	0	100.0
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Table 2: Summary of exceedances during period (February 2026)

Monitoring Site ID	Period of trigger alert & Concentration recorded	Investigation	Outcomes / Resolution / Remedial measures implemented
CSS_D_01	23/02/2026: 08:01 – 09.00; 193 ug/m ³	No sources of dust identified, site sufficiently dampened down due to recent rainfall.	N/A

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

