

## **Technical Note.**

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# **Pre-Construction Dust Monitoring.**

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## 1. Introduction.

Hoare Lea have been commissioned by GPF Lewis Solutions Limited to provide pre-construction dust monitoring for the land fronting Stephenson Way, NW1 2HD (the 'Site') due to planning conditions received from the London Borough of Camden (LBoC). The Consented Development (planning reference: 2018/2316/P) will comprise the erection of a 7-storey building plus basement for student accommodation on the upper floors, including shared amenity space at ground and sixth floor level and terrace at the sixth floor level fronting Stephenson Way (Sui Generis). Comments were received from the Planning Officer at Camden on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 necessitating two dust monitors to be installed on the Site.

## 1.1 Site Context.

The Site is consist of a vacant car park that is currently not in use, located fronting Stephenson Way. The neighbouring properties are Euston Square Hotel to the west, the UCL Institute of Health Informatics to the south, and an office building to the east. The surrounding area consists of primarily office use with some residential properties. The location of the Site is illustrated in Figure 1.

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Legend Site Boundary

Figure 1: Location of the Site. Contains Google Maps Data (2023) [Retrieved 18/07/2023]

### 1.2 Requirements.

An Air Quality Assessment (AQA) was produced by Hoare Lea in 2018<sup>1</sup> and the Site was identified as low risk in the construction dust risk assessment with regards to construction dust emissions. For low-risk sites, in line with the Greater London Authority (GLA) guidance<sup>2</sup>, monitoring would typically not be necessary. However, due to conditions specified by the London Borough of Camden (LBoC) in the Decision Notice<sup>3</sup> published, and subsequent communications from LBoC for the Consented Development, pre-construction dust monitoring is required on Site. Condition 11 outlines the requirement for air quality monitoring:

"No development shall take place until full details of the air quality monitors have been submitted to and approved by the local planning authority in writing. Such details shall include the location, number and specification of the monitors, including evidence of the fact that they have been installed in line with guidance outlined in the GLA's Control of Dust and Emissions during Construction and Demolition Supplementary Planning Guidance and have been in place for 3 months prior to the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Hoare Lea (2018) Stephenson Way Air Quality Assessment –[online], (Last Accessed: 18/07/2023), Available at: http://camdocs.camden.gov.uk/HPRMWebDrawer/Record/7163776/file/document?inline

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Greater London Authority (2014), The Control of Dust and Emissions During Construction and Demolition Supplementary Planning Guidance – [online] (Last Accessed: 18/07/2023), Available at:

 $www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla\_migrate\_files\_destination/Dust\%20 and \%20 Emissions\%20 SPG\%208\%20 July\%202014.pdf$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> London Borough of Camden (2020) Decision Notice for Land fronting Stephenson Way –[online], (Last Accessed: 18/07/2023), Available at: http://camdocs.camden.gov.uk/HPRMWebDrawer/Record/8478772/file/document?inline

proposed implementation date. The monitors shall be retained and maintained on site for the duration of the development in accordance with the details thus approved.

Reason: To safeguard the amenities of the adjoining premises and the area generally in accordance with the requirements of policies G1, A1, D1 and CC4 of the London Borough of Camden Local Plan 2017."

## 1.3 Scope.

To partially address Condition 11, Hoare Lea have deployed two air quality monitors at the Site and produced this note to confirm the methodology of the monitoring methodology and programme with LBoC.

The proposed methodology for monitoring was provided to and discussed with LBoC's Air Quality Officers to determine an acceptable methodology for the baseline survey. Details of the equipment and location chosen for the air quality monitor have been provided to LBoC for comment. Permission to affix a monitor to street furniture (Lamppost ID: 6) has been provided by the LBoC.

## 2. Method Statement.

## 2.1 Guidance.

Appropriate guidance has been referred to in determining the suitable equipment and location for construction dust monitoring at the Site.

## 2.1.1 Greater London Authority Guidance

Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) on the control of dust and emissions during construction and demolition has been published by the  $GLA^2$ . The guidance provides protocols for on-site monitoring to manage the generation of particulate matter ( $PM_{10}$  and  $PM_{2.5}$ ) and nitrogen oxides ( $NO_x$ ) during construction activities. The monitoring approach has been undertaken in line with the GLA SPG.

## 2.1.2 Institute of Air Quality Management Guidance

The Institute of Air Quality Management (IAQM) has published Guidance on Monitoring in the Vicinity of Demolition and Construction Sites (2018)<sup>4</sup>. This document advises on monitoring dust and particulate matter and the quality assurance procedures that should be applied. The monitoring approach has been undertaken with consideration of the IAQM guidance.

