

Air Quality and Dust Monitoring Monthly Report – June 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 West Northamptonshire District (WNDC) during June 2026.
- 1.1.2 Figure 1 and Figure 2 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 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 and Figure 2, include:

Twyford to Greatworth

Radstone and Hall Farm

- Bulk Excavation
- Stockpile Management
- BSC Radstone Plug
- Site Access Road/ Haul Road use and maintenance
- Drainage
- Works associated with the permanent diversion of Radstone Road.
- Radstone Rd access track works
- AX15 Deck diaphragm works
- AX18 utilities and drainage works
- Brackley Embankment works

Greatworth Hall

- Bulk Excavation - AN14 plug
- Stockpile Management
- Site Access Road/ Haul Road use and maintenance
- Main excavation works at Greatworth South Cutting
- Drainage works
- AN37 Highways work

Greatworth To Southam

Chipping Warden – RAMAC

- Site Access Road/ Haul Road use and maintenance
- Drainage
- Water Management
- Genal Site Maintenance
- Pond and ditches maintenance and works
- Green tunnel: bulk earthworks
- Green tunnel: backfill
- North portal: structures and general earthworks
- south portal structures and general earthworks
- North embankment - bulk earthworks
- South embankment - bulk earthworks
- Hall culvert- general excavation and earthworks

Lower Boddington

- General maintenance
- Water management
- Cedar farm Highway works
- Boddington cutting Earthworks
- Banbury Road OB Welding repairs
- SAR/MHR movements and repairs
- High Furlong drainage and structural works
- High Furlong General Earthworks
- High Furlong Crushing works

Fir Tree Nursery

- Cedar farm Highway works
- Boddington cutting Earthworks
- Banbury Road OB Welding repairs
- SAR/MHR movements and repairs
- General maintenance
- Water management
- Fir Tree Nursery Highways
- Fe-veg
- Feeder canal culvert - enabling works for canal diversion

Lower Thorpe

- FRC works
- Traveller assembly and deck construction
- Parapet installation
- Site Access Road/ Haul Road use and maintenance
- Drainage
- Water Management
- General Site Maintenance
- Culworth Brooke repairs

- Enabling and Road Works
- Lower Thorpe North and south Embankment - bulk earthworks and stockpile management.

Blackgrounds

- Edgcote Cutting - drainage and Earthworks
- Water Management
- Genal Site Maintenance
- De-veg
- Haul road and SAR movements and repairs

