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**Method Statement**  
**for removal of Japanese Knotweed [*Reynoutria japonica*]**

**Ingedale , Longsight Road, Clayton Le Dale, Lancashire BB1 9EX**

**1.0 Introduction**

1.1 Method Statement for the eradication of Japanese Knotweed from the land at the Ingedale , Longsight Road, Clayton Le Dale, Lancashire BB1 9EX

1.2 This Method Statement outlines the course of action that needs to be taken to eradicate this invasive weed in preparation for the demolition and erection of the new proposed dwelling. This Method Statement should be read in conjunction with the Environment Agency Code of Practice regarding Japanese Knotweed.

**2.0 The Site**

2.1 The weed is located to the rear of the existing dwelling at Ingedale, Longsight Road, Clayton Le Dale, Lancashire BB1 9EX

2.2 The proposed development will require the demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a new dwelling. Steps will need to be taken to remove and eradicate the Japanese Knotweed before proposed dwelling is demolished. Works to other areas on site will not be affected.

**3.0 Method Statement Objectives**

3.1 The first objective is to contain the existing Japanese Knotweed on site and prevent further spread across the site.

3.2 To monitor the site after development to ensure the site is clear of Japanese Knotweed.

**4.0 Methods of Removal**

4.1 The method most favoured for a development site is to treat with either a contact or residual herbicide.

4.2 Others methods such as sifting the soil and taking out the rhizomes would in this instance not be effective as the rhizomes would only be in their infancy.

4.3 Japanese Knotweed and the soil it is growing in can be buried on site which is a cheaper method of control. This is suitable in this case as there is space available on site. The Japanese Knotweed can be buried in protective disposal bags at a depth below 5 metres.

## **5.0 Herbicides**

5.1 It is essential that a competent and qualified person carries out the herbicide treatment.. They must carefully follow the instructions on the herbicide label and wear correct PPE.

5.2 Glyphosate contact herbicide, applied April - October, late season preferable.

## **6.0 Summary**

6.1 Japanese Knotweed was first noticed on the site in May 2019

6.3 During the spring/summer of 2019 the existing Japanese Knotweed has been treated on several occasions with the Glyphosate herbicide and will continue to be managed until total eradication has been achieved.

6.4 The area was reviewed in autumn 2019 and it is hoped that the application of the herbicide has been successful. This will be reviewed in spring 2020 and further applications of herbicides applied if necessary.

6.5 We understand that demolition and excavation works to the area of Japanese Knotweed will not start until 2021 which will allow two years for the eradication of the Japanese Knotweed by application of the Herbicide. This sufficient time. By autumn 2020 any remaining Japanese Knotweed canes to be disposed of by Specialist disposal bags and buried on site.

## **7.0 Conclusion**

7.1 Because the area of infestation is fairly small and the plants as yet have not become too well established it should be possible to eradicate the Japanese Knotweed by application of herbicides and then if necessary digging out the area and burying on site.

## **8.0 Final Points**

8.1 The management, treatment and eradication of the Japanese Knotweed on site shall be overseen by me

8.2 The area of Japanese Knotweed should be excavated to a depth of 600mm and buried to an agreed area on the site.

8.3 During the summer of 2020 the area is to be regularly inspected for any signs of growth of Japanese Knotweed and should be treated with the contact or residual herbicide. After treatment the herbicide should be allowed to take effect and the heap should be turned to encourage further regrowth and then treated again this should be carried out for the complete season of 2020 to ensure eradication.

8.4 The site throughout the development work and for the following year should be inspected for any other signs of Japanese Knotweed.

Kindest Regards

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