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STEP 1 – SCREENING THE NEED FOR A DETAILED ASSESSMENT

An assessment will normally be required where there are:

- 'Human receptors' within 350m of the site boundary; or within 50m of the route(s) used by construction vehicles on the public highway, up to 500m from the site entrance(s); and/or
- 'Ecological receptors' within 50m of the site boundary; or within 50m of the route(s) used by construction vehicles on the public highway, up to 500m from the site entrance(s).

Where the need for a more detailed assessment is screened out, it can be concluded that the level of risk is "negligible".

STEP 2A – DEFINE THE POTENTIAL DUST EMISSION MAGNITUDE

The following are examples of how the potential dust emission magnitude for different activities can be defined. (Note that not all the criteria need to be met for a particular class). Other criteria may be used if justified in the assessment.

Table 2A: Examples of Human Receptor Sensitivity to Construction Phase Impacts

Dust Emission Magnitude	Activity
Large	Demolition >50,000m^3 building demolished, dusty material (e.g. concrete), on-site crushing/screening, demolition >20m above ground level
	Earthworks >10,000m^2 site area, dusty soil type (e.g. clay), >10 earth moving vehicles active simultaneously, >8m high bunds formed, >100,000 tonnes material moved
	Construction >100,000m^3 building volume, on site concrete batching, sandblasting
	Trackout >50 HDVs out / day, dusty surface material (e.g. clay), >100m unpaved roads
Medium	Demolition 20,000 - 50,000m^3 building demolished, dusty material (e.g. concrete) 10-20m above ground level
	Earthworks

Dust Emission Magnitude	Activity
	2,500 - 10,000m^2 site area, moderately dusty soil (e.g. silt), 5-10 earth moving vehicles active simultaneously, 4m - 8m high bunds, 20,000 -100,000 tonnes material moved
	Construction 25,000 - 100,000m^3 building volume, dusty material e.g. concrete, on site concrete batching
	Trackout 10 - 50 HDVs out / day, moderately dusty surface material (e.g. clay), 50 -100m unpaved roads
Small	Demolition <20,000m^3 building demolished, non-dusty material (e.g metal cladding), <10m above ground level, work during wetter months
	Earthworks <2,500m^2 site area, soil with large grain size (e.g. sand), <5 earth moving vehicles active simultaneously, <4m high bunds, <20,000 tonnes material moved, earthworks during wetter months
	Construction <25,000m^3, non-dusty material (e.g. metal cladding or timber)
	Trackout <10 HDVs out / day, non-dusty soil, < 50m unpaved roads

STEP 2B – DEFINE THE SENSITIVITY OF THE AREA

The tables below present the IAQM assessment methodology to determine the sensitivity of the area to dust soiling, human health and ecological impacts respectively. The IAQM guidance provides guidance to allow the sensitivity of individual receptors to dust soiling and health effects to assist in the assessment of the overall sensitivity of the study area.

Table 2Ba: Sensitivity of the Area to Dust Soiling Effects

Receptor Sensitivity	Number of Receptors	Distance from the Source (m)			
		<20	<50	<100	<350
High	>100	High	High	Medium	Low
	10-100	High	Medium	Low	Low
	1-10	Medium	Low	Low	Low
Medium	>1	Medium	Low	Low	Low
Low	>1	Low	Low	Low	Low

Table 2Bb: Sensitivity of the Area to Human Health Impacts

Receptor Sensitivity	Annual Mean PM_{10} Concentration ($\mu g/m^3$)	Number of Receptors	Distance from the Source (m)				
			<20	<50	<100	<200	<350
High	>32	>100	High	High	High	Medium	Low
		10-100	High	High	Medium	Low	Low
		1-10	High	Medium	Low	Low	Low
	28-32	>100	High	High	Medium	Low	Low
		10-100	High	Medium	Low	Low	Low
		1-10	High	Medium	Low	Low	Low
	24-28	>100	High	Medium	Low	Low	Low
		10-100	High	Medium	Low	Low	Low
		1-10	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low
	<24	>100	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low
		10-100	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
		1-10	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Medium	>32	>10	High	Medium	Low	Low	Low

Receptor Sensitivity	Annual Mean PM_{10} Concentration ($\mu g/m^3$)	Number of Receptors	Distance from the Source (m)				
			<20	<50	<100	<200	<350
		1-10	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low
	28-32	>10	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low
		1-10	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
	24-28	>10	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
		1-10	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
	<24	>10	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
		1-10	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Low	-	>1	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low

Table 2Bc: Sensitivity of the Area to Ecological Impacts

Receptor Sensitivity	Distance from the Sources (m)	
	<20	<50
High	High	Medium
Medium	Medium	Low
Low	Low	Low

STEP 2C – DEFINE THE RISK OF IMPACTS

The dust emissions magnitude determined at Step 2A should be combined with the sensitivity of the area determined at Step 2B to determine the risk of impacts without mitigation applied. For those cases where the risk category is ‘negligible’ no mitigation measures beyond those required by legislation will be required.

