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Watching Brief Report

Surveyor	Lesley Vachre C.S.JK Invasive Species Surveyor.
Site Name	Land at Leigh Lane, Bury
Client	Abode Architecture
Address	Second Floor, 8A London Road Rear Office, Alderley Edge SK9 7JS
Contact	Joe Mayoh
Q Ref	Q22-2678
Date of Visit	20.7.22
Reason for visit	Site walkover for Invasive Species

Site Map



The site is located at the end of Owlerbarrow Road on Leigh Lane, Bury. The site is a wooded area accessible by a steel gate.

Photos



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Picture 1 – Entrance site – Himalayan Balsam has spread onto Leigh Lane from the site – Outlined in Red



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Picture 2 & 3 – Himalayan Balsam has grown to approx. 3 metres –star shows where I stood for perspective (I am 5'2,) There are only a few small clearings, the majority of the site is dense with Himalayan growth.



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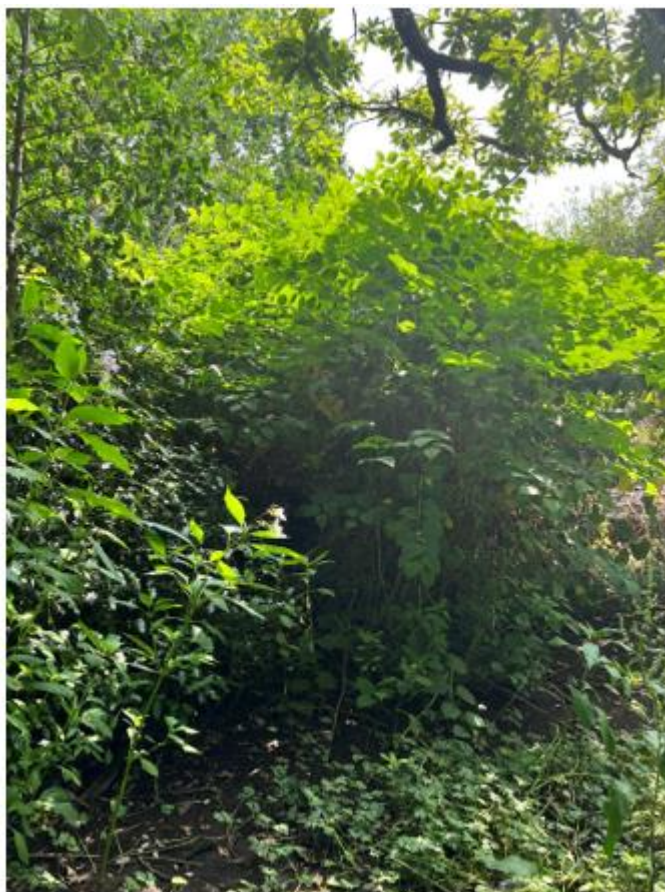




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Pictures 4 & 5 – Mature stand of Japanese Knotweed



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Picture 6- Dead stems of Japanese Knotweed – previous year's growth



Notes

The area is densely populated with Himalayan Balsam, reaching over 3 metres(approx.) in some areas. This made it very difficult to navigate and to walk over the full site.

Herbicide spraying is recommended earlier in the season however, as the extent of the infestation will impede any further site visits, I would recommend a combination of herbicide treatment and strimming/flailing to create access paths and to prevent the Himalayan Balsam colonising even further and adding to the already sizeable seedbank.

There are mature stands of Japanese Knotweed on site with signs of previous growth. There has been some damage to the new growth, possibly by woodland animals. To prevent cross contamination on site, I would suggest temporary fencing.

Initially I would recommend an herbicide treatment plan should be put in place to control the infestation and prevent the Invasive Species spreading to other areas on and off site. Once the inspection for the



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trees have been completed and the final plans confirmed, I suggest a site meeting to discuss if excavation is required or if we can proceed with further herbicide treatments to control the infestations.

Quote for Japanese Invasive Species Treatment

Item description	Measure/Unit	Rate	Total
Herbicide application by Knapsack to Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam.	Unit	£950	£950
Install Netlon Fencing on metal road pins around the Japanese Knotweed to avoid cross contamination.	Unit	£65	£65
Strimming/flailing of Himalayan Balsam to create access paths. TSL to supply 2 operatives, all machinery, tools and fuel.	1 day	£750	£750
Total			<u>£1,765 + VAT</u>

As it late in the season I would only suggest one treatment for 2022 to take place during growing season (May-September). I would suggest cutting down the dead stems in winter, but this is dependent on the future site meeting once plans have been finalised.

Subject to terms and conditions.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or if you would like to proceed.

Kind regards,

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