

Air Quality and Dust Monitoring Monthly Report – May 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 May 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:

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Washwood Heath

- Traffic on main site haul road, including haul road maintenance with excavator, Articulate Dump Trucks (ADTs), dozer and roller to compact.
- Vehicle delivery check area including reversing vehicles and loading / unloading plant / material deliveries.
- Installing drainage line close to site hoarding.

Curzon Street

- Traffic on main site haul road, including haul road maintenance with excavator, ADTs, dozer and roller to compact.
- De-vegetation works along site boundary close to MPB compound.
- Stockpile management and crushing / screening activities.
- Landscaping works de-weeding.
- Tarmac batching plant operations, including delivery of aggregates, operating plant and concrete wagons.
- GL8 tripod welding works in Curzon 3 (day and night shift activity).
- Supporting deliveries.
- Site generator.
- Site offices (maintenance and deliveries).
- Road sweeping and dust suppression.
- Pier demolition works.
- Curzon 3 pier drainage works.
- Curzon 3 deck temporary works.
- Underground utilities works.

Curzon Street Station – Pre-main works

- 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.

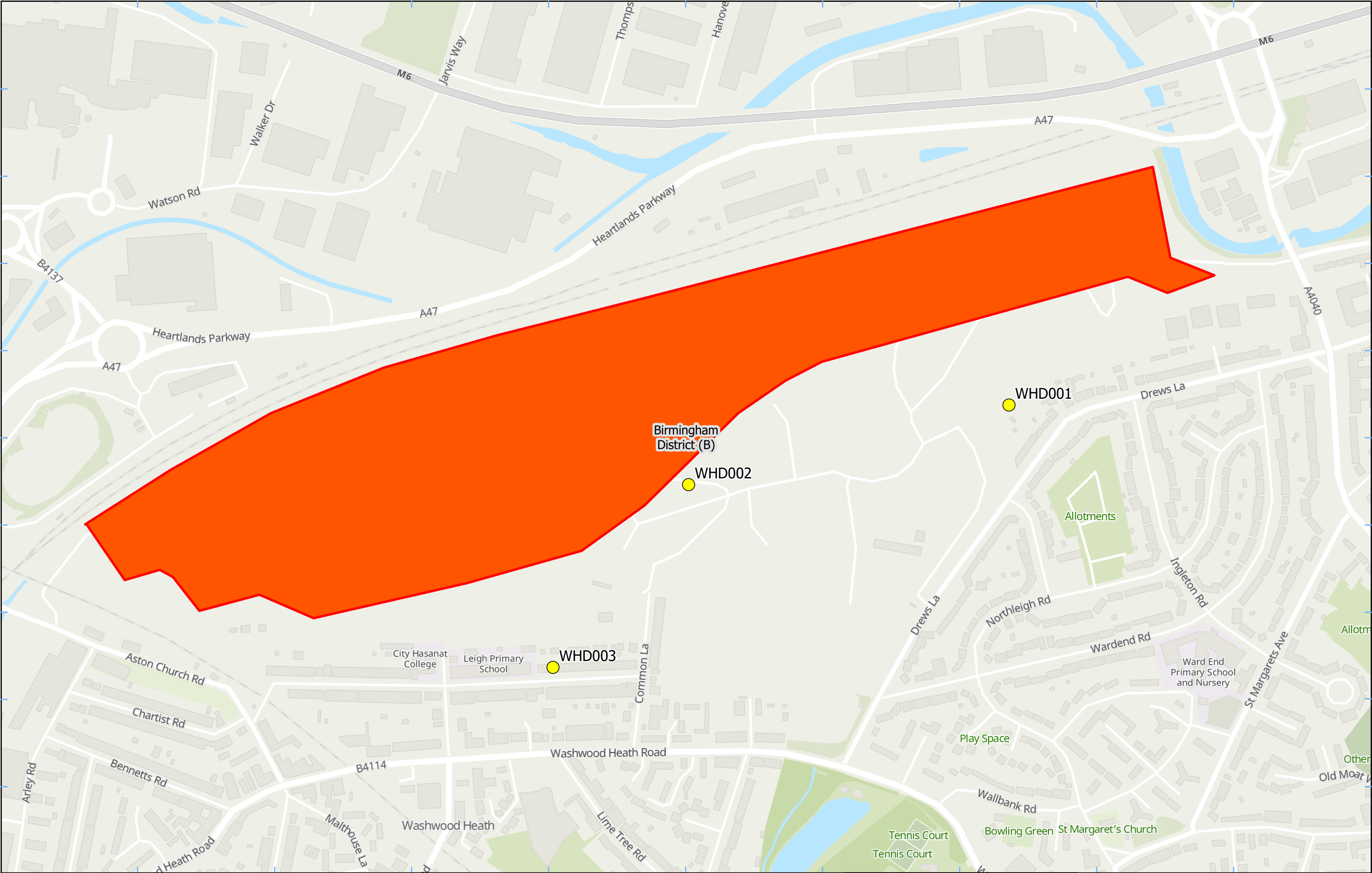
- 1.1.5 Eight (8) dust monitors are installed around these worksites, where works are underway. These sites returned a low to high dust risk rating.
- 1.1.6 Dust monitoring locations and results are presented in Appendix B, Table 2, together with line charts of monthly data from each dust monitor, presented 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 No (0) dust trigger alerts were recorded during the monitoring period (May 2026).
- 1.1.9 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 May 2026

