

Air Quality and Dust Monitoring Monthly Report – March 2026 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 February and March 2026 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.
 - Copthall North groundworks and materials management.
 - West Ruislip Portal - site demobilisation and headhouse construction.
 - 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.
- 1.1.5 Nine (9) 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 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 No (0) dust trigger alerts were recorded during the monitoring period (March 2026).
- 1.1.9 Data capture was below 90% for multiple monitors due to:

- Monitor AQ033 was due to the monitor being powered by hydrogen generators and the hydrogen cylinders needing replenishment.
- Monitor AQ041 was due to loss of power, which is under investigation.
- Monitor AQ050 was due to loss of power, which is under investigation.

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.

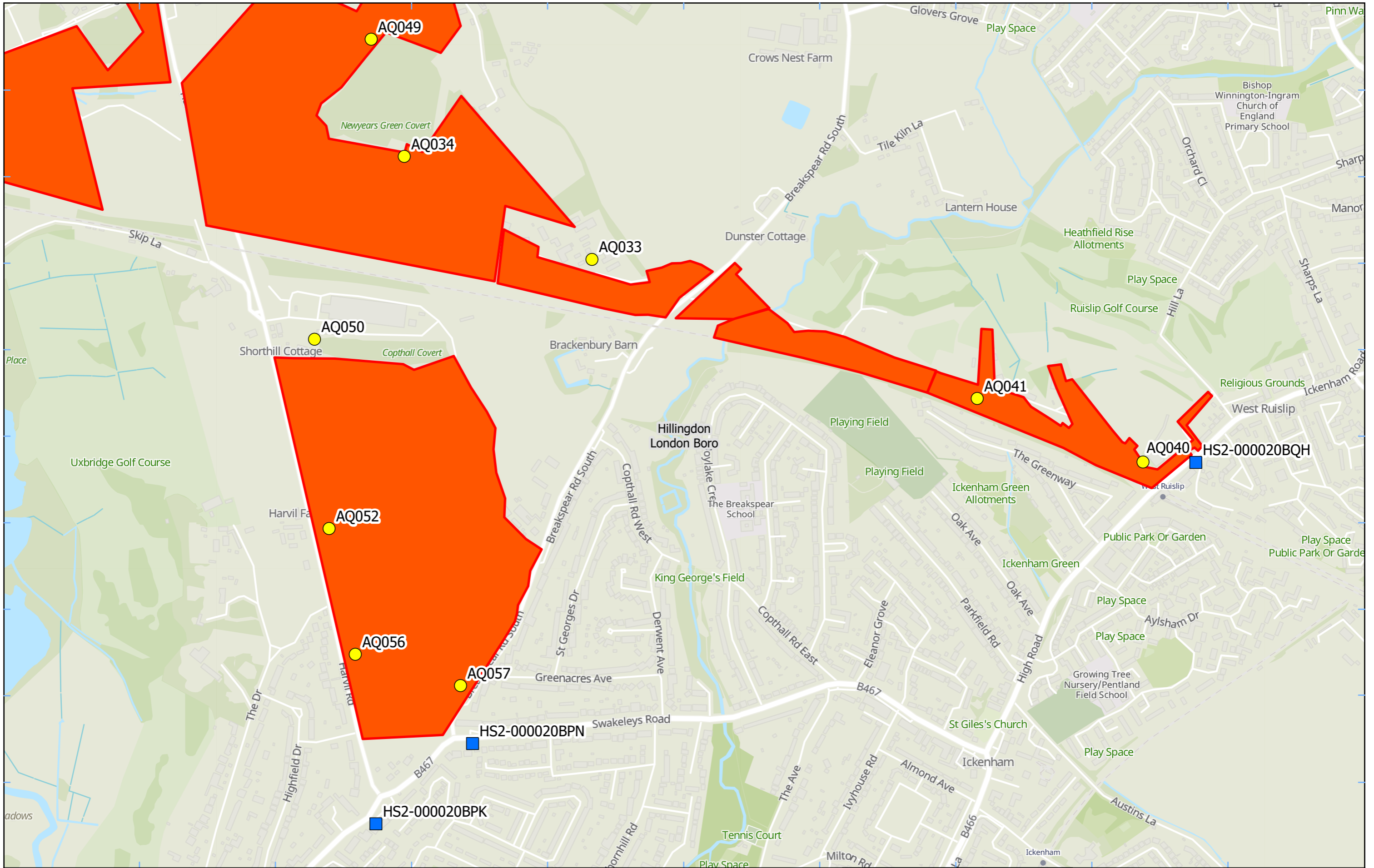
1.1.11 Diffusion tube monitoring results are as provided from the laboratory analysis, and therefore still require various analysis and adjustments to be undertaken. Final corrected results will be presented and described in the annual report. However, based on results to date, no unexpected values were recorded during the monitoring period.