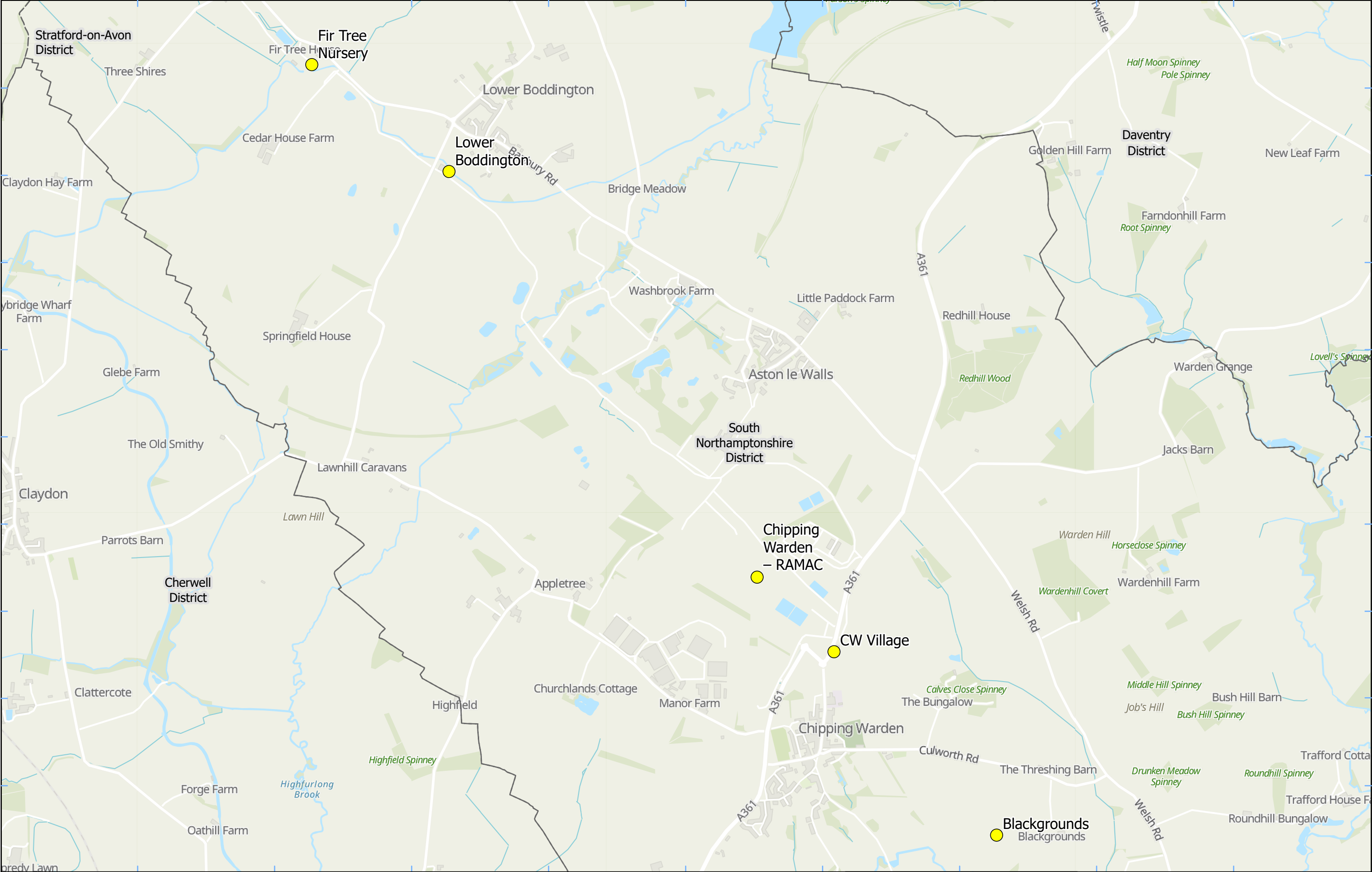
- 1.1.5 Ten (10) dust monitors are installed around these worksites, where works are underway. These sites returned a medium dust risk rating.
- 1.1.6 Dust monitoring locations and results are presented in Appendix B, Table 1, together with line charts of monthly data from each dust monitor, presented in Figure 3. 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 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 June 2026

Complaint Reference No.	Worksite Reference	Description of complaint	Results of investigation
HS2-26-47426-C	N/A	Increased amount of dust on personnel property.	Due to the distance from the nearest site, this is unrelated to HS2 works, resident has been updated.

Appendix A –Worksites and Monitoring Locations

Figures 1 and 2: Worksites and Monitoring Locations within WND



Legend

 Dust Monitor

 District Borough Unitary Boundaries

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**Monitoring Locations
In WNDC (Sheet 1)**

