

Environmental Procedure: 04

CEMP Method Statement



Project Name:	Victoria Court - Residential Development
Project Address:	Land Adjacent 31/33 Victoria Court, Tottington, Bury BL8 3GY
Principal Contractor:	JN Building Contractors Ltd
Method Statement:	CEMP Method Statement: Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) Removal
Date of Issue:	04/11/2025
Planning Ref:	71758
Prepared for:	Bury Planning Department
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Date:	04/11/2025
Species Covered:	Himalayan balsam (<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>) and Giant bramble
Legislation:	Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Environment Protection Act 1990

1. Objectives

- Prevent spread of Schedule 9 invasive species
- Comply with Condition 6 of planning approval
- Ensure safe and lawful site clearance and development

2. Programme

- Works scheduled to commence **November 2025 onwards**
- Clearance to proceed unless **>3 consecutive nights of frost** occur

3. Pre-Works Preparation

- **Ecological Survey:** Conducted by qualified ecologist prior to works
- **Toolbox Talk:** Delivered by ecologist to all site operatives
- **Mapping and Marking:**
 - Himalayan balsam: 8m exclusion zones flagged on ground
 - Giant bramble: stalks marked with biodegradable dye
- **Attendance Record:** Signed list retained by ecologist and site manager

4. Removal Protocol

- **Method:**
 - Hand-pulling of Himalayan balsam and Giant bramble
 - Bagging and removal as **controlled waste**
- **Supervision:** All clearance within exclusion zones supervised by ECoW
- **Machinery:** Restricted to designated access routes; avoid unnecessary soil disturbance
- **Storage:** Materials stored off ground to prevent seed spread

5. Contingency Measures

- **Species Discovery:** If additional Schedule 9 species are found, RAMS will be revised
- **Downtime:** If >12 months elapse before works commence, survey must be repeated
- **Weather Delays:** Resume only when ECoW confirms safe conditions

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6. Post-Works Actions

- **Monitoring:** ECoW to inspect site post-clearance
- **Reporting:** Any findings submitted to GMEU
- **Habitat Uplift:** Enhancement of riparian zone to suppress regrowth