1.1.12 NO₂ monitoring locations and results are presented in Appendix C, Table 2, together with the 2026 running mean.

1.1.13 There were no (0) complaints received during the reporting period (March 2026).

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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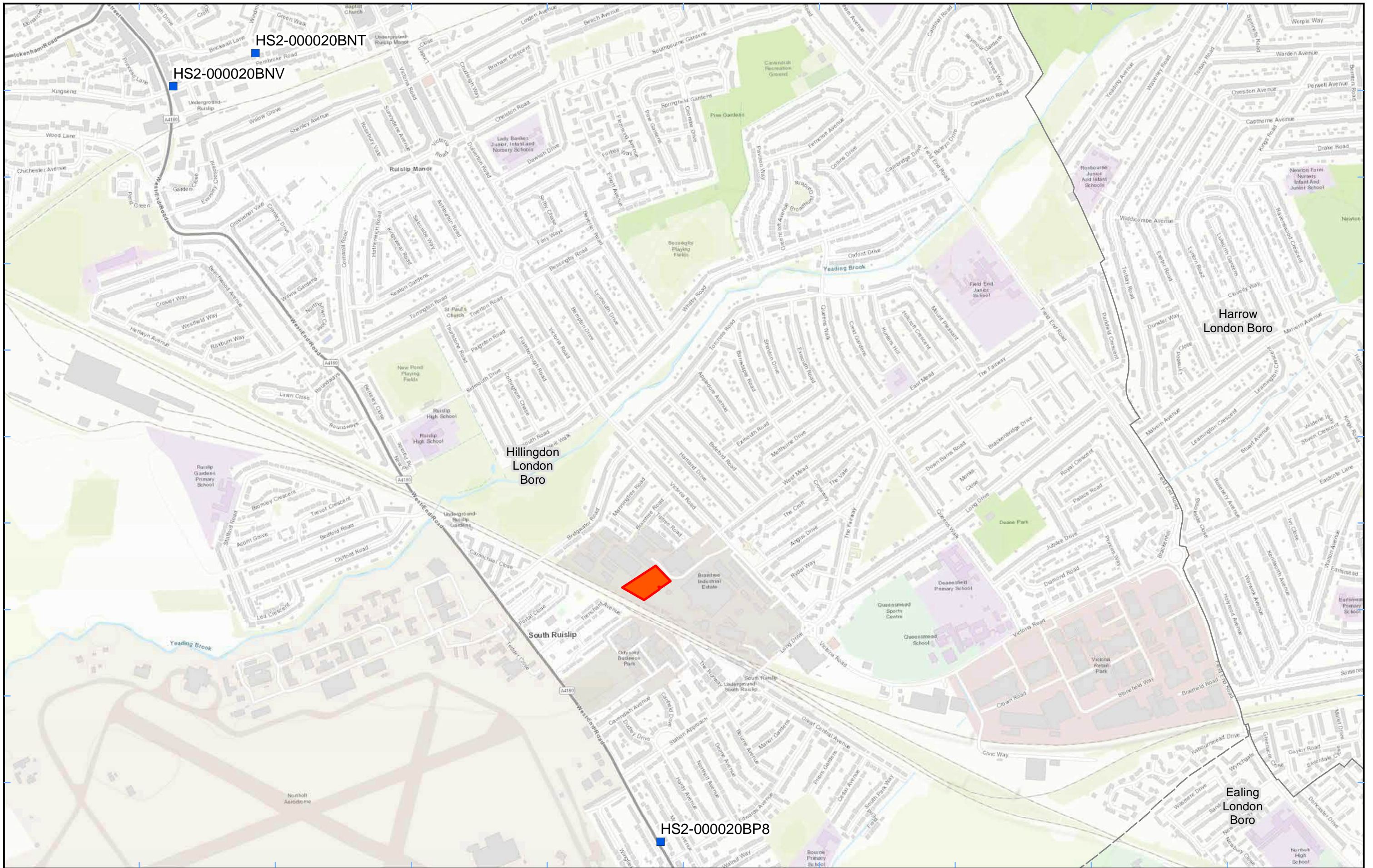
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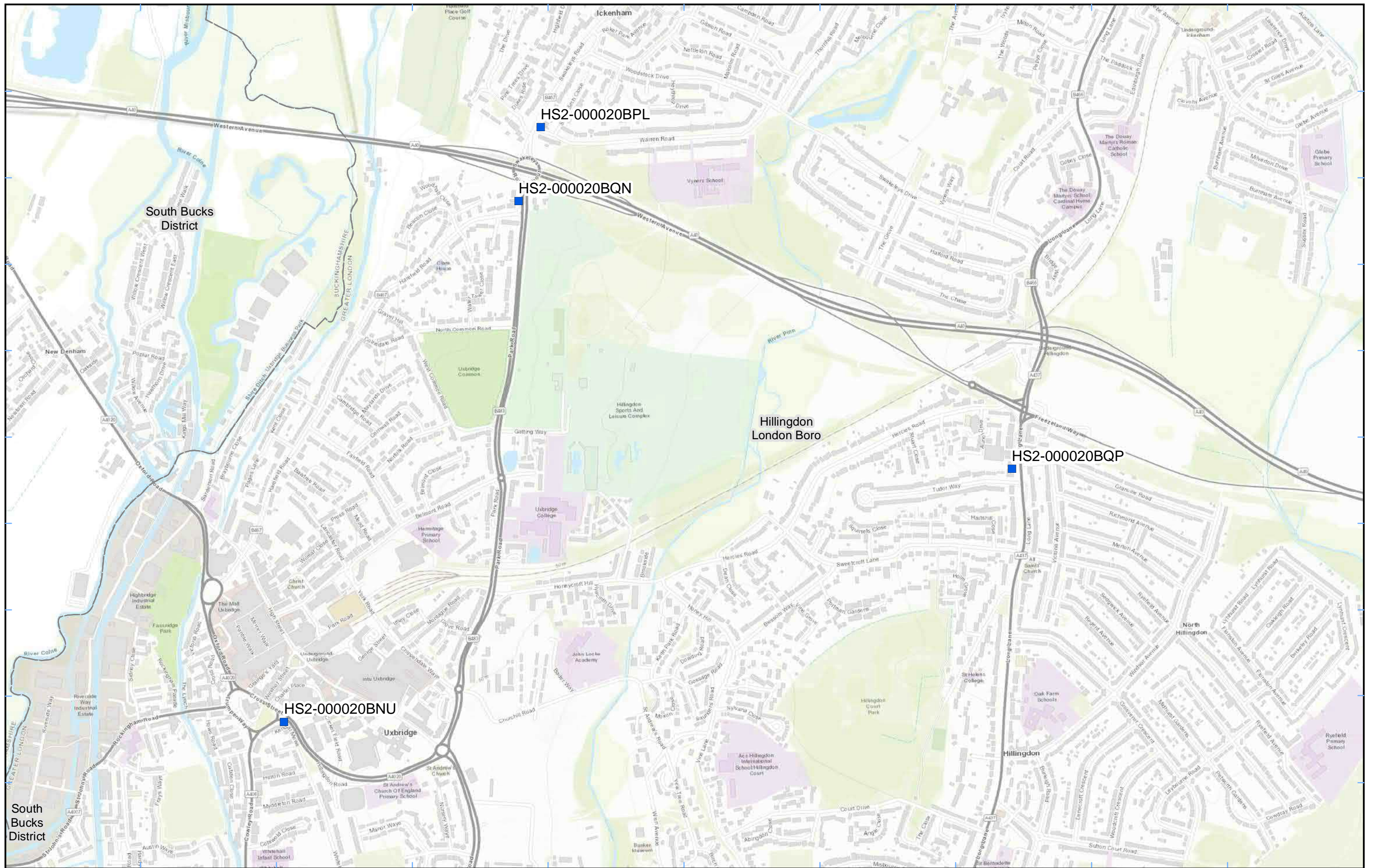
