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AADT	Annual Average Daily Traffic
ADF	Average Daylight Factor
ADMS	Atmospheric Dispersion Modelling System
ALGs	Association of London Government
APSH	Annual Probable Sunlight Hours
AQAP	Air Quality Action Plan
AQIA	Air Quality Impact Assessment
AQMA	Air Quality Management Area
ASHP	Air Source Heat Pumps
ATL	Action Trigger Levels

B

BMW	Biodegradable Municipal Waste
BPM	Best Practicable Means
BRE	Building Research Establishment
BREEAM	Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method
BS	British Standards

C

CA	Conservation Area
CAFE	Clean Air for Europe
CAZ	Central Activities Zone
CCS	Considerate Contractors Scheme
CEMP	Construction Environmental Management Plan
CFD	Computational Fluid Dynamics
CfSH	Code for Sustainable Homes
CHP	Combined Heat and Power
CIBSE	Chartered Institute of Building Services Engineers
CLA	Central London Area
CO	Carbon Monoxide
CO_2	Carbon Dioxide
CoPA	Control of Pollution Act
CPD	Camden Planning Guidance
CRTN	Calculation of Road Traffic Noise

D

dB	Decibels
DCLG	Department for Communities and Local Government
DCMS	Demolition and Construction Method Statement
DECS	Directorate of Environmental and Consumer Services
DEFRA	Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs
DETR	Department of the Environment, Transport and Regions
DF	Daylight Factors
DfT	Department for Transport
DLR	Docklands Light Railway
DMRB	Design Manual for Roads and Bridges
DoE	Department of the Environment

E

EA	Environment Agency
EHO	Environmental Health Officer
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMP	Environmental Management Plan
EPA	Environmental Protection Act
EPUK	Environmental Protection UK
EQS	Environmental Quality Standards
ERM	Environmental Resource Management
ES	Environmental Statement
EU	European Union

F

FRA	Flood Risk Assessment

G

GEA	Gross External Area
GI	Ground Investigations
GIA	Gross Internal Area
GLA	Greater London Authority
GP3	Groundwater Protection: Policy and Practice
GSHP	Ground Source Heat Pump

H

HA	Highways Agency
HGV	Heavy Goods Vehicle
HMSO	Her Majesty's Stationary Office

I

IAQM	Institute of Air Quality Management
IEA	Institute of Environmental Assessment
IEMA	Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment

L

LAPPCs	Local Authority Pollution Prevention Controls
LAQM	Local Air Quality Management
LAQM TG	Local Air Quality Management Technical Guide
LBC	London Borough of Camden
LCA	Landscape Character Area
LCT	Landscape Character Type
LDF	Local Development Framework
LEZ	Low Emission Zone
LOAEL	Lowest Observable Adverse Effect Level
LUL	London Underground Limited
LZC	Low or Zero Carbon

M

m^2	metres squared
m	metres

N

NE	Natural England
NGR	National Grid Reference
NLJWS	North London Joint Waste Strategy
NLWA	North London Waste Authority
NLWP	North London Waste Plan
NLWPP	North London Waste Prevention Plan
NMR	National Monuments Record
NO_2	Nitrogen Dioxide
NO_X	Nitrogen Oxide
NOEL	No Observed Effect Level
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
NPPF –TG	National Planning Policy Framework – Technical Guidance
NPSE	Noise Policy Statement for England
NSCA	National Society for Clean Air
NSig	Non-Significant impacts
NTS	Non-Technical Summary

O

ODPM	Office of the Deputy Prime Minister
OH & S	Occupational Health and Safety
OPA	Outline Planning Application
OS	Ordnance Survey
OSD	Over Station Development

P

PAH	Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons
PCBs	Polychlorinated biphenyl
PM_{10}	Particulate Matter
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
PPG	Planning Policy Guidance
PPS	Planning Policy Statement
PPV	Peak Particle Velocity
PSH	Probable Sunlight Hours
PSig	Significant Impacts of particular important
PTAL	Public Transport Accessibility Level

R

REC	Resource and Environmental Consultants Ltd

S

SAM	Scheduled Ancient Monument
SGVs	Soil Groundwater Values
Sig	Significant impacts
SLA	Special Landscape Area
SOAEL	Significant Observed Adverse Effect Level
SPD	Supplementary Planning Document
SPG	Supplementary Planning Guidance
SPZ	Source Protection Zone
SWMP	Site Waste Management Plan

