

APPENDIX 7 AIR QUALITY CONTROL

MEASURES RELEVANT FOR DEMOLITION, EARTHWORKS, CONSTRUCTION AND TRACK-OUT

MITIGATION MEASURE	LOW RISK	MEDIUM RISK	HIGH RISK
Site management			
Develop and implement a stakeholder communications plan that includes community engagement before work commences on site.		XX	XX
Develop a Dust Management Plan.		XX	XX
Display the name and contact details of person(s) accountable for air quality pollutant emissions and dust issues on the site boundary.	XX	XX	XX
Display the head or regional office contact information.	XX	XX	XX
Record and respond to all dust and air quality pollutant emissions complaints.	XX	XX	XX
Make a complaints log available to the local authority when asked.	XX	XX	XX
Carry out regular site inspections to monitor compliance with air quality and dust control procedures, record inspection results, and make an inspection log available to the local authority when asked.	XX	XX	XX
Increase the frequency of site inspections by those accountable for dust and air quality pollutant emissions issues when activities with a high potential to produce dust and emissions and dust are being carried out, and during prolonged dry or windy conditions.	XX	XX	XX
Record any exceptional incidents that cause dust and air quality pollutant emissions, either on or off the site, and the action taken to resolve the situation is recorded in the log book.	XX	XX	XX

MITIGATION MEASURE	LOW RISK	MEDIUM RISK	HIGH RISK
Hold regular liaison meetings with other high risk construction sites within 500m of the site boundary, to ensure plans are co-ordinated and dust and particulate matter emissions are minimised.			XX
Preparing and maintaining the site			
Plan site layout: machinery and dust causing activities should be located away from receptors.	XX	XX	XX
Erect solid screens or barriers around dust activities or the site boundary that are, at least, as high as any stockpiles on site.	XX	XX	XX
Fully enclosure site or specific operations where there is a high potential for dust production and the site is active for an extensive period.	X	XX	XX
Install green walls, screens or other green infrastructure to minimise the impact of dust and pollution.		X	X
Avoid site runoff of water or mud.	XX	XX	XX
Keep site fencing, barriers and scaffolding clean using wet methods.	X	XX	XX
Remove materials from site as soon as possible.	X	XX	XX
Cover, seed or fence stockpiles to prevent wind whipping.		XX	XX
Carry out regular dust soiling checks of buildings within 100m of site boundary and cleaning to be provided if necessary.		X	XX
Provide showers and ensure a change of shoes and clothes are required before going off-site to reduce transport of dust.			X
Agree monitoring locations with the Local Authority.		XX	XX
Where possible, commence baseline monitoring at least three months before phase begins.		XX	XX

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Put in place real-time dust and air quality pollutant monitors across the site and ensure they are checked regularly.		XX	XX
Operating vehicle/machinery and sustainable travel			
Ensure all on-road vehicles comply with the requirements of the London Low Emission Zone.	XX	XX	XX
Ensure all non-road mobile machinery (NRMM) comply with the standards set within this guidance.	XX	XX	XX
Ensure all vehicles switch off engines when stationary – no idling vehicles.	XX	XX	XX
Avoid the use of diesel or petrol powered generators and use mains electricity or battery powered equipment where possible.	XX	XX	XX
Impose and signpost a maximum-speed-limit of 10mph on surfaced haul routes and work areas (if long haul routes are required these speeds may be increased with suitable additional control measures provided, subject to the approval of the nominated undertaker and with the agreement of the local authority, where appropriate).	X	X	XX
Produce a Construction Logistics Plan to manage the sustainable delivery of goods and materials.		XX	XX
Implement a Travel Plan that supports and encourages sustainable travel (public transport, cycling, walking, and car-sharing).	XX	XX	XX
Operations			
Only use cutting, grinding or sawing equipment fitted or in conjunction with suitable dust suppression techniques such as water sprays or local extraction, e.g. suitable local exhaust ventilation systems.	XX	XX	XX

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Ensure an adequate water supply on the site for effective dust/particulate matter mitigation (using recycled water where possible).	XX	XX	XX
Use enclosed chutes, conveyors and covered skips.	XX	XX	XX
Minimise drop heights from conveyors, loading shovels, hoppers and other loading or handling equipment and use fine water sprays on such equipment wherever appropriate.	XX	XX	XX
Ensure equipment is readily available on site to clean any dry spillages, and clean up spillages as soon as reasonably practicable after the event using wet cleaning methods.		XX	XX
Waste management			
Reuse and recycle waste to reduce dust from waste materials	XX	XX	XX
Avoid bonfires and burning of waste materials.	XX	XX	XX

MEASURES SPECIFIC TO DEMOLITION

MITIGATION MEASURE	LOW RISK	MEDIUM RISK	HIGH RISK
Soft strip inside buildings before demolition (retaining walls and windows in the rest of the building where possible, to provide a screen against dust).	X	X	XX
Ensure water suppression is used during demolition operations.	XX	XX	XX
Avoid explosive blasting, using appropriate manual or mechanical alternatives.	XX	XX	XX
Bag and remove any biological debris or damp down such material before demolition.	XX	XX	XX

MEASURES SPECIFIC TO EARTHWORKS

MITIGATION MEASURE	LOW RISK	MEDIUM RISK	HIGH RISK
Re-vegetate earthworks and exposed areas/soil stockpiles to stabilise surfaces.		X	XX
Use Hessian, mulches or trackifiers where it is not possible to re-vegetate or cover with topsoil.		X	XX
Only remove secure covers in small areas during work and not all at once.		X	XX

MEASURES SPECIFIC TO CONSTRUCTION

MITIGATION MEASURE	LOW RISK	MEDIUM RISK	HIGH RISK
Avoid scabbling (roughening of concrete surfaces) if possible	X	X	XX
Ensure sand and other aggregates are stored in bunded areas and are not allowed to dry out, unless this is required for a particular process, in which case ensure that appropriate additional control measures are in place	X	XX	XX
Ensure bulk cement and other fine powder materials are delivered in enclosed tankers and stored in silos with suitable emission control systems to prevent escape of material and overfilling during delivery.		X	XX
For smaller supplies of fine powder materials ensure bags are sealed after use and stored appropriately to prevent dust.		X	X

MEASURES SPECIFIC TO TRACKOUT

MITIGATION MEASURE	LOW RISK	MEDIUM RISK	HIGH RISK
Regularly use a water-assisted dust sweeper on the access and local roads, as necessary, to remove any material tracked out of the site.	X	XX	XX
Avoid dry sweeping of large areas.	X	XX	XX
Ensure vehicles entering and leaving sites are securely covered to prevent escape of materials during transport.	X	XX	XX
Record all inspections of haul routes and any subsequent action in a site log book.		XX	XX
Install hard surfaced haul routes, which are regularly damped down with fixed or mobile sprinkler systems and regularly cleaned.		XX	XX
Inspect haul routes for integrity and instigate necessary repairs to the surface as soon as reasonably practicable;		XX	XX
Implement a wheel washing system (with rumble grids to dislodge accumulated dust and mud prior to leaving the site where reasonably practicable).	X	XX	XX
Ensure there is an adequate area of hard surfaced road between the wheel wash facility and the site exit, wherever site size and layout permits.		XX	XX
Access gates to be located at least 10m from receptors where possible.		XX	XX
Apply dust suppressants to locations where a large volume of vehicles enter and exit the construction site		X	XX

XX Highly Recommended

X Desirable