



This request seeks up-to-date information about risk assessments, ecological surveys, incident reports and knotweed management connected with the restoration of the Haigh Hall Miniature Railway. It follows earlier requests (FOI 17256 and FOI 17955) which stated that no such documentation was available.

This is a follow-up to Freedom of Information request 17256, submitted in November 2024, and to FOI 17955 (April 2025) concerning plans and safety documentation for the Haigh Hall Miniature Railway.

The previous responses stated that the railway was “not in operation” and that no risk assessments or related documentation were in place. Since that time, significant restoration and construction work has taken place on the line.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information:

1. Risk Assessments and Safety Documentation:

Copies of all risk assessments, site inspections or safety evaluations relating to the Haigh Hall Miniature Railway restoration, including any covering: Track relaying, engineering or construction activity; Volunteer participation or supervision; Public safety in the vicinity of the works; Environmental or habitat disturbance (including Great Crested Newts and other protected species).

[Risk Assessments provided for the following activities:](#)

- ‘Lifting Track’
- ‘Drilling of Rail and Sleepers’
- ‘Rail movement’

2. Ecological Surveys and Environmental Checks:

Copies of any ecological surveys, habitat assessments or species checks undertaken for the railway site or surrounding area, including any ponds or waterways nearby.

[GCM report undertaken by SureScreen Scientifics provided](#)

Please include any documentation that clarifies whether the site forms part of the same area referenced in FOI 18662 (Great Crested Newt DNA testing, August 2025).

3. Japanese Knotweed:

Details of any Japanese knotweed management or treatment carried out along or adjacent to the railway line, including:

[Japanese Knotweed Solutions report provided](#)

Dates and locations of treatment;
The organisation or contractor responsible; Any relevant correspondence or documentation.

4. Incident or Accident Reports:

Copies of any incident or accident reports, or internal correspondence, concerning injury, illness, or safety concerns involving individuals working on or around the Haigh Hall Miniature Railway, whether paid staff or volunteers.

We note that the previous FOI response (17256) did not directly answer the questions asked and instead referred to a general webpage on Japanese knotweed. We therefore request specific documentation relevant to the Haigh Hall Miniature Railway and associated works.

Redacted incident report provided

Re Japanese Knotweed please see Point 3 above

Risk Assessment

| Details of assessment | Equipment Involved (if applicable) |
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| Operation covered by this assessment: | |
| Drilling of Rails & Sleepers In Situ/on Drilling jig | Dewalt Battery Drill with Handle fitted, 20mm TCT Holesaw 14mm point Drill (For wood), Drilling Guide/template |
| Location: Haigh woodland Park, Railway Areas | Personal Protective equipment- Eye protection, Steel toe capped boots, Gloves, High Visibility clothing |
| Date of assessment: 27/10/25 | |
| Assessor name: [REDACTED] | |

| Step 1 | Step 2 | Step 3 | Step 4 | | | |
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| What are the hazards? | Who might be harmed and how? | What are you already doing? | What further action is necessary? | Action by whom | Action by when | Done |
| Contaminants on skin from handling materials | Staff, Volunteers, Relevant persons | Personal protective Equipment – gloves are worn when handling materials, Hand wipes are available to use if PNB is to be taken and hygiene to avoid cross contamination or ingestion of any residual contaminates if any | Hand washing facilities to be developed and installed as appropriate alongside general welfare facilities as a whole | | | |
| Encroachment of public on work areas | Staff, Volunteers, Public, Relevant persons | Work site Access is controlled by HERAS fencing where is reasonably practicable All Work to stop whilst members of public present | Review arrangements regarding Work sites and public access Installation of More appropriate signage highlighting Non public areas and | | 01/01/26 | |