Complaint Reference No.	Worksite Reference	Description of complaint	Results of investigation
HS2-26-47408-C	N/A	Dust in the area.	Dust relates to the demolition of nearby business park. HS2 not responsible for works. Local contractors are assisting with the response.

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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**Worksite and Monitoring Locations
In BCC (Sheet 1)**

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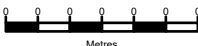
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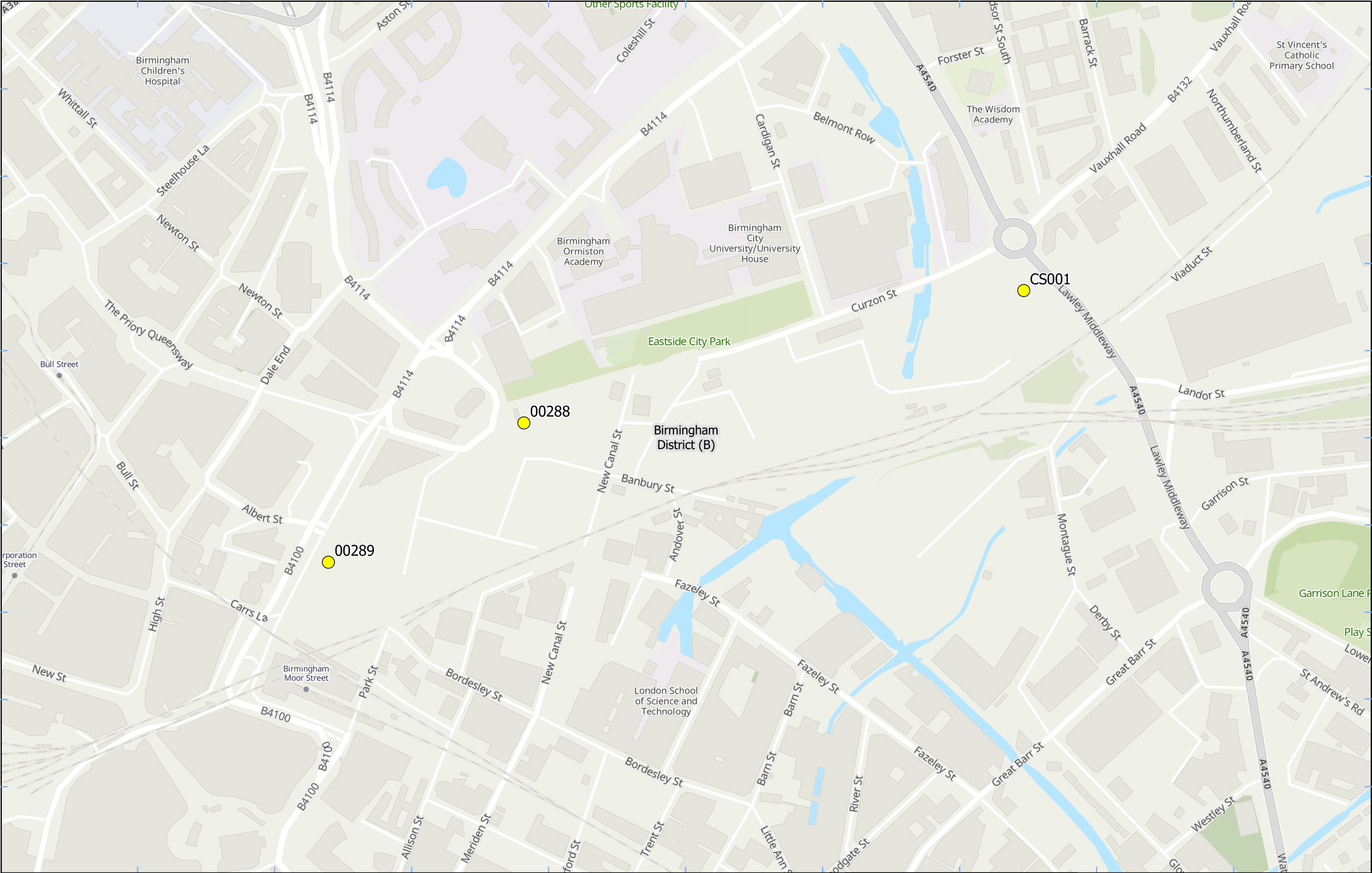
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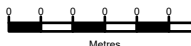
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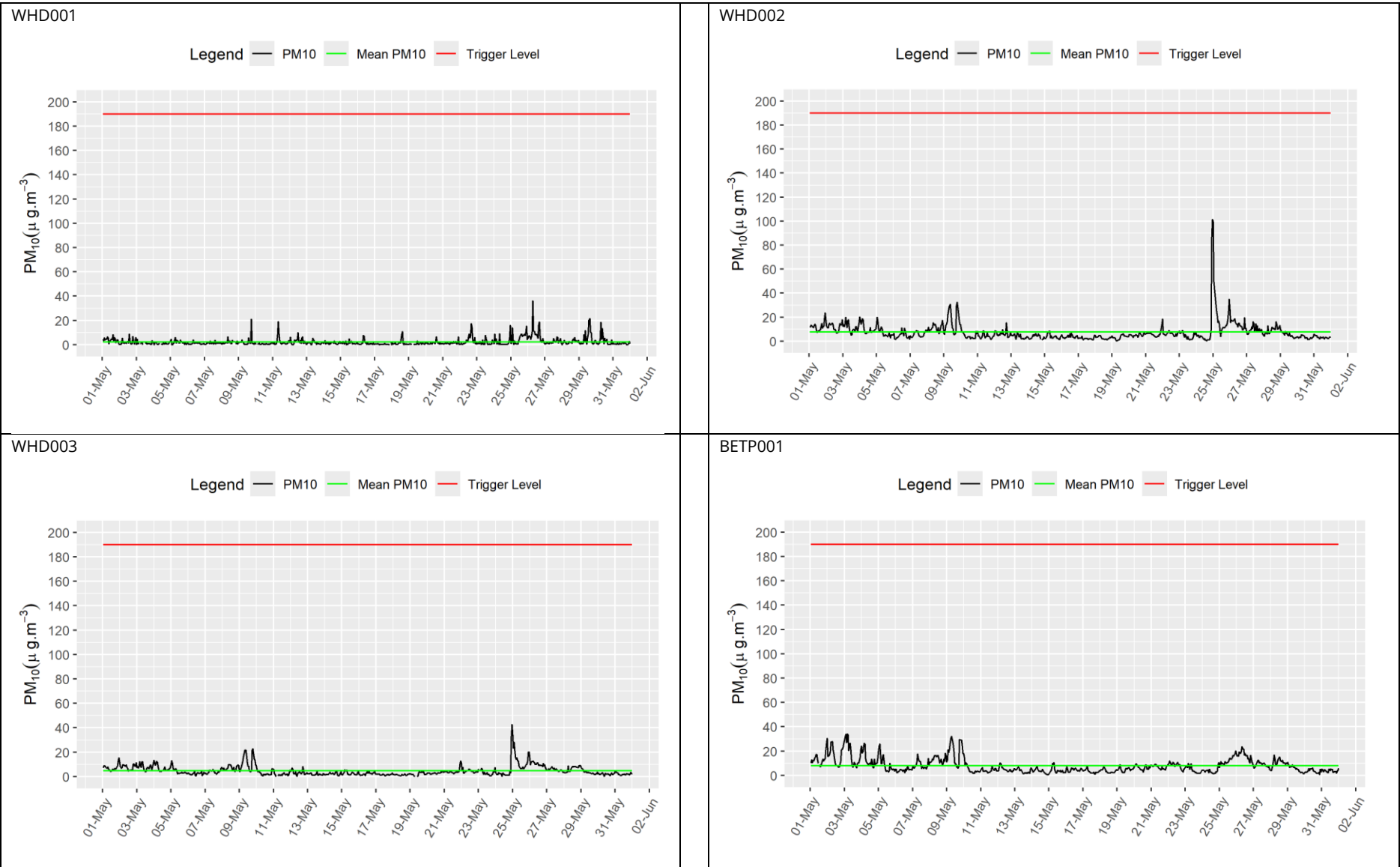
Appendix B – Dust Monitoring Results

