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Appendix R – Invasive Non-Native Species Plan

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1 INTRODCUTION

1.1.1. This Appendix sets out the detailed invasive non-native species (INNS) controls relevant to the CEMP Works within the CEMP Land, including pre-works checks, exclusion zones, biosecurity controls, species-specific measures (where relevant) and waste/disposal controls.

1.1.2. The controlling requirement to implement INNS controls where relevant to the CEMP Works is set out in **Section O** of the CEMP Main Body. This Appendix provides the supporting detail for that purpose.

2 LEGAL COMPLIANCE

2.1.1. All works will comply with applicable legislation controlling the spread of INNS and the handling, transport and disposal of INNS-contaminated materials.

3 CONTROLS

3.1 GENERAL CONTROLS

3.1.1. The following controls will be implemented during the CEMP Works to prevent the spread of INNS:

- Pre-works checks for INNS within areas to be disturbed, undertaken by the ECoW / suitably qualified ecologist.
- Exclusion zones around confirmed INNS stands, established using clear demarcation and signage.
- Biosecurity controls in accordance with Defra's "Check, Clean, Dry" principles for plant,
- equipment and PPE, with washdown/cleaning arrangements applied before leaving affected areas.
- Segregation and secure storage of any INNS-contaminated plant material and soils to prevent dispersal.

3.2 SPECIES-SPECIFIC CONTROLS – JAPANESE KNOTWEED (WHERE PRESENT)

3.2.1. Where Japanese knotweed is present, a no-tracking/no-excavation buffer will be established around the stand, with the buffer extent confirmed by the ECoW and/or specialist contractor based on site conditions. Soil or plant material from within the buffer will not be moved within or off the CEMP Land without specialist advice and the appropriate controls.

3.3 DISPOSAL / WASTE CONTROLS

3.3.1. INNS-contaminated material will be managed as controlled waste and will not be mixed with general soils or green waste. Any off-site removal will be undertaken by a registered waste carrier to an appropriately permitted facility, with duty of care documentation maintained.

3.4 INCIDENT RESPONSE

3.4.1. If INNS spread or a biosecurity breach is suspected, works will stop in the affected area, the ECoW and Environmental Manager will be notified, and containment/corrective actions implemented. The incident will be recorded and controls reviewed and updated under document control.

3.4.2. The extent and nature of the controls to be applied at any location will be determined by the ECoW or suitably qualified ecologist having regard to the species present, the condition of the stand and the nature of the proposed CEMP Works.

4 PRE-COMMENCMENT SURVEYS

4.1.1. An INNS survey has identified Japanese knotweed adjacent to Manor Road (see **Appendix R(1) – Invasive Species Location**).

4.1.2. Prior to the commencement of CEMP works, an updated INNS survey of will be undertaken to ensure no additional INNS are present within the CEMP Land.

4.1.3. Prior to any ground disturbance or access in the vicinity of the identified area, a pre-works INNS check will be undertaken by the ECoW to confirm the current extent and any changes since the baseline survey.

4.1.4. Confirmed extent will be demarcated on the ground with an exclusion zone (fencing/signage as appropriate) and briefed to CEMP Staff before works proceed. Controls will include preventing tracking through the exclusion zone, preventing movement of potentially contaminated soils/vegetation, and applying appropriate measures for plant/equipment/PPE.

4.1.5. If additional INNS is identified during the pre-works check or during the CEMP Works, works will stop locally, the ECoW will be notified, and the exclusion zone/controls will be updated before works recommence.