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| | | Staff/Volunteers Briefed to Politely Guide any members of the public away from work area and back onto recognised pathways | access is by authorised personnel only. | | | |
| Exposure to skin with Cutting oils/Lubricants | Staff, Volunteers, Public & Relevant persons | <p>COSSH Assessment, Disposable Gloves to be worn when applying cutting oils/ Lubricants</p> <p>Correct Ventilation to be used (Outside and in good weather)</p> <p>Eye protection to be worn when applying and in use .</p> | <p>COSSH Assessment, to be undertaken , MSDS and Product details to be held in accessible place</p> <p>Eyewash to be held in engine shed and kept in date</p> | Railway Manager | 08/02/25 | |
| Noise/ Vibration | Staff, Volunteers, Relevant persons | Provision of Ear defenders, Gloves (Anti Vibration) for use when undertaking activity | HAVS assessment if required | Railway manager/H&S | | |
| Drill Gripping material & Jarring operator | Staff, Volunteers. | <p>Tool box talk prior to activity starting for ALL staff present</p> <p>Fitment of additional handle to Cordless drill and Torque setting to be turned down to ensure motor stalls before gripping material</p> <p>All Drills & Hole saws to be Sharp – Pre operation inspection to highlight need for changing of tools</p> <p>Tools to be changed by relevant competent person only</p> <p>If tool Bites in use stop and remove tool and assess how to complete operation via Dynamic RA</p> | <p>Relevant competent person to demonstrate correct use of tool and fitment of tooling prior to undertaking tool changes and correct operation</p> <p>Competence in use of tools to be assessed on the task and continually assessed throughout the task via Dynamic RA technique</p> | | | |
| Fragments of material may become airborne | Staff, Volunteers | Wear Correct Eye protection (Face shield or Safety glasses) | Provide ALL Staff with PPE Including safety glasses to be worn at all times when activity is undertaken | | | |

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| | | <p>A 2m exclusion zone implemented when drilling rail due to potential airborne particles</p> <p>Sleepers are drilled in situ and wood dust is kept to a minimum and damped down to prevent inhalation as required</p> | | | |
| Fragments of material may Pierce Skin/Burn if contacted | Staff, Volunteers | <p>Use of Eye protection, Gloves</p> <p>Work area to be kept clean and tidy with waste materials disposed of appropriately</p> | <p>Provide staff with relevant PPE for required task, Toolbox talk to be delivered on housekeeping and Appropriate provisions made for waste material disposal implemented as needed</p> | Railway Manager, competent persons | 01/01/26 |
| Entanglement in revolving machinery | Staff, Volunteers | <p>Loose clothing, Jewellery, to be removed before commencing operation, Long hair/Beards to Awareness of tooling in use by demonstratable knowledge</p> <p>Gloves to be always worn when undertaking activity</p> | | | |
| Adverse weather conditions | Staff, Volunteers | <p>Haigh Woodland Park has an adverse weather plan in place.</p> <p>Drilling of rail & Sleepers during adverse weather conditions, i.e., heavy rain, thunderstorms, high winds, snow/ Ice is to cease and volunteers are advised not to attend .</p> | <p>On the day assessment made , use of 5 day weather forecast to support this</p> | Park management / Railway management | |

Step 5 Review Dates:

Review No more than 12 months from issue date

Risk Assessment

| Details of assessment | | Equipment Involved (if applicable) |
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| Operation covered by this assessment: | | 5/10 Ton Ratchet Jack |
| Track & Sleeper Removal | | 10lb Sledgehammer, 1m Wrecking bar |
| Location: Haigh Woodland Railway (All Locations) | | Impact Driver & Socket set |
| Date of assessment: August 2025 | | Eye Protection, Steel Toe Cap Boots, Hi Vis Vest, Gloves, Hearing protection |
| Assessor name: [REDACTED] | | |

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| What are the hazards? | Who might be harmed and how? | What are you already doing? | What further action is necessary? | | Action by whom | Action by when | Done | |
| Encroaching Persons | Staff, volunteers, public, dogs – Bruising, cuts, crushing, broken bones resulting from persons or dogs coming into close proximity of the task. | Ensure safe zone of work is created. Use crowd barriers to create an enclosure that fully encompasses the working area, thus preventing any person or animal from coming into proximity of the task. Signage to be strategically placed to warn the public of ongoing works. Only the person completing the task is permitted within the working enclosure. | Implement enclosure with crowd barriers when in open areas, Northern section to be fenced off with Heras fencing where reasonably Practicable to do so. Print more signage off that relates to rail maintenance works | Staff/Volunteer lead Visitor Services | Prior to works commencing When required | | | |