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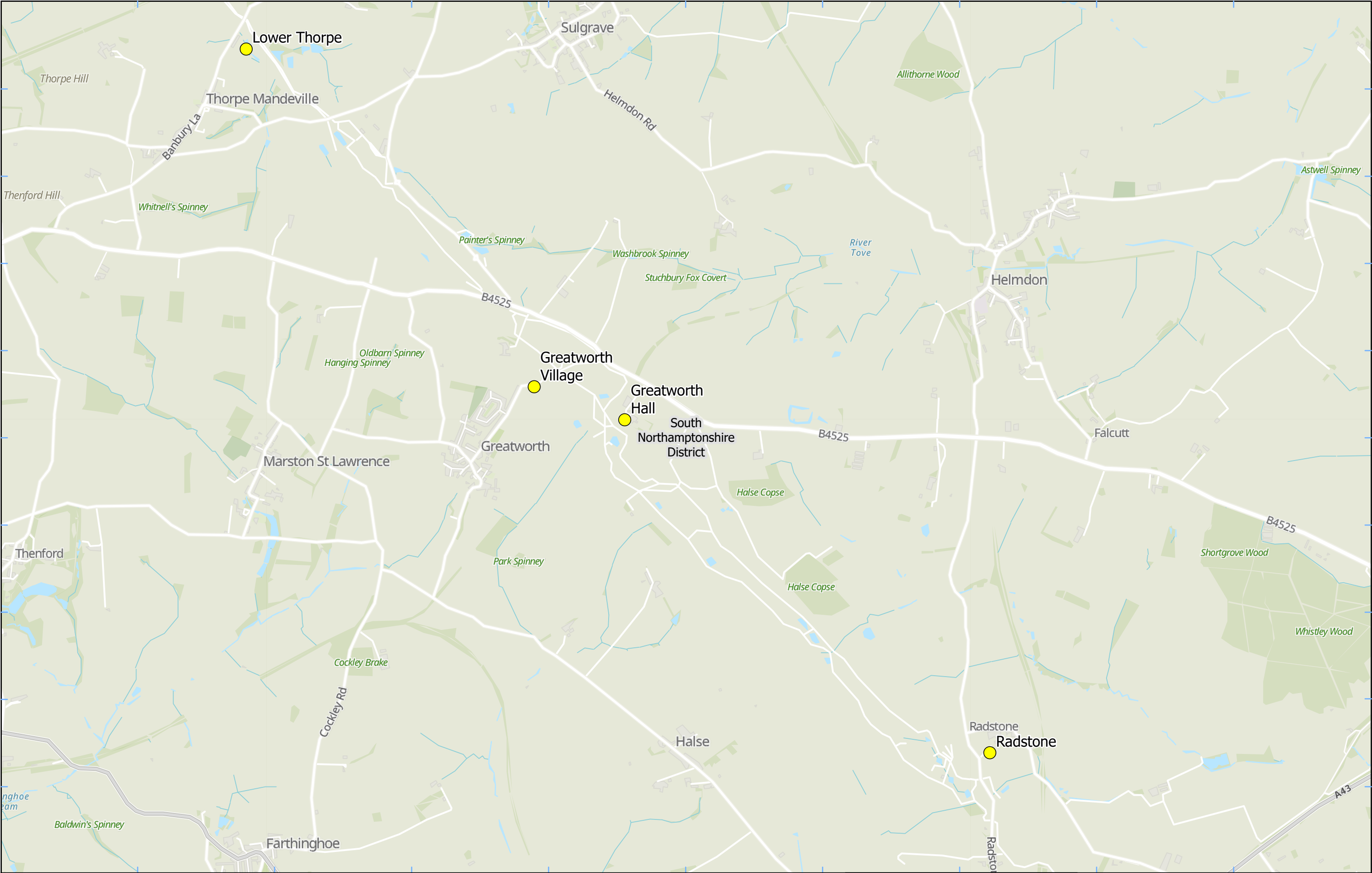


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Appendix B – Dust Monitoring Results

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	1-hour data capture (%)
Chipping Warden – RAMAC	449600, 249755	Chipping Warden, West Northamptonshire	M	Yes	Yes	4.6	1.0	21.0	0	99.7
CW Village	450000, 249367	Chipping Warden, West Northamptonshire	M	Yes	Yes	4.3	1.0	19.0	0	99.9
Lower Boddington	447997, 251865	Lower Boddington, West Northamptonshire	M	Yes	Yes	5.3	1.0	21.0	0	99.7
Fir Tree Nursery	447283, 252421	Fir Tree Nursery, West Northamptonshire	M	Yes	Yes	4.4	1.0	17.0	0	99.4
Radstone	458712, 240454	Radstone Road, Brackley, West Northamptonshire	M	Yes	Yes	4.6	1.0	18.0	0	100.0
Greatworth Village	455551, 242992	Greatworth Village, Helmdon Road,	M	Yes	Yes	5.1	1.0	23.0	0	98.3
Lower Thorpe	453553, 245334	Banbury Lane, Lower Thorpe	M	Yes	Yes	5.0	1.0	45.0	0	100.0
Greatworth Hall	456179, 242763	Greatworth Hall, Greatworth	M	Yes	Yes	14.9	3.0	82.0	0	99.6
Blackgrounds	450846, 248413	Blackgrounds, West Northamptonshire	M	Yes	Yes	4.9	1.0	218.0	1	100.0

Table 2: Summary of exceedances during period (June 2026)

Monitoring Site ID	Period of trigger alert & Concentration recorded	Investigation	Outcomes / Resolution / Remedial measures implemented
Blackgrounds	18/06/2026 20:00 – 21:00; 218 µg/m ³	Outside of working hours. Exceedance was not caused by work on site.	N/A

Figure 3: Continuous dust 1-hour mean indicative PM₁₀ concentration for all monitors