## 2.2 Monitoring Equipment.

Two EarthSense Zephyrs have been deployed to record  $PM_{10}$  and  $PM_{2.5}$  concentrations, one of which is located on Site, the other just outside of the Site boundary within the public domain. The equipment will be supplied with power from connected solar panels to provide active sampling throughout the monitoring period. Following advice received from the LBoC, two monitors are required to assess the impacts of dust generated on Site.

The EarthSense Zephyr is an MCERTS Certified Indicative Ambient Particulate Monitor<sup>5</sup> and is used for the purposes of construction dust monitoring across the UK. The specification sheet for the Zephyr has been provided in Appendix 1, and this equipment has been deemed acceptable for use by LBoC. The monitor is capable of recording particulate matter within 5  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> of accuracy on 10 second intervals. The monitor will send data to an online dashboard which provides real-time data and has the capability to send alerts if required by LBoC.

### 2.3 Monitoring Location.

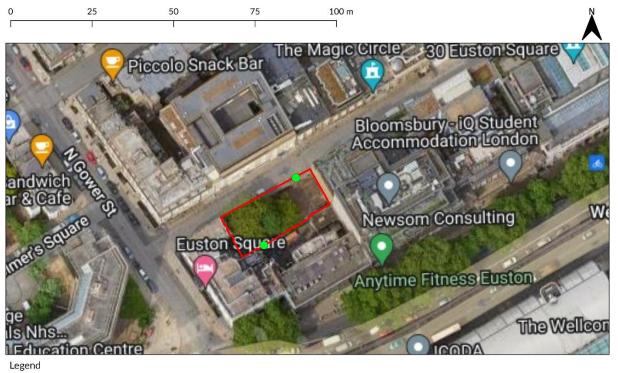
One monitor is located towards the north-east corner of the Site, on a lamppost on the adjacent footpath. The other monitor is located above the Site fencing towards the south-west corner of the Site. Based on publicly available data at Heathrow Airport, the prevailing wind direction is south-westerly. As such, the monitors have been positioned to provides a transect across the Site in the prevailing wind direction, to determine the dust that will be leaving the Site. This is in line with the GLA guidance<sup>2</sup>.

These locations are deemed safe and out of the way of pedestrian and vehicle traffic. The monitor on the lamppost has been located at 1.9 m height, this is the highest point at which the monitor can be affixed safely without interfering with signage associated with the lamppost, ensuring a free flow of air around the inlet. The monitor on the fence is located at a height of 3.2 m to be above the current fencing and away from the adjacent building to allow free flow of air around the inlet. The locations of the monitors are illustrated in Figure 2. Photographs of the monitor setup at the Site are shown in Appendix 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Institute of Air Quality Management (2018) Guidance on Monitoring in the Vicinity of Demolition and Construction Sites –[online], (Last Accessed: 18/07/2023), Available at: https://iaqm.co.uk/text/guidance/guidance\_monitoring\_dust\_2018.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> CSA Group (2023) MCERTS Certified Products: Indicative Ambient Particulate Monitors – [online] (Last accessed: 18/07/2023), Available at: <u>MCERTS Certified Products: Indicative Ambient Particulate Monitors Archives - CSA Group</u>

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<sup>🔲</sup> Site Boundary 😑 Monitor Location

## 2.4 Monitoring Schedule.

The first dust monitor was set up by air quality professionals from Hoare Lea on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2023. This was later moved following permission to affix to the street furniture to its current position on the lamppost on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2023. The second monitor was requested by LBoC and setup on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August 2023. These monitors will be in place for three months prior to construction works starting on Site. The professional experience of the individuals involved has been detailed in Appendix 1. There should be no need for further visits to the Site during the monitoring period. The EarthSense online portal will be periodically checked to ensure the data is being captured consistently.

During the construction period, monitoring will need to be continued on Site using the same equipment type and in a similar locations to the baseline survey, provided safe access can be maintained.

Figure 2: Locations of the EarthSense Zephyrs on the Site. Contains Google Maps Data (2023) [Retrieved 18/07/2023].

## 3. Summary.

This note details the methodology for the pre-construction dust monitoring for the land fronting Stephenson Way, NW1 2HD.

Monitoring will take place for three months prior to construction activities taking place on the Site. This monitoring will be conducted using two EarthSense Zephyrs set up in appropriate locations by air quality professionals, in line with guidance from the GLA and the IAQM.