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| | | Operator and other staff/volunteers to always be vigilant and aware of surroundings. | | | |
| Slips, Trips, Falls | Staff, volunteers - Injury resulting from a slip, trip, fall. | Ensure the working area floor is free from obstructions and trip hazards prior to carrying out the task. Any items that are deemed hazardous should be removed immediately. Good housekeeping ethos adopted by all staff and volunteers. A fully stocked first aid kit is always located close to the operator. There will always be a first aid trained person working in the locality of the task. | Stock check first aid kits and replenish when necessary. | Railway & Transportation services manager | Fortnightly. |
| Use of Sledgehammer | Staff, volunteers - Bruising, cuts, crushing, broken bones caused by defective equipment or misuse. Eye injury caused by flying projectiles. Fatigue. | Sledgehammer to be inspected prior to use, to ensure the handle is secure and not damaged. Sledgehammer should be taken out of service should any faults or signs of weaknesses be noticed. Avoid temporary fixes such as glue or duct tape. Ensure the head of the hammer is free of cracks. | | | |

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| | <p>Persons who find the equipment too heavy should not complete the task.</p> <p>Sledgehammer users should take regular breaks to avoid fatigue.</p> <p>Only persons deemed experienced/capable/competent permitted to carry out the task.</p> <p>Steel Toe Capped boots must be worn.</p> <p>Hi Vis vests must be worn.</p> <p>Eye protection must be worn.</p> <p>Gloves must be worn.</p> <p>Avoid overextending when swinging the sledgehammer – use the minimum arc necessary for the task. Avoid raising sledgehammer above head height. Allow the weight of the tool to do the work.</p> <p>Store sledgehammer in a dry place away from water sources and excessive moisture.</p> <p>Persons permitted to carry out task should be limited to an acceptable minimum.</p> | <p>Ensure person carrying out the task is physically able enough.</p> <p>Regular staff rotation.</p> <p>Staff/volunteer toolbox training, and observation.</p> <p>Monitor proper usage via task audits.</p> <p>Define a list of persons permitted to carrying out the task and ensure they are trained and capable.</p> | <p>Staff/Volunteer lead.</p> <p>Staff/Volunteer lead</p> <p>Staff/Volunteer lead</p> <p>Staff/Volunteer lead</p> | <p>Prior to task commencing.</p> <p>Ad-hoc basis.</p> <p>Prior to operator being permitted to work independently.</p> <p>Ad-hoc basis.</p> <p>Prior to task commencing.</p> | |
| Use of Ratchet Jack. | Staff, volunteers – | Jack being used must have a rating that is sufficient to lift and sustain the load. | Ensure jack is suitable for task and in Good Working | Staff/Volunteer lead | Prior to task commencing. |

