

Response to Request for Information

Reference EIR 000216 **Date** 14 March 2018

Japanese Knotweed - 93 Goldthorn Hill, Wolverhampton

Request:

Please forgive me for wanting to know more but land with Japanese knotweed has a multitude of problems and your answer was very vague considering the implications of a looming sale.

- 1 for a developer to develop on
- 2 to raise finance
- 3 obtain mortgages on
- 4 destructive to roads and utilities.

In this instance for prospective purchasers.

Could you please help me to understand:

In response to your request, please find our response marked in 'blue':

- Are you now saying that the land no longer has japanese knotweed?
 No, as stated previously Japanese knotweed was present when an initial visit was made to the site. The Council has had no further involvement with this site since November 2017.
- 2. That it was tested?
 The Council has no information on whether the Japanese Knotweed was treated/tested or not.
- 3. How did it come to your attention that there was Japanese knotweed there? was it reported to yourselves by the public or did you take action yourselves. The Council responded to a general complaint about the condition of the land.
- 4. Why is it no longer any concern for yourselves? See below

I ran into the people who tried to clear it in November. They informed me that it was not cleared but just cut down. Which is not how to treat it.

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- Was there an ASBO going to be served in late November early December with reference to this weed See below
- 6. Can i ask why there has been no follow up to see if the land was cleared and why it is no longer on your radar. It is not an offence to have Japanese Knotweed on a property, it is however an offence to let it spread beyond the property boundary. The Council took action to satisfy itself that no offence was committed and as such no further action was required.