

Air Quality and Dust Monitoring Monthly Report – May 2026

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Monthly Summary

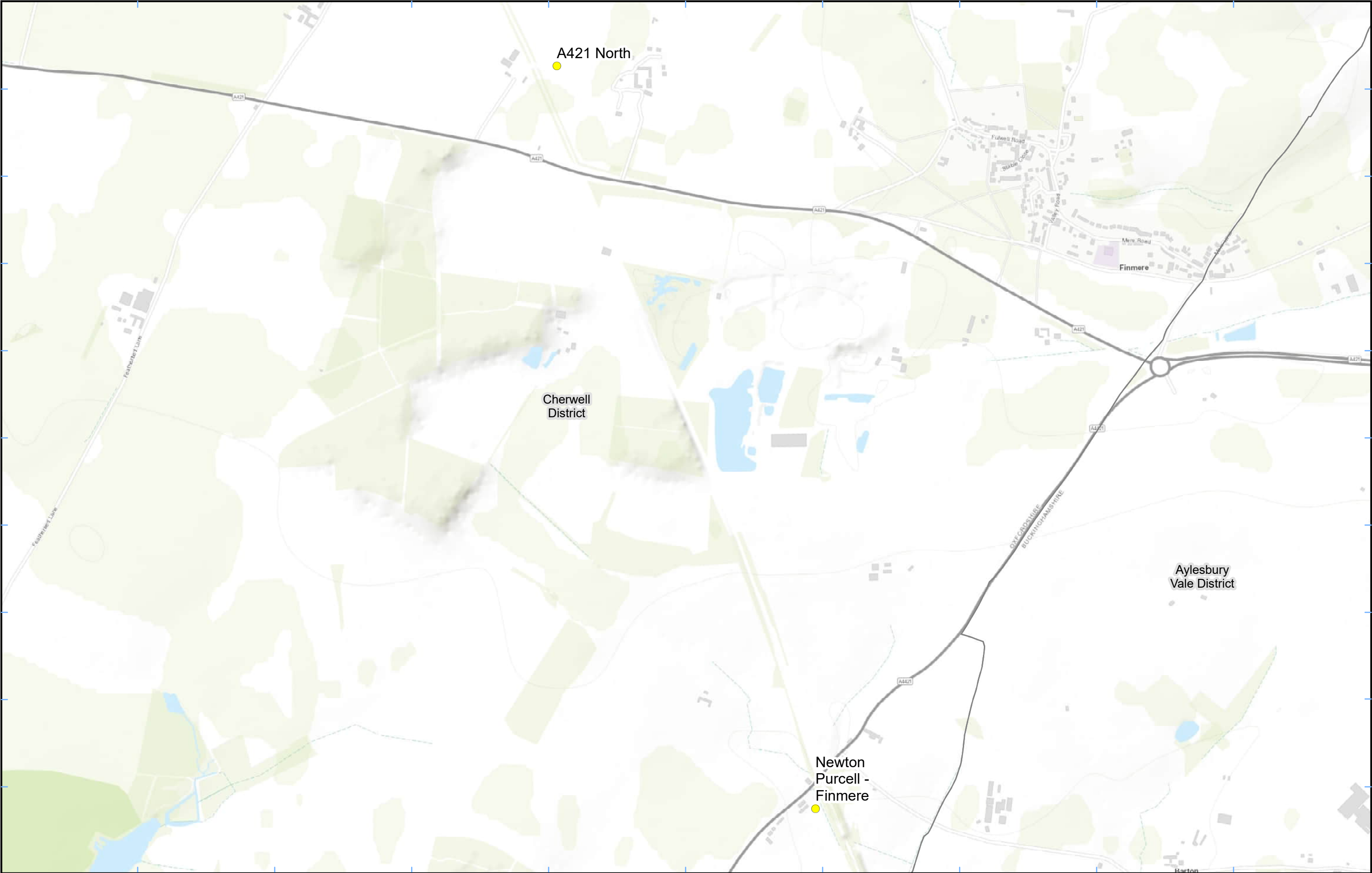
- 1.1.1 This Summary Report is published in fulfilment of commitments detailed in the High Speed Rail (London-West Midlands) Environmental Minimum Requirements, Annex 1: Code of Construction Practice, for the nominated undertaker to present the results of dust monitoring undertaken in the Cherwell District Council (CDC) during May 2026.
- 1.1.2 Figure 1 in Appendix A presents the current worksites together with the dust monitoring locations for May 2026.
- 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, include:
- A4421 Overbridge**
- Utilities works on old A4421 road
 - Excavate and replace in the cutting
- A421 Overbridge worksite**
- Warren Farm Access Track
 - Utilities tie ins
 - Plug removal
- 1.1.5 Two (2) dust monitors are installed around these worksites, where works are underway. These sites returned a 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 2. 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 There were no (0) complaints received during the reporting period (May 2026).

Appendix A – Worksites and Monitoring Locations

Figure 1: Worksite and Monitoring locations within CDC





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 Dust Monitor

 District Borough Unitary Boundaries

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Monitoring Locations In T2G, Cherwell DC (Sheet 1)
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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/m³)	Minimum 1-hour PM ₁₀ concentration (µg/m³)	Maximum 1-hour PM ₁₀ concentration (µg/m³)	Number of 1-hour periods exceeding trigger level of 190 µg/m³	1-hour data capture (%)
Newton Purcell - Finmere	462904, 231144	Site boundary adjacent property on A4421	M	Yes	Y	7.9	1.0	48.0	0	99.6
A421 North	462156, 233290	A421	M	Yes	Y	7.0	1.0	46.0	0	100.0

Figure 2: Continuous dust 1-hour mean indicative PM₁₀ concentration for all monitors