This will partially satisfy the Condition 11 as described in the Decision Notice published by LBoC. Monitoring must continue for the duration of construction activities on Site for Condition 11 to be fully discharged.

## Appendix 1 – Professional Experience.

## Chris Rush (Hoare Lea), BSc (Hons), MSc, PG Dip Acoustics, CEnv, MIOA, MIEMA, MIEnvSc, MIAQM

Chris is an Associate Director Air Quality Consultant with Hoare Lea. He is a Chartered Environmentalist, a Member of the Institute of Acoustics, a Full Member of the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment, a Member of the Institution of Environmental Sciences and a Full Member of the Institute of Air Quality Management (IAQM).

He has a diverse portfolio of experience and has worked on a range of projects from initial site feasibility, through planning and development to construction and operation. Chris's expertise covers planning, noise and air quality, specifically in relation to residential developments, industrial fixed installations such as waste management centres and transportation environmental impact on developments including air traffic. Chris is involved in the testing and assessment of the impact of indoor air quality and how building design contributes to this. He also is a member of Chartered Institute of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE) Air Quality Working Group and a committee member of the IAQM.

## Lauren Buchanan (Hoare Lea), MSc, BSc (Hons), AMIEnvSc, MIAQM

Lauren is a Principal Air Quality Consultant at Hoare Lea. She is an Associate Member of the Institution of Environmental Sciences and a Member of the Institute of Air Quality Management. She has worked on a range of projects gaining experience in many different aspects of air quality assessment, including monitoring and detailed dispersion modelling of dust, odour, roads and industrial emissions for a variety of sectors and to fulfil Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) duties on behalf of Local Authorities. Lauren has undertaken air quality assessments for permit requirements and planning applications, including standalone reports, Environmental Impact Assessments, Habitats Regulations Assessments and Development Consent Orders.

### Phoebe Stockton (Hoare Lea), MSc, BSc (Hons), AMIAQM

Phoebe is an Air Quality Consultant at Hoare Lea, with 3 years' experience in air quality consultancy. She hold an MSc in Environmental Engineering from Newcastle University. Phoebe has worked on a range of projects across the public and private sector, including experience in undertaking borough-wide air quality dispersion modelling exercises to inform Local Plans on behalf of Local Authorities. She has provided air quality consultancy support for a variety of different project types both to inform the design and to accompany planning applications through production of Air Quality Assessments. She also has extensive experience with siting and deploying air quality monitoring equipment. Phoebe's interests lie in the effects that pollution has on human health and wellbeing.

## Alex Johnson (Hoare Lea), MSc, BSc (Hons), AMIAQM

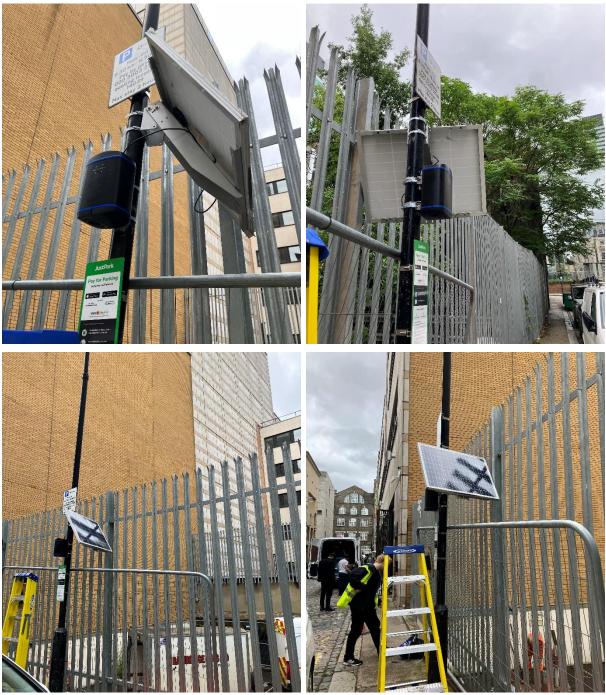
Alex is a Graduate Air Quality Consultant with Hoare Lea. He graduated from the University of Southampton with a master's degree in Environmental Pollution Control. Alex's research project focused on how air quality had changed in urban environments throughout the COVID-19 pandemic in order to further our understanding of how different activities influence pollution levels.

He has completed several air quality assessments, indoor air quality plans and technical reports for clients across various sectors already at Hoare Lea. Previously, he has also worked on several projects for Natural England, Defra and the Environment Agency to provide geospatial data analysis and research assistance.