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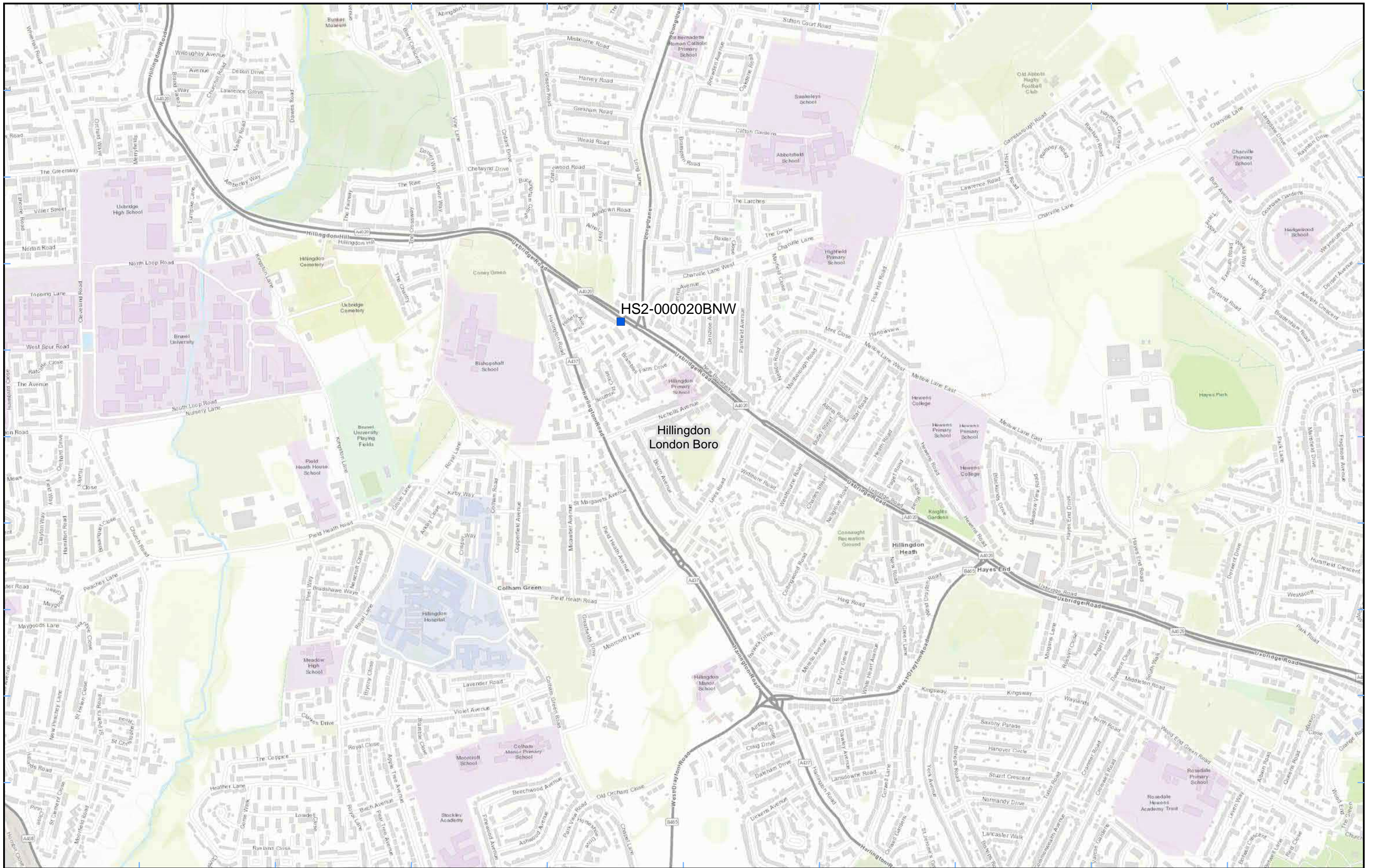
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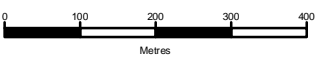
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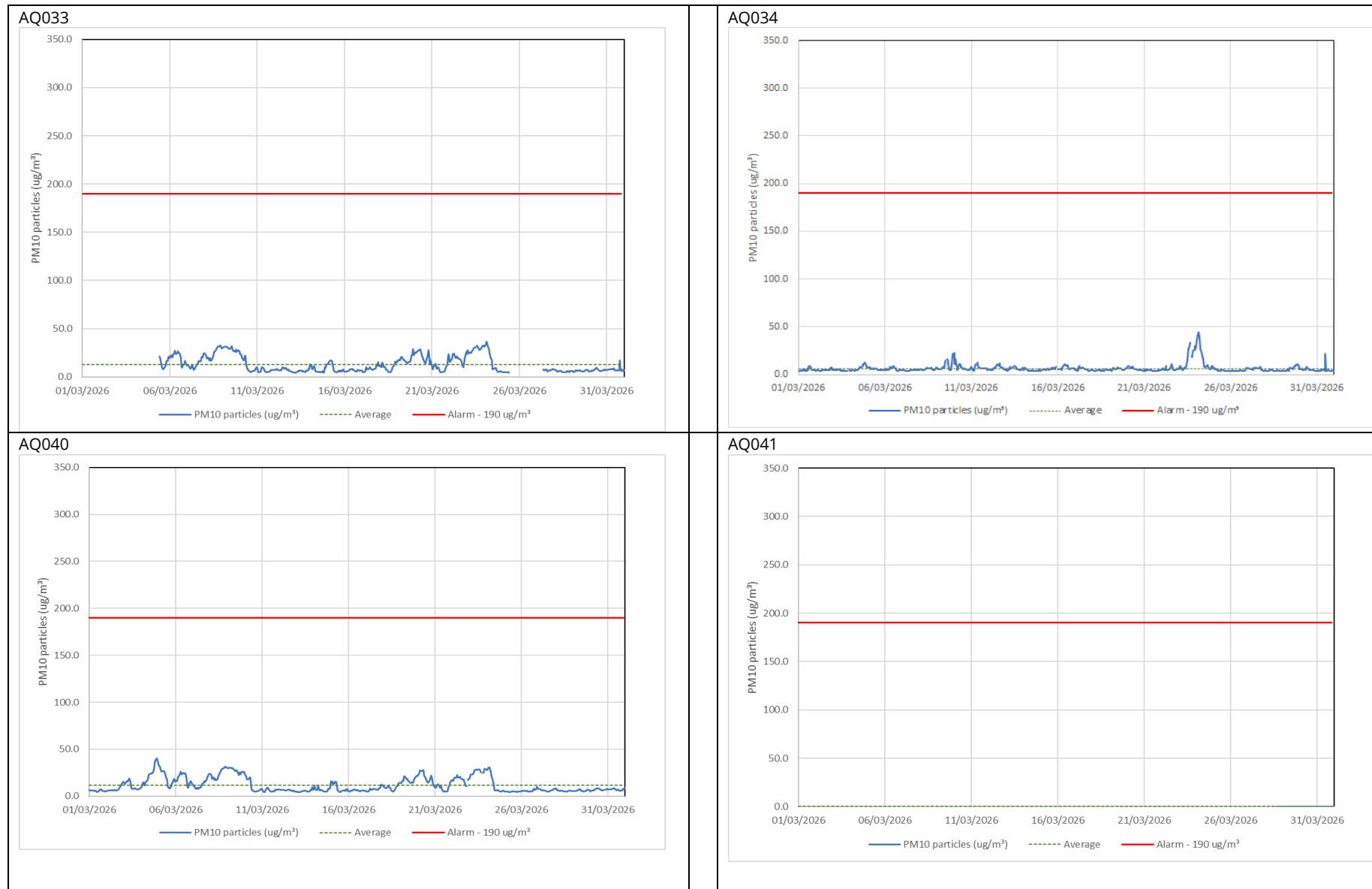
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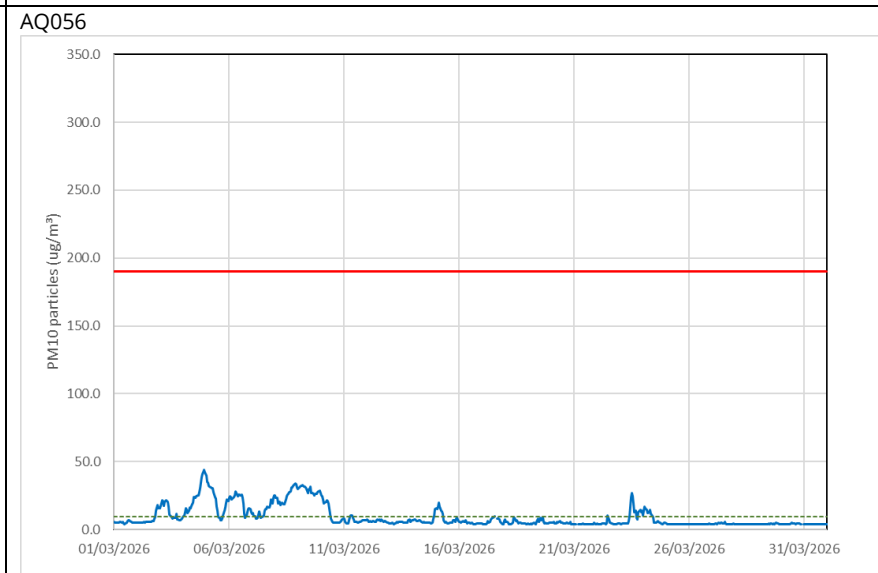
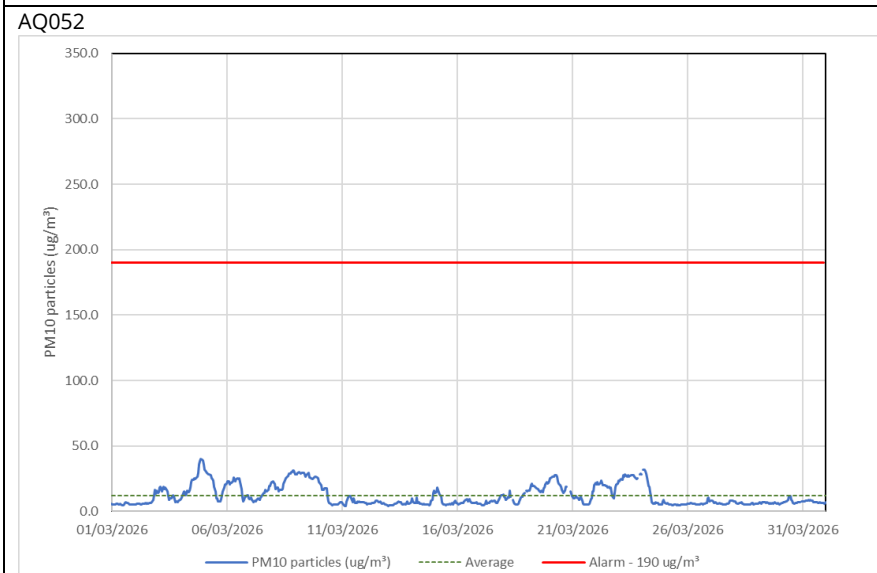