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| <p>Bruising, cuts, crushing, broken bones caused by improper use of jack.</p> <p>Injury resulting from jack not being capable of load bearing.</p> | <p>The load rating must be prominently displayed on the jack.</p> <p>Jack must be visually inspected, checking for signs of defects or faults prior to use.</p> <p>Jack must be taken out of service and tagged immediately should any defects be noticed.</p> <p>Steel Toe Capped boots must be worn.</p> <p>Gloves must be worn.</p> <p>Always set the jack on a firm/level foundation. Use Timber packing or plates where necessary.</p> <p>All lifts should be vertical, with the jack perpendicular, at a right angle to the load.</p> <p>To avoid slippage of the metal cap of the jack, place a wooden block between the jack head and the contact surface of the load.</p> <p>Ensure jack is well lubricated at regular intervals.</p> <p>Operators must have read and sign the relevant PPE assessment prior to completing the task.</p> | <p>order prior to commencement of task</p> <p>Ensure the load rating is clearly visible.</p> <p>LOLER Inspection Annually, for jacks and any other lifting equipment</p> <p>Ensure timber packing / plates are always available and accessible.</p> | <p>Prior to task commencing.</p> <p>Staff/Volunteer lead</p> <p>Staff/Volunteer lead</p> |
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| | | | Ensure that persons deemed suitable to carry out the task have read and understand all control measures beforehand. | | | |
| Use of Impact Driver | Staff, volunteers – Cuts, punctures, lacerations caused by improper use of equipment. Injury because of defective equipment. Entanglement Electrocution. | Only persons deemed competent in the safe use of an impact driver will be permitted to do so. Impact driver to be always kept in its case when not in use. Inexperienced power tool users should be supervised by an experienced member of staff until deemed competent to operate independently. Persons permitted to carry out task should be limited to an acceptable minimum. Loose clothing, jewellery, and long hair should be secured before carrying out this task to avoid entanglement. Only cordless/battery operated impact drivers are permitted for use out on the railway sites, 110V corded appliances may be used but are subject to approvals | | | | |
| Manual Handling | Staff, volunteers – Strain or injury resulting from poorly adopted manual handling techniques. | MRMH 01 Manual Handling Assessment completed for this specific task. All participants to read and sign this manual handling assessment prior to completing the task. | Manual Handling training to be delivered Via E learning module and continuous assessment culture across all volunteers and staff to be instilled | Staff/Volunteers Instigated by manager | | |

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| | | <p>Regular task audits completed to ensure good practices are adopted.</p> <p>All volunteers agree to be manual handling champions during initial induction/onboarding.</p> <p>Participants are always supervised by a trained member of staff until deemed competent to complete the task independently.</p> <p>The lifting and transporting of rail track and sleepers should be completed by a 4-person team.</p> <p>Avoid walking with rail track and sleepers. Were necessary, stack safely until transport (flatbed buggy) can assist in transporting.</p> | | | |
| PPE | Staff, volunteers – Injuries in the form of cuts, grazes, abrasions, bruising, crushing, eye injuries, resulting from not wearing the correct PPE. | <p>MRPPE 01 PPE Risk Survey completed for this specific task.</p> <p>All participants are to read and sign this PPE Risk Survey prior to completing the task.</p> <p>Regular task audits completed to ensure good practices are adopted.</p> <p>All volunteers agree to be PPE champions during initial induction/onboarding.</p> | | | |
| Adverse Weather | Staff, volunteers – | Haigh Woodland Park has an adverse weather plan in place. | | SMT/ | |

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| <p>Slips, falls, injuries resulting from adverse weather.</p> | <p>The removal of track and sleepers will not take place during adverse weather conditions, i.e., heavy rain, thunderstorms, high winds, snow.</p> | | <p>Railway Manager/ Volunteer Lead</p> | |
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Review dates

27/10/25

Edited to include use of lifting aids and changes to manual handling, Change of ownership,

Please sign and date below to confirm you have read and understand the above risk assessment and agree to the control measures that it lays out, prior to carrying out the task.

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Step 5 Review Dates:
August 2027

Risk Assessment

| Details of assessment | Equipment Involved (if applicable) |
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| Operation covered by this assessment: Track laying | Battery Drill, Battery impact gun , Rail tongs, Sleeper tongs |
| Location: Haigh Woodland park (Railway) | |
| Date of assessment: 23/08/25 | |
| Assessor name: [REDACTED] | |