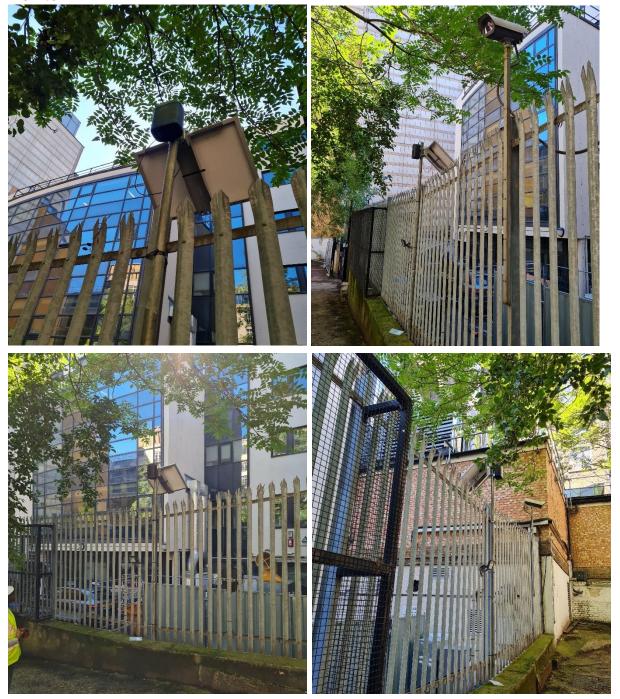
## Appendix 2 – Photographs of the Installed Monitors

Monitor 1



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## Appendix 3 – Zephyr Air Quality Monitor – Specification Sheet



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Nitric oxide (NO)	•				•		•	•		
Ozone (O <sub>3</sub> )	•				•		•	•		
Particulate Matter (PM,)	•				•		•	•		
Particulate Matter (PM <sub>2.5</sub> )	•				•		•	•		
Particulate Matter (PM <sub>10</sub> )	•				•		•	•		
Carbon monoxide (CO)					•		•	•		
Sulphur dioxide (SO2)					•		•	•		
Hydrogen sulphide (H2S)					•		•	•		
Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ) (optional	1)		•				•	•		
Total Organic Volatile Compou (TVOCs) (optional)	inds		•					•		
Pressure	•				•		•	•		
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Relative Humidity	•				•		•	•		
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Nitrogen dioxide (NO2)	10 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	5.2 ppbV	0 - 20,0 µg/m <sup>3</sup> °	00	0 - 10,000 pt	⊳bV ¢	1.5 μg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.78 ppbV		
Nitric oxide (NO)	10 µg/m³	8 ppbV	0 - 6,00 μg/m <sup>3</sup> °	0	0 - 5,000 ppbV °		1.5 µg/m³	1.20 ppbV		
Ozone (0 <sub>3</sub> )	15 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	7.5 ppbV	0 - 15,0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	00	0 - 7,500 ppbV ¢		1.5 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.75 ppbV		
Particulate Matter (PM,)	5 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	5 µg/m <sup>3</sup>		0 - 20,000 µg/m <sup>3 c</sup>			0.2 µg/m <sup>3</sup>			
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Particulate Matter (PM,)		5 µg/m <sup>3</sup>		0 - 20,000 µg/m <sup>3</sup> °			1.4 µg/m <sup>3</sup>			
Carbon monoxide (CO)	0.3 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.3 ppmV	0 - 40 n		0 - 35 ppmV °		0.03 mg/m <sup>3</sup> 0.02 ppm			
Sulphur dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	20 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	7.6 ppbV	0 - 6,50 µg/m <sup>3</sup> °		0 - 2,500 ppbV °		1.5 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.57 ppbV		
Hydrogen sulphide (H2S)	5 µg/m³	3.6 ppbV	0 - 1,50	0 µg/m³ °	0 - 1,000 ppbV °		1.5 µg/m³	1.08 ppbV		
Carbon dioxide (CO.) (optional				0 - 5,000 ppm			-			
Total Organic Volatile Compou (TVOCs) (optional)		-		0 - 15,000 ppbV °			1 ppbV			
Pressure	1.2 hPa	1.2 hPa		300 - 1,100 hPa			-			
Temperature	5°C °			-20°C - 45°C ambient			-			
Relative Humidity	5% a			15 - 85% continuous* *prolonged exposure outside of this range may irreparably damage the gas sensors.			-			
Location Sensing										
High Sensitivity GNSS	GPS, GLONASS, Galileo ar	nd Beidou modul	e with internal act	ive antenna.						
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