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**WHAT'S THE THREAT TO MY BUSINESS?**

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**HOW CAN I GET IT REMOVED?**

# **ANSWERED!**

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*keeping construction moving*

**Every day...**

We deal with tonnes of Japanese knotweed on commercial and construction sites. Whether you want it controlled under a management plan or completely removed from site, we know the concerns and impact knotweed has for you, and we know you'll want no-nonsense advice - fast!

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## Q1. HAVE I GOT KNOTWEED?

We know this is your biggest concern as it will put projects on hold immediately. This down time can be costly and impact your timescales, so let's get right on this question - how do you know if you've got knotweed?

There's several ways in which you can identify Japanese knotweed.

1. Google it (*not reliable*)
2. Use an ID service (*ours is free*)
3. Get trained (*ask us about options*)
4. Book a survey (*your best starting point*)

### FACT

The truth is only fully trained surveyors can accurately identify knotweed, and you can free access our experts using our online ID tool. Send in some pictures of the suspect plant and we'll quickly let you know what it is - and most importantly if it's knotweed.

But it is good to have some knowledge of what knotweed looks like; its main identifying characteristics how it changes through the seasons.

So let's get started! Below you can clearly see the identifying characteristics that make knotweed definable: **'asparagus like' shoots, shovel shaped leaves, zig-zag pattern, speckled stems, small white flowers, brittle canes and orange centred rhizomes (roots).**

[TRY OUR FREE ID TOOL](#)



**SPRING**



**SUMMER**



**AUTUMN**



**WINTER**



## Q2. CAN I DEAL WITH IT MYSELF?

You may be thinking why pay for a contractor to get rid of your knotweed up when you could do it yourself.

But just removing it from the ground comes with its own issues:

1. Accurate identification
2. Risk of biosecurity breach
3. Legislative compliance for disposal
4. How do you know you've got it all out?

### DO THIS INSTEAD

Consider a Watching Brief service. Our teams are fully equipped and highly trained to deal with Japanese knotweed removal. If you have the machinery and labour on-site, we can provide site supervision to enable them to carry out the works in a safe and compliant manner.

As knotweed needs to be disposed of in a licensed landfill by professionals with contaminated waste removal licenses - we can also do this for you.

Working with a compliant contractor means your team can keep moving, you keep an element of control whilst being professionally guided to reach the ideal result - a site ready for project progression. Importantly - by using Japanese Knotweed Ltd to oversee or complete the works the developer benefits from a 'Guarantee' with option of an 'Insurance Backed Guarantee'

WATCHING BRIEF CASE STUDY



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## Q3. WHAT'S THE THREAT TO MY BUSINESS?

To ignore knotweed on land that you've invested in for development or to incorrectly treat knotweed, can prove costly in the long term and may lead to legal issues. If knotweed is not detected prior to project commencing, any knotweed rhizome left onsite will emerge as plants later on and become a problem further down the line. It's important to note that knotweed rhizomes can lay dormant and re-emerge up to 20 years later. Discovering knotweed means putting the project on hold until either a management plan is in place or the knotweed has been removed. Either way this could lead to financial losses.

To summarise, here's the top 4 threats to your business that ignoring knotweed could cause you:

1. Legal issues (*more on next page*)
2. Not getting it identified early enough
3. Project on hold
4. Financial losses

### HOW WE HELP

A survey is the first action you should take. The survey report will identify the extent of the infestation and give you options for remediation. Not all surveyors are fully qualified to carry out a knotweed survey - check they are CSJK qualified.

[MORE ON SURVEYS](#)



## Q4. WHAT ARE THE LEGAL ISSUES?

If you have Japanese knotweed on your land or property you are responsible for controlling it. There are legal consequences if you allow it to spread outside of your land's boundaries. You may also be at risk of being prosecuted if found guilty of disposing of Japanese knotweed in a non-compliant manner. The Government website states; *"You must dispose of Japanese knotweed waste off-site by transferring it to a disposal facility that's permitted, e.g. a landfill site that has the right environmental permit."*

### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

While Japanese knotweed poses significant challenges, being well-informed and proactive can mitigate risks. We highly recommend that developers do not ignore the potential impact of having knotweed on site and understand the implications of not taking the appropriate actions to have it treated or eradicated.

For property developers it is important to do the following:

- 1. DECLARE KNOTWEED:** A developer not dealing with knotweed correctly and handing over a site effected by knotweed, may be deemed as professionally negligent in their duties. Avoid this via early identification and implementation of a knotweed management plan.
- 2. LOG AND RECORD KNOTWEED LOCATIONS:** The presence of knotweed on a site is a bio-security risk. As soon as possible have a professional survey carried out to record the locations within a Survey/Knotweed Management Plan document. This will help promote correct actions during construction and a record of work completed to go into the site operations and maintenance manual.
- 3. HAVE A MANAGEMENT PLAN:** Avoid non-conformity to legislation by correctly remediating knotweed. A specialist contractor can ensure complete removal avoiding future encroachments concerns by neighbours. On-site bio-security risk can be mitigated and knotweed waste disposed of correctly, with full waste tracking records.

[MORE ON KNOTWEED AND THE LAW](#)



## Q5. HOW CAN I GET IT REMOVED?

We can manage the problem of Japanese knotweed is a number of ways dependant on known plans for the site. If the area containing the knotweed can be left undisturbed it can be treated in-situ under a herbicide treatment programme.

If a long term herbicide programme is undesirable and/or you need to disturb the area, then it will likely require excavation. We provide full turnkey contracting solutions for knotweed removal, or we can provide Watching Brief to manage others.

The solution you need is right here.

### WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS?

- 1. Herbicide:** A professional programme of herbicide applications will fully control the plant over a number of years. A cost-effective solution but with consideration that it does not remove the rhizome contaminated soils from the site.
- 2. Excavation & Landfill:** A quick and impressive rectification method that can completely remove knotweed from a site. Excavations can be to full depth of rhizome, or to a reduced depth before capping with horizontal root barriers.
- 3. Excavation & On-site Burial:** A sustainable alternative to disposing of waste to landfill is to bury it on site. The site must contain an area suitable for deep burial, with the burial location to be mapped onto future plans/deeds for the site.
- 4. Excavation & On-site Relocation:** A sustainable alternative to off-site landfill disposal. The excavated knotweed wastes can be consolidated to a single consolidated out of the way area. Here the knotweed can be treated with herbicide.

CASE STUDY: KNOTWEED REMOVAL FROM DEVELOPMENT SITE



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