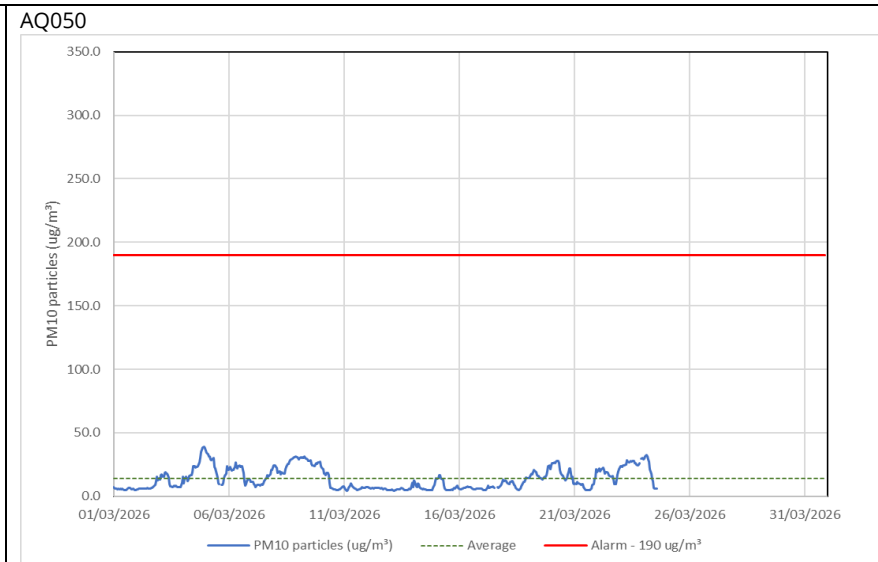
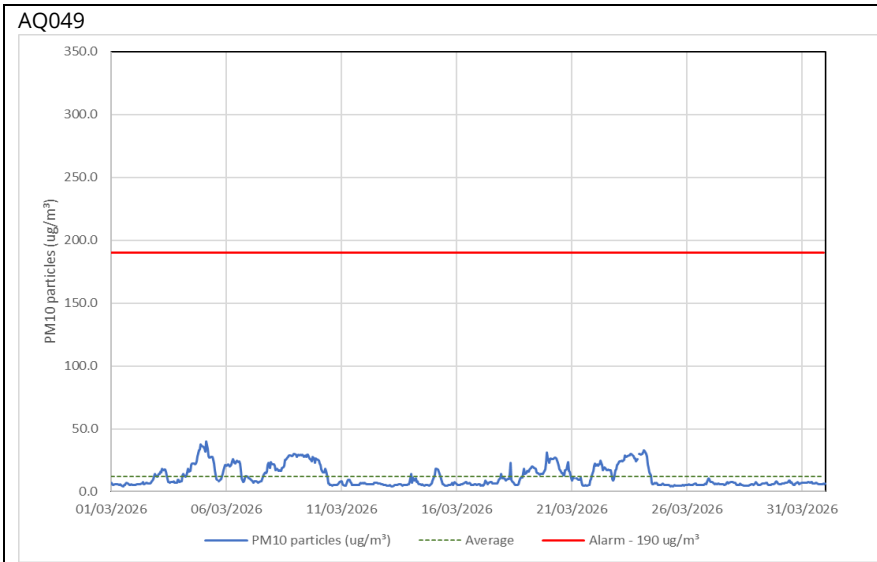
Appendix B – Dust Monitoring Results

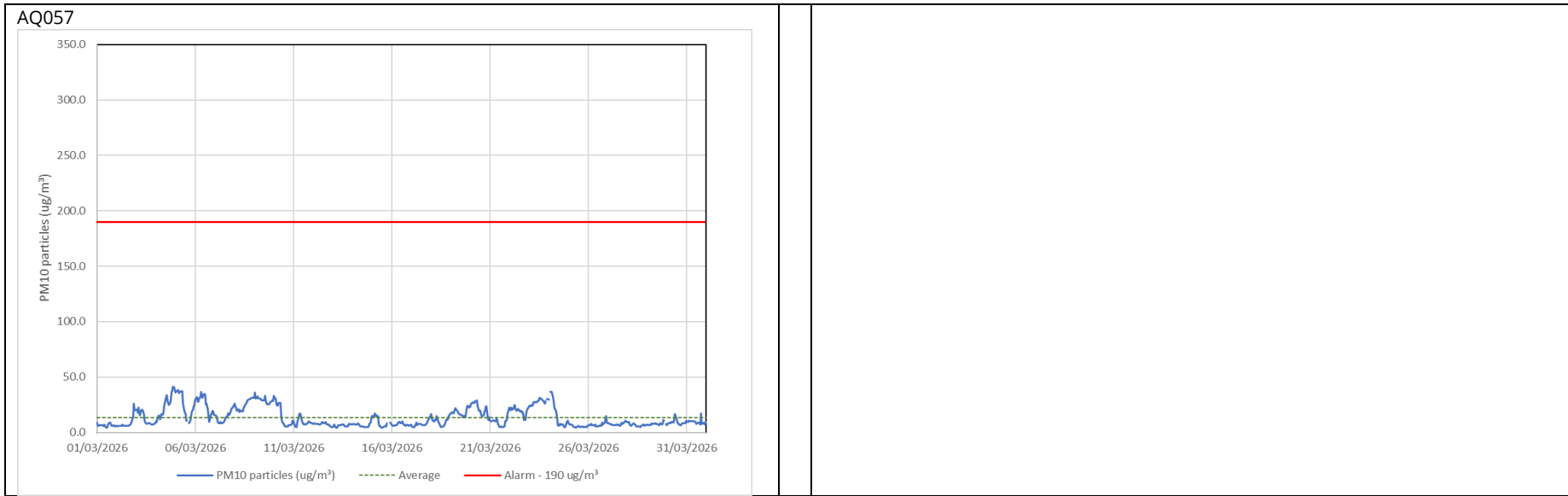
Table 1: Dust Monitoring Locations and Results

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	12.8	4.0	36.3	0	79.6
AQ034	506608, 187592	Copthall Cutting	L	Yes	N	6.5	4.0	44.1	0	99.1
AQ040	508328, 186880	West Ruislip Golf Course	M	Yes	N	11.8	4.0	40.3	0	99.6
