Hollicombe remediation air quality update

Date From 1 January 2016 to 31 January 2016.

Description of works Excavation of small residual area of soils from central areas of site under tent. Turning of biopiles. Building retaining wall. Validation sampling.

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Daily average concentrations of particulate matter (PM) fractions PM10 and PM2.5 were less than threshold concentrations at all locations with the exception of Saturday 23 January at A1(the school). Note that the elevated concentrations causing an exceedance were detected during the night and during a period of fine mist / fog and fine drizzle. Gas and vapour concentrations were less than concentration thresholds at all locations. Hatched cells in the table below indicate days when works were not performed.

Particulate concentrations (24 h mean µg m⁻³) A1 School A4 Site West A8 Torbay Road PM10 PM10 PM10 PM2.5 PM2.5 PM2.5 01/01/2016 Fri 02/01/2016 Sat 03/01/2016 Sun 9.84 27.61 10.2 04/01/2016 Mon 19.45 9.71 10.81 11.3 05/01/2016 Tue 13.34 4.18 17.87 5.45 16.18 5.34 06/01/2016 Wed 12.98 4.34 16.58 5.68 17.87 6.07 07/01/2016 Thu 18.75 20.51 5.83 7.19 20.18 22.25 08/01/2016 Fri 4.59 09/01/2016 Sat 7.28 8.31 10/01/2016 Sun 12.1 11.71 4.09 13.87 11/01/2016 Mon 8.69 1.66 11.2 2.96 8.95 2.43 12/01/2016 Tue 9.63 13/01/2016 Wed 10.68 3.62 13.85 3 91 14 21 4 13 14/01/2016 Thu 8.86 2.77 11.44 3.66 8.79 3.48 15/01/2016 Fri 13.09 4.97 16/01/2016 Sat 16.04 5.61 12.01 4 18 6.18 17/01/2016 Sun 7.85 8.25 3.01 4.31 18/01/2016 Mon 22 94 5.33 24.76 8.49 11.34 19/01/2016 Tue 4.44 23.77 15.96 14.48 5.1 6.55 20/01/2016 Wed 3.05 10.71 3.74 5.72 21/01/2016 Thu 22.08 7.66 28.25 8.98 14.87 12.21 22/01/2016 Fri 29.5 23/01/2016 Sat 24/01/2016 Sun 7.47 18.22 18.36 24.43 8.01 9.92 25/01/2016 Mon 31 13 26/01/2016 Tue 21.08 11 46 13 64 14 49 27/01/2016 Wed 5.03 12.94 15.76 6.56 15.97 6.86 28/01/2016 Thu 7.64 7.52 8.25 29/01/2016 Fri 15.46 9.68 6.2 8.29 16.3 8.64 30/01/2016 Sat 31/01/2016 Sun

All data are 24 h mean concentrations determined with laser nephelometer direct read particle samplers. Thresholds for PM10 and PM2.5 concentrations are 50 and 25 µg m³ respectively. PM10 = particulate matter of diameter less than or equal to 10 micrometres. PM2.5 = particulate matter of diameter less than or equal to 2.5 micrometres. As a guide, the particulate concentrations have been assigned coloured air quality index bands as used in the Daily Air Quality Index to provide detail about air pollution levels in a simple way. The colours are divided into four pollution bands: low , moderate, high and very high. For example, low levels of particulate pollution are shown in green colours and very high pollution shown in purple. See table at bottom of page for further information.

Have any thresholds been exceeded during the period

If yes, describe below

No

The deposition gauge sample collected during January from A8 (Torbay Road) did not exceed the threshold for deposition rate but the collected material did contain detectable concentrations of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). There are currently no statutory Environmental Quality Standards in the UK for releases to land of PAH by deposition. However, the concentrations of benzo(a)pyrene and naphthalene in the collected material were less than the concentrations permitted within soil for use as clean cover at the site.

Key to banding of particulate concentrations

		Concentrations	
		PM10*	PM2.5*
Pollution Band	Colour	μg m ⁻³	μg m ⁻³
Low		0 - 16	0 - 11
		17 - 33	12 to 23
		34 - 50	24 - 35
Moderate		51 - 58	36 - 41
		59 - 66	42 - 47
		67 - 75	48 - 53
High		76 - 83	54 - 58
		84 - 91	59 - 64
		92 - 100	65 - 70
V High		101>	71>

^{*24} h mean EU ref equivalent