Table 2: Dust Monitoring Locations and Results

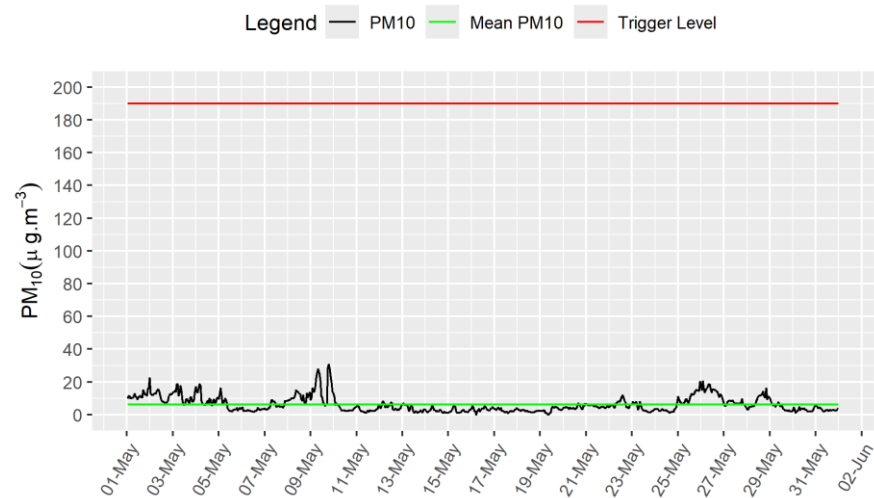
Monitoring site ID	Coordinates (X,Y)	Location description	Dust risk rating for site	Monitoring site active during period	Change to site since previous period report	Mean 1-hour PM10 concentration (µg/m3)	Minimum 1-hour PM10 concentration (µg/m3)	Maximum 1-hour PM10 concentration (µg/m3)	Number of 1-hour periods exceeding trigger level of 190 µg/m3	Data capture (%)
WHD001	411187, 289181	Washwood Heath Depot, near receptors on Drews Lane	M	Yes	No	2.3	0.1	36.2	0	98.9
WHD002	410750, 288985	Washwood Heath Depot, near receptors on Common Lane	M	Yes	No	7.5	0.2	101.4	0	99.9
WHD003	410623, 288913	Washwood Heath Depot, near receptors on Warren Road	M	Yes	No	4.8	0.1	42.8	0	99.6
BETP001	416630, 290801	Bromford East Tunnel Portal, Twisted Oak Stables	L	Yes	No	8.1	0.4	34.1	0	99.9
BETP002	417409, 290603	Bromford East Tunnel Portal, Attleboro Lane	L	Yes	No	6.3	0.1	30.9	0	100.0
CS001	408209, 287238	University Locks, Curzon Street	M	Yes	No	7.8	0.1	48.3	0	99.7
CSS_D_01	407450, 286896	Curzon St – Moor Street Queensway (GL01)	H	Yes	No	15.1	0.1	164.2	0	94.2

