

MC/Park Farm/230322/EBC_Cond 19

22 March 2023

Eastleigh Borough Council
Eastleigh House
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Dear Sirs

Site - Park Farm, North Stoneham Park, Stoneham Lane
Planning Condition - 19 (Japanese Knotweed)
Planning Consent - F/19/86946

We are writing in response to the ecology comments set out in your email dated 27th February 2023 regarding Planning Condition 19 (Japanese Knotweed) for the above site.

We note the condition requirements are:

No development shall start until a method statement for the disposal of Japanese knotweed has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved method statement and the Environment Agency's "Code of Practice for the Management, Destruction and Disposal of Japanese Knotweed".

As per our previous correspondence, we have undertaken the remediation works required by the Condition. This is acknowledged in the ecologist's response which states that 'The terms of Condition 19 as stated in the decision notice have been satisfied'.

The ecologist further notes that the guarantee offered by Japanese Knotweed Ltd requires that treatment is undertaken at a neighbouring property, which we note is outside our ownership and influence.

We further note that Appendix 6 of the Report confirms that the Company Backed Guarantee offered by Japanese Knotweed is valid regardless of treatment to neighbouring properties.

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Whilst the Insurance backed guarantee does set out further criteria (including off site treatment), we note that neither guarantee was a requirement of the Condition.

In summary, a guarantee is in place (which was not a requirement of the Condition), and we have undertaken all the required works as confirmed by the ecologist. Noting that the condition needs to be discharged prior to development commencing, we would appreciate your approval of the above.

Yours faithfully



Michael Corby

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