| Step 1 | Step 2 | Step 3 | Step 4 | Action by whom | Action by when | Done |
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| What are the hazards? | Who might be harmed and how? | What are you already doing? | What further action is necessary? | Railway/site manager | | |
| Slips trips and falls on uneven ground | Staff & Volunteers, relevant persons | Briefing prior to task commencement highlighting risk of trips & falls on uneven surfaces Work area checked and any hazards removed if reasonably practicable | RO to ensure on daily basis worksite is clear of avoidable hazards as far as reasonably practicable | | | |
| Manual handling of sleepers | Staff & Volunteers | Sleepers weigh between 25 and 40kg Implemented use of sleeper tongs and team lifts to mitigate risks 2 persons to a sleeper Handling reduced by moving sleepers close to work site prior to commencement PPE to be used Gloves, Steel toed boots | Volunteer briefing/ Training in manual handling to be delivered – training records to be held and reviewed every 6 months | | | |
| Manual handling of rails | Staff & Volunteers | Rails weigh 100/150kg+ implemented team lifting technique using rail tongs 4 | Rail roller to be implemented | | 01/3/26 | |

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| | | <p>persons minimum to lift. Rails to be moved to work site using trolley and slid into position on timber skid/rollers</p> <p>Manual handling procedure to be used Lift with Bent knees straight back</p> | <p>Volunteers/staff to undergo training in correct manual handling procedure & Undertake E Learning module</p> <p>Separate MH needs assessment to be undertaken</p> | | | |
| Manual handling of fishplates | Staff & Volunteers | <p>Fishplates to be handled with gloves, no more than 4 to be carried at one time</p> | <p>Use of trolley to move materials to site</p> | | | |
| Application of Grease to fishplates | Staff & Volunteers | <p>Gloves to be worn, COSSH Assessment and SDS sheet to be available on work site/Railway shed</p> <p>Hand washing prior to meals/personal needs breaks</p> | <p>SDS Sheets to be printed & available on file in shed</p> <p>COSSH assessment to undertake prior to activity</p> | | | |
| Movement of rail vehicles | Staff, Volunteers & Public | <p>Rail vehicles to be hand worked on level ground only, one vehicle at a time to be hand worked on the railway only when stationary wheels to be scotched/Spragged to prevent roll backs or unintended movement</p> <p>When crossing public areas railway staff to Marshall area and prevent public crossing track whilst movement undertaken.</p> | <p>Provision of braked vehicle within consist of either powered or unpowered</p> <p>Separate RA to be undertaken regarding locomotive operation in connection with movement of vehicles associated with tracklaying</p> <p>Generation of Basic Personal Track safety course and in house qualification</p> | Railway coordinator | 02/02/26 | |
| Fatigue | Staff & volunteers | <p>Railway has a fatigue management policy which sets out requirements this is communicated daily.</p> <p>Individuals to adhere to this and take frequent rest breaks as required</p> | <p>Policy to be reviewed and signed off as part of SMS/CMS workstream</p> | | | |
| Use of Battery impact gun | Staff & Volunteers | <p>Staff briefed on use of power tools and appropriate training</p> | | | | |

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| | | given on job, PPE to be used including Eye protection & Gloves and Hearing protection if necessary | | | |
| Use of Battery Drill | Staff & Volunteers | Staff Briefed on use of power tools and appropriate training given on job, PPE to be used including eye protection and gloves | Generic RA undertaken for Railway Volunteers using power tools | | |
| Tipping of Ballast | Staff & Volunteers | Clear and concise instructions to be given on correct operation of tipping wagon Operations to be undertaken on Level ground work is not to be undertaken on gradients without braked vehicle in consist | Separate RAMS to be built on operation of vehicle alongside VMI Touch points to be highlighted by yellow paint and safeguards implemented | | |
| Operation of plant & Machinery | Staff & volunteers | All Plant operations to be undertaken by trained and competent staff with correct qualifications without exception Work within secure area and banksman to be implemented within all public areas | Qualifications to be held on personal file and made available when required by relevant bodies | | |
| Adverse weather | Staff & Volunteers | All Operations are to cease within adverse weather periods- High winds, heavy rain, snow and ice and electrical storm activity | Review of Adverse weather plan and generate specific for railway, Tree canopy to be inspected following high winds by competent person | | |
| Use of 5 & 10 Ton Jacks for trackwork | Staff & volunteers | Volunteers to be briefed on operation of lifting equipment, All Lifting equipment to be inspected annually under LOLER and in date prior to use All lifting operations to be on even surface and must not exceed SWL stated on equipment | Specific Lifting equipment RAMS to be undertaken | | |