T

TA	Transport Assessment
TfL	Transport for London
THVIA	Townscape, Heritage and Visual Impact Assessment
TWUL	Thames Water Utilities Limited

U

UDP	Unitary Development Plan
UK	United Kingdom
UKPN	United Kingdom Power Networks

V

VDV	Vibration dose values
VSC	Vertical Sky Component

W

WAC	Waste Acceptance Criteria
WEEE	Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment
WFD	Water Framework Directive

Z

ZVI	Zone of Visual Influence

GLOSSARY OF KEY TERMS

Key Term	Description
'A' Weighted Decibel	Internationally accepted unit for most noise measurement and which represents the sound pressure level weighted to correspond to the frequency response of the human ear. A difference of 3dB (A) may just be noticeable and a difference of 10dB (A) represents a doubling or halving of subjective loudness.
Ambient	Surrounding. For noise, for example, it is the totally encompassing sound in a given situation at a given time usually composed of sound from many sources near and far.
Baseline	The situation against which the potential impacts due to the proposed development are assessed.
BREEAM	Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method. Widely used means of reviewing and improving the environmental performance of buildings.
Cumulative Impacts	Impacts that result from incremental changes caused by other past, present or reasonably foreseeable actions.
Decibel	Logarithmic ratio used to relate sound pressure level to a standard reference level.
"Do Nothing" Scenario	A theoretical future scenario which defines the situation that would exist without implementation of the proposed development. This forms the future baseline against which the "With Development" Scenario can be assessed.
Dust	A mixture of particles which typically range in size between 1-75 µm in diameter.
Environmental Impact Assessment	A systematic means of assessing a development project's likely significant environmental effects before an application is made for development consent.
Environmental Statement	Report in which the process and results of an Environmental Impact Assessment is documented.
Fugitive Emissions	Substances that are not emitted to air in a controlled manner, through a stack, vent or exhaust pipe, for example.
Impact	A physical or measurable change to the environment attributable to the project.
LA90(T)	The LA90 is the A-weighted sound level which is exceeded for 90% of a time period T.
LAeq(T)	Equivalent continuous sound level is a notional steady sound level which would cause the same A-weighted sound energy to be received as that due to the actual and possibly fluctuating sound over a period of time (T). It can also be used to relate periods of exposure and noise level. Thus, for example, a halving or doubling of the period of exposure is equivalent in sound energy to a decrease or increase of 3dB(A) in the sound level for the original period.
Landscape Character Areas	Areas of landscape that have a broadly homogeneous pattern of topography and drainage, vegetation cover, settlement, land use and visual structure.
Mitigation Measures	Actions proposed to moderate adverse impacts and to enhance beneficial impacts arising from the whole or specific elements of the development.
Non-Technical Summary	A report which briefly describes the main points discussed in the Environmental Statement in a clear manner without the use of technical jargon and phraseology.
Particulate Matter (PM_{10})	Particulate matter less than 10 micrometres in aerodynamic diameter. Have the potential to pass through the human respiratory system and reach the lungs.
Receptors	People (both individually and communally) and the socio-economic systems they support.
Scoping	An exercise undertaken to determine which elements will be covered in an Environmental Statement.
Scoping Opinion	The formal view of the responsible authority on the range of topics and issues to be considered by the Environmental Impact Assessment.
Scoping Report	The document prepared by the applicant setting out the proposed approach to the Environmental Impact Assessment, including the range of topics and issues to be addressed.
Screening Opinion	The formal view of the responsible authority on the need for an Environmental Impact Assessment to be undertaken.
Significance Criteria	These define the significance of the effect, as a factor of the magnitude of the impact and the sensitivity of the receptor.
Sound Level Meter	An instrument for measuring the sound pressure level.
Spoil	Excavated material which can be either topsoil, subsoil or other material such as rock etc.
Surface Water Run-off	Water which travels across the ground rather than seeping into the soil.
"With Development" Scenario	The future situation incorporating the proposed development.
Zone of Visual Influence	The area within which a proposed development may have an influence or effect on visual amenity.