AQ041	507942, 187028	West Ruislip Portal	M	Yes	N	-	-	-	-	-
AQ049	506531, 187865	Copthall North, Ancient Woodland	M	Yes	N	11.8	4.1	40.3	0	99.6
AQ050	506399, 187166	Copthall South Compound	M	Yes	N	13.8	4.3	38.9	0	75.7
AQ052	506433, 186725	Southern Sustainable Placement Area	M	Yes	N	12.0	4.0	40.0	0	98.9
AQ056	506494, 186432	Southern Sustainable Placement Area	M	Yes	N	9.4	4.0	44.0	0	99.5
AQ057	506739, 186359	Southern Sustainable Placement Area	M	Yes	N	13.4	4.0	41.0	0	98.8

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







Appendix C – Air Quality Monitoring Results

Table 2: NO₂ monitoring locations around highways, NO₂ concentrations and monthly monitoring results with running mean for 2026 (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	30	26											28
HS2-000020BNU	Cowley Road sign post at junction with Hillingdon Road	505492, 183926	21	37											29
HS2-000020BNV	High Street sign post at junction with Pembroke Road	509439, 187117	38	35											36
HS2-000020BNW	Signpost on A4020 Uxbridge Road at junction with Long Lane	507365, 182687	48	34											41
HS2-000020BPK	Lamp post in crescent off Swakeleys Road	506542, 186037	29	25											27
HS2-000020BPL	Warren Road sign post on corner of Swakeleys Road and Warren Road	506240, 185660	32	31											31

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	36	29											32
HS2-000020BQH	Lamp post on High Road Ickenham	508451, 186879	28	22											25
HS2-000020BQN	Lamp post on Park Road	506176, 185444	46	38											42
HS2-000020BQP	Sign post on Long Lane	507614, 184663	35	26											30
HS2-000020BP8	Triplicate site at South Ruislip roadside automatic monitoring station	510858, 184916	31	29											30