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| Environmental controls | Staff & Volunteers | Volunteers to be actively made aware of risks associated with working in the woodland, Trees, watercourses Haigh woodland park operates on best practice Volunteers & Staff are Not to enter watercourses and are to ensure that materials are kept away from such | | | | |
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Step 5 Review Dates:

Review annually from date of assessment

23/08/2026 if not before

Folio No: 3008-2025
Purchase Order: SCIN-41162
Contact: Wigan Council
Issue Date: 06.08.2025
Received Date: 26.06.2025

GCN Report

Technical Report

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GCN eDNA Analysis

Summary

When great crested newts (GCN), *Triturus cristatus*, inhabit a pond, they continuously release small amounts of their DNA into the environment. By collecting and analyzing water samples, we can detect these small traces of environmental DNA (eDNA) to confirm GCN habitation or establish GCN absence.

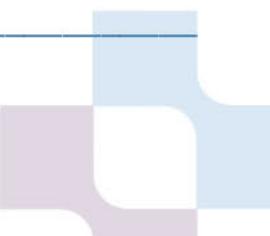
Results

| Lab ID | Site Name | OS Reference | Degradation Check | Inhibition Check | Result | Positive Replicates |
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| GCN25 8700 | Walled Garden Pond | 53.57092 N, 2.60287 W | Pass | Pass | Negative | 0/12 |

Matters affecting result: none

Reported by: [REDACTED]

Approved by: [REDACTED]



Methodology

The samples detailed above have been analyzed for the presence of GCN eDNA following the protocol stated in DEFRA WC1067 'Analytical and methodological development for improved surveillance of the Great Crested Newt, Appendix 5.' (Biggs et al. 2014). Each of the 6 sub-sample tubes are first centrifuged and pooled together into a single sample tube which then undergoes DNA extraction. The extracted sample is then analyzed using real-time PCR (qPCR), which uses species-specific molecular markers to amplify GCN DNA within a sample. These markers are unique to GCN DNA, meaning that there should be no detection of closely related species.

If GCN DNA is present, the DNA is amplified up to a detectable level, resulting in positive species detection. If GCN DNA is not present then amplification does not occur, and a negative result is recorded. Analysis of eDNA requires attention to detail to prevent the risk of contamination. True positive controls, negative controls, and spiked synthetic DNA are included in every analysis and these have to be correct before any result is declared and reported. Stages of the DNA analysis are also conducted in different buildings at our premises for added analytical security.

SureScreen Scientifics Ltd is ISO9001 accredited and participates in Natural England's proficiency testing scheme for GCN eDNA testing.

Interpretation of Results

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| Sample Integrity Check: | When samples are received in the laboratory, they are inspected for any tube leakage, suitability of sample (not too much mud or weed etc.) and absence of any factors that could potentially lead to inconclusive results. Any samples which fail this test are rejected and eliminated before analysis. |
| Degradation Check: | Pass/Fail. Analysis of the spiked DNA marker to see if there has been degradation of the kit or sample between the date it was made to the date of analysis. Degradation of the spiked DNA marker may lead indicate a risk of false negative results. |
| Inhibition Check: | Pass/Fail. The presence of inhibitors within a sample is assessed using a DNA marker. If inhibition is detected, samples are purified and re-analyzed. Inhibitors cannot always be removed, if the inhibition check fails, the sample should be re-collected. |
| Result: | Presence of GCN eDNA (Positive/Negative/Inconclusive) Positive: GCN DNA was identified within the sample, indicative of GCN presence within the sampling location at the time the sample was taken or within the recent past at the sampling location. Positive Replicates: Number of positive qPCR replicates out of a series of 12. If one or more of these are found to be positive the pond is declared positive for GCN presence. It may be assumed that small fractions of positive analyses suggest low level presence, but this cannot currently be used for population studies. In accordance with the WC1067 Natural England protocol, even a score of 1/12 is declared positive. 0/12 indicates negative GCN presence. Negative: GCN eDNA was not detected or is below the threshold detection level and the test result should be considered as evidence of GCN absence, however, does not exclude the potential for GCN presence below the limit of detection. Inconclusive: Controls indicate inhibition or degradation of the sample, resulting in the inability to provide conclusive evidence for GCN presence or absence. |



