

**Land adjacent to Netley Firs, Kanes Hill
Southampton**

**Invasive Plant Assessment and Removal
Hi-Acre Construction Ltd**

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MJA Consulting have been appointed by Hi-Acre Construction to progress the Reserved Matters & Detailed Design for the development of land adjacent to Netley Firs, Kanes Hill, Southampton. The site currently benefits from outline planning permission for 23 employment units with associated car parking and access from Kanes Hill. Granted by Eastleigh Borough Council in March 2021, Application Reference: 0/18/82750. This Technical Note has been prepared to provide the additional information requested by Eastleigh Borough Council relating to the strategy and method for the removal of invasive plants for discharging Condition 17.

Invasive species are those considered on the published list by The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA). There are 36 noted species of which 8 are deemed to be widespread throughout England and Wales and 28 that are not widely spread. The main development area is primarily open grassland in which no invasive species have been identified. The tree belt along the eastern and southern boundaries will be reduced in width to facilitate the approved layout. No listed invasive species have been identified in this zone, however, although not listed, Rhododendrons are present. Where encountered these will be removed as proposed by the Ecology Officer at the consultation stage.

Whilst no invasive species have been identified within the remaining tree belts, they are nevertheless quite densely vegetated and therefore could harbour unwanted species. However, a watching brief will be in place during the tree clearance work. As such any invasive species identified within these areas will be fenced off temporarily to prevent disturbance and potential spread. All and any subsequent removal and clearance will be verified by an independent specialist and undertaken by a specialised contractor registered with the INNSA and/or PCA. Where insitu treatment is possible but requires multiple applications, over a period of time, the plant will be removed whilst the roots are accessible and stockpiled temporarily in a secure location so as not to delay construction on site.

The watching brief will be site wide during the construction phase to ensure that no invasive species previously undetected in a dormant state, below ground, from previous works, or those that have been inadvertently established, are dealt with appropriately, as set out above.

