

Air Quality and Dust Monitoring Monthly Report – May 2026

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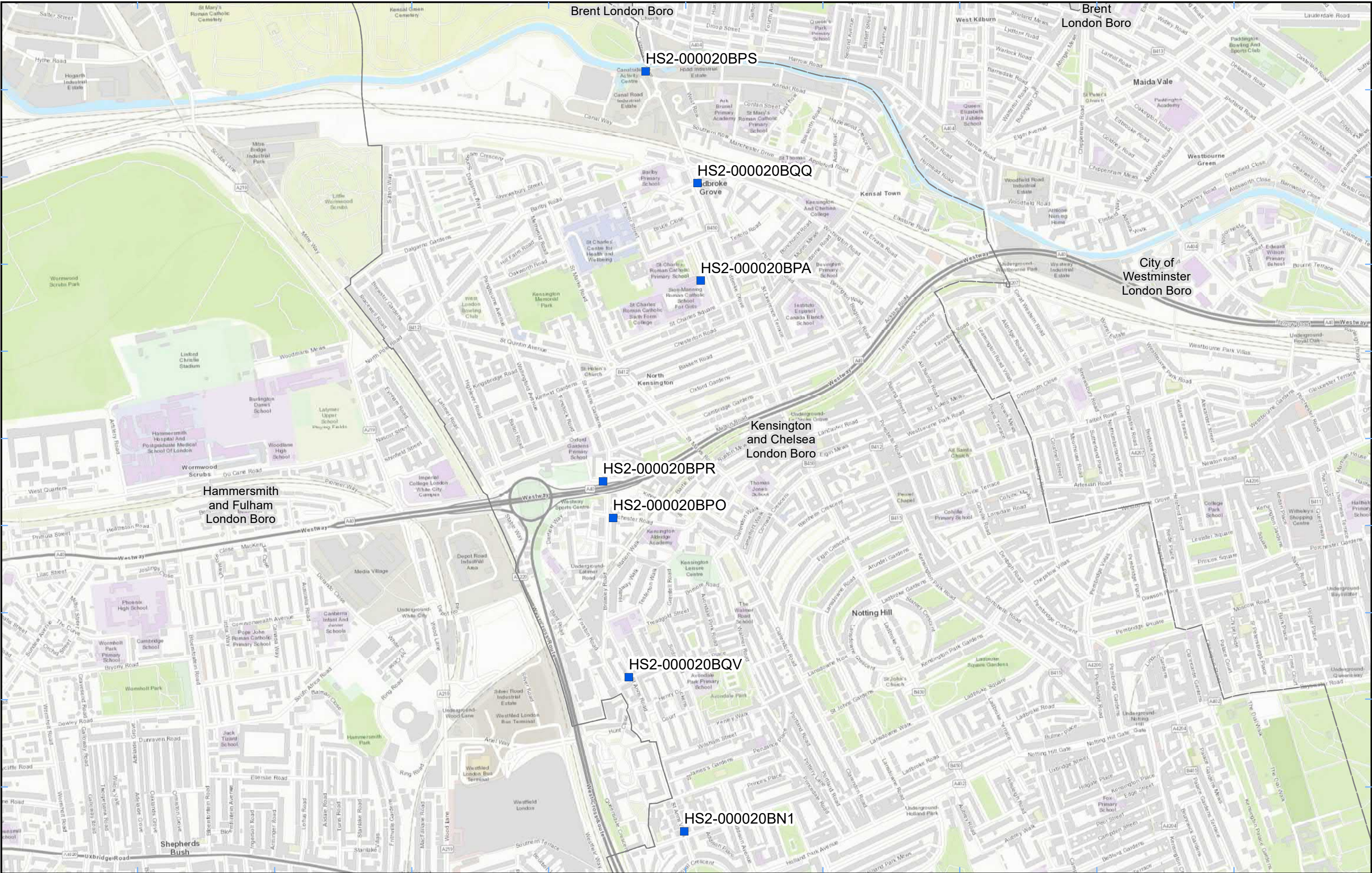


Monthly Summary

- 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 air quality monitoring undertaken in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (RBKC) during April 2026.
- 1.1.2 Figure 1 in Appendix A present the current 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 There are no current worksites located within the RBKC. Therefore, no dust monitoring has been carried out.
- 1.1.5 Diffusion tube monitoring of Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) is undertaken at seven (7) locations in around highways within the RBKC as part of the management of air quality where significant effects may occur as a result of the scheme.
- 1.1.6 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 the results to date, no unexpected values were recorded during the monitoring period.
- 1.1.7 NO₂ monitoring locations and results are presented in Appendix B, Table 1, together with the 2026 running mean.
- 1.1.8 There were no (0) complaints received during this reporting period (May 2026).

Appendix A – Worksites and Monitoring Locations

Figure 1: Current monitoring locations within the RBKC



Legend

- Diffusion Tube
- District Borough Unitary Boundaries

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Monitoring Locations In RBKC

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Appendix B – Air Quality Monitoring Results

Table 1: 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
HS2-000020BN1	Sign post on St Ann's Villas	523998, 180160	43	37	24	28									33
HS2-000020BPO	Lamp post off Silchester Road	523792, 181066	35	28	Tube Missing	20									27
HS2-000020BPR	Lamp post at junction of Crowthorne Road and Bramley Road	523763, 181172	32	29	23	19									26
HS2-000020BPS	Lamp post by fence on B450 Ladbroke Grove, south of A404 Harrow Road	523886, 182358	38	37	31	Tube Missing									35

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
HS2-000020BQQ	Lamp post along Ladbroke Grove, near shops and bus stop at Trevorton Road junction	524036, 182034	30	28	30	26									29
HS2-000020BQV	Lamp post on St Ann's Street	523838, 180606	33	26	28	22									28
HS2-000020BPA	Triplicate site at Sion Manning School, St. Charles' square, next to the North Kensington urban background automatic monitoring stations	524045, 181752	25	22	26	13									22