CSS_D_02	407676, 287057	Curzon St – East Side City Park (GL7.5/08)	H	Yes	No	16.8	0.1	149.9	0	97.4
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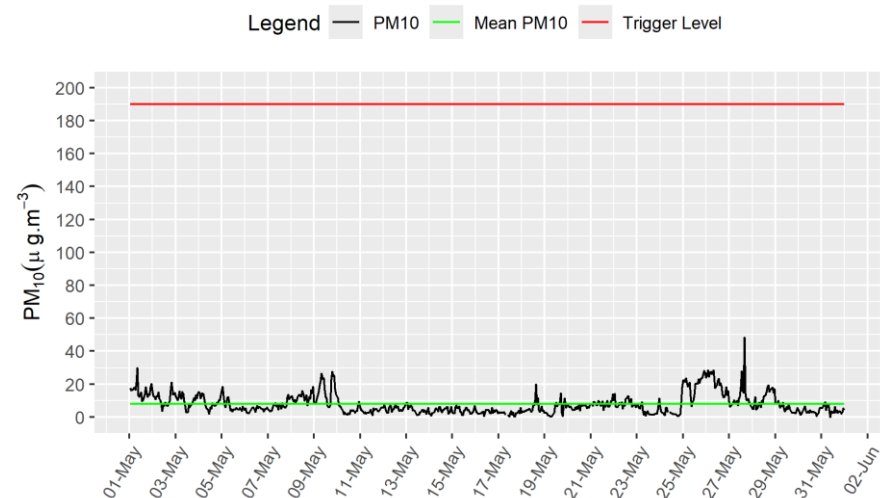
Figure 4: Construction dust 1-hour mean indicative PM₁₀ concentration for all dust monitors



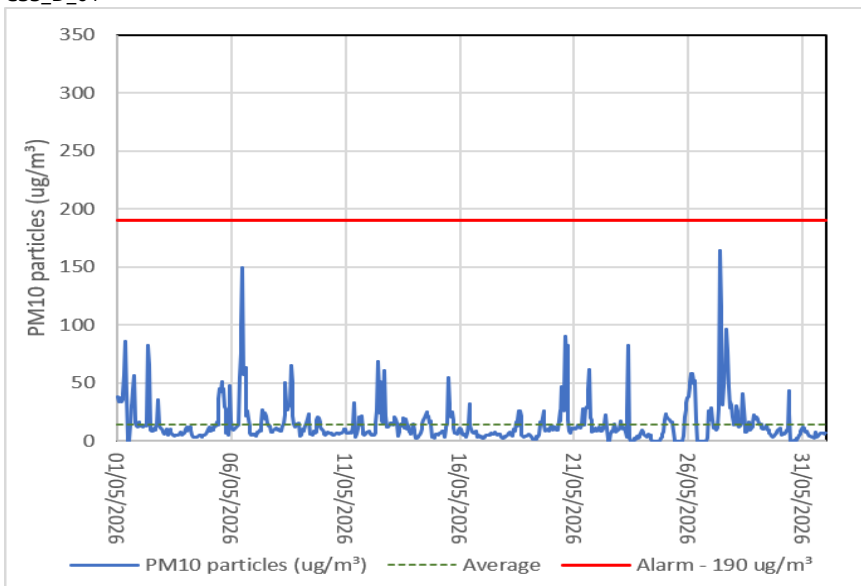
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