Table 2C: Risk of Dust Impacts

Sensitivity of surrounding area	Dust Emission Magnitude		
	Large	Medium	Small
Demolition			
High	High Risk	Medium Risk	Medium Risk
Medium	High Risk	Medium Risk	Low Risk
Low	Medium Risk	Low Risk	Negligible
Earthworks and Construction			
High	High Risk	Medium Risk	Low Risk
Medium	Medium Risk	Medium Risk	Low Risk
Low	Low Risk	Low Risk	Negligible
Trackout			
High	High Risk	Medium Risk	Low Risk
Medium	Medium Risk	Low Risk	Negligible
Low	Low Risk	Low Risk	Negligible

STEP 3 –SITE SPECIFIC MITIGATION

Having determined the risk categories for each of the four activities it is possible to determine the site-specific measures to be adopted. These measures will be related to whether the site is considered to be a low, medium or high-risk site. The IAQM guidance details the mitigation measures required for high, medium and low risk sites as determined in Step 2C.

STEP 4 – DETERMINE SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS

Once the risk of dust impacts has been determined in Step 2C and the appropriate dust mitigation measures identified in Step 3, the final step is to determine whether there are significant effects arising from the construction phase. For almost all construction activities, the application of effective mitigation should prevent any significant effects occurring to sensitive receptors and therefore the residual effect will normally be negligible.

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SCREENING THE NEED FOR A DETAILED ASSESSMENT

A detailed assessment will be required where there are:

- Site rock type is Hard Rock and Receptors are located within 400m of the site boundary; or
- Site rock type is Soft Rock and Receptors are located within 250m of the site boundary;

Step 1 – Describe Site Characteristics and Baseline Conditions

The proposed development and surrounding area should be described taking into account following factors:

- Extent of site including site boundary;
- Existing site operations, including currently-consented
- workings;
- Scale and duration of operations, including phasing;
- Type and location of processing activities, including secondary
- processing (e.g. concrete batching);
- Mineral type and characteristics (size, moisture content,
- friability, colour, and opacity);
- Production rate;
- Method/s of working;
- Method/s of materials handling;
- Location/s of storage areas and stockpiles; and
- Location/s and number of access routes and haul roads

The following information is likely to be required to understand the site characteristics and the baseline conditions:

- The main existing sources of dust in the area.
- This should include any available monitoring data;
- Background PM_{10} concentrations provided by Defra, and, if available, any existing relevant local monitoring data;
- The location and nature of dust sensitive receptors, shown on a map and/or in a table detailing the direction, and distance from the site boundary or relevant site activity;
- The location of likely sources of dust emission from within the site;
- Any natural or existing mitigating features such as topography and areas of vegetative screening; and
- Local wind roses showing the frequency of directions and speed, and possibly rainfall and ground moisture conditions.

Step 2a – Estimate Pathway Effectiveness

The table below present the IAQM assessment methodology to determine the pathway effectiveness.

		Frequency of potentially dusty winds			
		Infrequent	**Moderately frequent**	**Frequent**	**Very frequent**
Receptor Distance Category	Close (less than 100m from dust source)	Ineffective	Moderately effective	Highly effective	Highly effective
	Intermediate (between 100m and 200m from dust source)	Ineffective	Moderately effective	Moderately effective	Highly effective
	Distant (between 200m and 400m from dust source)	Ineffective	Ineffective	Moderately effective	Moderately effective

After combining the pathway effectiveness and estimating the residual emission source, based upon site activity, dust impact risk can be estimated using table below.

Step 2b – Estimate Dust Impact Risk

		Residual Source Emissions		
		Small	**Medium**	**Large**
Pathway Effectiveness	Highly effective pathway	Low Risk	Medium Risk	High Risk
	Moderately effective pathway	Negligible Risk	Low Risk	Medium Risk
	Ineffective pathway	Negligible Risk	Negligible Risk	Low Risk

Step 3 – Estimate Likely Magnitude of Effect

The likely magnitude can be estimated by combining results from Step 2b and the potential sensitivity of receptors, using table below.

	Receptor Sensitivity		
	Low	**Medium**	**High**
High Risk	Slight Adverse Effect	Moderate Adverse Effect	Substantial Adverse Effect
Medium	Negligible Effect	Slight Adverse Effect	Moderate Adverse Effect
Low Risk	Negligible Effect	Negligible Risk	Slight Adverse Effect
Negligible Risk	Negligible Effect	Negligible Effect	Negligible Effect