

HS2 Capital Item – Invasive Species Control List B

How much will be paid

£324 per hectare

Where to use this item

This item can be used within the target area for PAWs restoration.

This item supports control of the following species;

- *Impatiens glandulifera*, Himalayan balsam
- *Fallopia japonica*, Japanese knotweed

Requirements

Agreement holders will need to:

- In agreement with a Woodland Officer, control the invasive species so that cover is reduced to a set proportion by a set date
- Agree the method of control with a Woodland Officer, this could include cutting by hand, mechanical cutting, applying herbicide or an alternative agreed method
- Only carry out chemical control on specifically identified areas, make sure the person spraying has the relevant qualifications and certifications
- Control any re-infestation during the term of the agreement
- Protect any native ground flora that may be within the control area.
- All herbicide applications must follow the law and relevant codes of practice.

Burning waste material

Agreement holders need to discuss whether to burn cut waste material with their local Woodland Officer. If burning material agreement holders must:

- Agree in advance where the burn site will be
- Build bonfires far enough away from trees (at least 10m from the crown of any tree) to avoid damaging them
- Make sure that burning sites are not on patches of ground where they could damage species-rich grassland, ant-hills or other ecological or archaeological features
- Clean up the site as soon as possible after burning - burning on a metal sheet reduces damage to the soil and makes it easier to remove ash from the site

Timing

To be undertaken within the first year of the agreement. Chemical Control should be undertaken at the optimal time for the particular species within the 'on label' approval time limits.

Further information

Get more information from:

- the guide to [harmful weeds and invasive, non-native plants](#) this includes information on the disposal, including burning, of non-native invasive species
- guidance on the [Wildlife and Countryside Act and landowners' responsibilities](#)

Keeping records

Agreement holders will need to keep the following records and supply them on request

- any consents or permissions connected with the work
- receipted invoices, or bank statements where a receipted invoice is unavailable