MECHANICAL REMEDIATION WORKS GUARANTEE CERTIFICATE

Subject to JKSL Terms and Conditions

CLIENT:

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SITE ADDRESS:

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JOB NUMBER:

JK23/9120

GUARANTEE OF WORKS

THIS CERTIFICATE GUARANTEES THE CLIENT THAT THE JAPANESE KNOTWEED INFESTATION HIGHLIGHTED ON DRAWING JK23-9120-12 HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY REMOVED AS PER DRAWING PROVIDED. SHOULD ANY RE-GROWTH OCCUR WITHIN THE EXCAVATION AREA BETWEEN 25.03.2025 AND 25.03.2040 THEN THIS CERTIFICATE COVERS ANY ADDITIONAL HERBICIDE TREATMENT TO ANY JAPANESE KNOTWEED RE-GROWTH DURING THIS PERIOD. WHERE PRACTICALLY FEASIBLE HAND FORKING WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO REMOVE ANY POTENTIAL MINOR RE-GROWTH WITHIN THE AREAS OF EXCAVATION DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS; AFTER THIS PERIOD, HERBICIDE WILL BE APPLIED. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE AREAS LEFT IN SITU.

DESCRIPTION OF COMPLETED WORKS:

- Provision of Safe System of Works/method statement document, risk assessments, COSSH assessments.
- Take soil samples from areas to be excavated, delivery to lab and testing undertaken.
- Implement clean site policy (Biosecurity measures).
- Clearance of JK surface growth.
- Cat scan excavation areas and preparation of site works.
- Excavation of JK as per drawing JK23-9120-12.
- Relocation of waste to loading area where necessary.
- Loading of wagons.
- Haulage and disposal of waste to appropriate disposal facility (X8 grab wagon loads).
- Decontamination of plant used in operation.
- Supply and installation of vertical root barrier system in JK2.
- Backfilling excavation/against vertical root barrier installed to secure it in place in JK2

The remaining JK left in situ (rest of JK2, JK1, JK3, 4, 5, and 6) are to be treated in situ through a herbicide treatment plan. JKSL have received an instruction to proceed from the client.



Photographs:

Before:

JK1

No photos taken.

JK2



JK3



JK4 & 5





JK6



March 2025 mechanical remediation works:

JK2



Rest of JK2, JK1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 all left in situ.



Drawing JK23-9120-12





Works Completed:

Excavation of Japanese knotweed material and disposal at an appropriate facility. Installation of vertical root barrier system.

Products Used: HSP6.

Period of Works:

Work commenced. 17.03.2025

Work completed. 25.03.2025

SIGNED

DATE

02.04.2025

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FOR AND ON BEHALF OF JAPANESE KNOTWEED SOLUTIONS LTD

All works carried out in line with industry and EA Guidelines

(Company Number: 04359188)

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Waste disposal information

Issued as separate PDF (issued 02.04.2025).

MINOR INCIDENT REPORTING BOOK

Please ensure that all **SMALL** incidents that take place within the park are reported and recorded in this book

| Date/time of incident | Description of incident | Contact details of public (involved in incident) | Staff member (incident reported to) | Park response/action (if required) | Further information |
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| 16/09/25 | FELL IN RAILWAY YARD AREA SLIPPED ON SLEEPER | | | DEALT WITH AT RAILWAY SAT DOWN & LEANED BRUISE TO HEAD ADVISED TO WATCH FOR | CONCUSSION, P TO GO TO HOSPITAL |
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