

Response to Request for Information

Reference EIR 000225
Date 9 May 2018

Invasive plant species management

Request:

Could you please answer the following question under the provision of the Freedom of Information Act 2000;

Please find our response marked in 'blue'

Environmental Services - Maintenance

1. Do you have a program to poison/remove invasive plant species? *We have a programme of treatment to treat invasive plant species from council owned land and this is currently contracted out to one of our suppliers of work.*
2. If so, which invasive plant species are you poisoning/removing? *Japanese Knotweed.*
3. What method of control do you use for each species? *We use a chemical spray treatment.*
4. What chemicals do you use? *We currently use Round Up.*
5. With what frequency do you treat the invasive species? *When identified, we then programme treatment to take place approximately four times a year depending on results etc*
6. What is your annual spend on treating invasive species for the last 3 years? *Over the last three years 3 years with disposal and treatment costs we have spent in the region of £6,100.*

Environmental Services - Projects and Works

1. Do you have a program to poison/remove invasive plant species? *Yes, ad hoc, when approached by clients or when encountered on our own development sites.*
2. If so, which invasive plant species are you poisoning/removing? *Japanese Knotweed.*

3. What method of control do you use for each species? A. Herbicide treatment, or B. dig-and-dump or C. soil screening techniques with herbicide treatment of viable root material, specification depending on project requirements.
4. What chemicals do you use? Varies: as proposed by contractor/ dictated by site constraints: glyphosate formulations, or Synero (aminopyralid and fluroxypyr) with silicon-based anti-foam.
5. With what frequency do you treat the invasive species? Usually 3-4 herbicide applications in 1st year, reducing in 2nd & 3rd year to 2 or less. 10-year warranty as standard.
6. What is your annual spend on treating invasive species for the last 3 years? For our direct orders to external contractors our annual average spend has been in the region of £5,100.

Wolverhampton Homes

1. Do you have a program to poison/remove invasive plant species? Yes
2. If so, which invasive plant species are you poisoning/removing? Japanese Knotweed.
3. What method of control do you use for each species? Chemical Control.
4. What chemicals do you use? Glyphosate
5. With what frequency do you treat the invasive species? 4 x per year (June – September)
6. What is your annual spend on treating invasive species for the last 3 years? Annual spend for the last three years is in the region of £3,600.