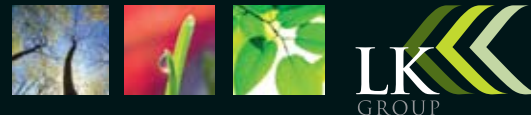


# The Invasive Plant Company Capability Statement



## Why Manage Invasive Plants?

Invasive Plants can restrict access to riverbanks and railways and cause damage to ecosystems, buildings and infrastructure.

Two notable Invasive Plants, Japanese Knotweed and Giant Hogweed, appear on the Countryside and Wildlife Act 1981 which transposes into law the correct handling and treatment of Invasive Plants. Intentionally causing their spread can incur large fines and even jail sentences.

Plants such as Japanese Knotweed are now common on development sites and their timely management is important not only for legislative requirements but also to ensure cost effective pragmatic solutions can be implemented without affecting programs.

## LK Invasive Plant Background

The LK Group began developing its own Invasive Plant remediation strategies as early as 2003. Since this point we have become one of the market leaders providing our services to major developers and house builders, city and borough councils, housing associations, primary care trusts and independent developers.

We provide a full capability of consultancy and contracting services ranging from the production of Invasive Plant Surveys and Management Plans, Supervision and Accreditation and a full suite of excavation remediation programs.

We believe that through an integrated, holistic approach that it is possible to develop cost effective, pragmatic solutions for any site. It is only through working closely with our clients and the relative planning and design departments that we are able to provide the most professional and diligent service with a full range of remediation strategies.

## Invasive Plant People

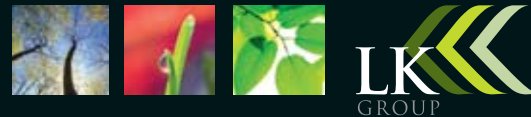
The Invasive Plant Company offers a unique blend of consultancy and contracting services. The delivery of the best possible service is based around having the best people to provide it.

All staff within the Invasive Plant Company are educated to a minimum of BSc standard in related fields such as Botany, Environmental Sciences, Environmental Impact Assessment and Project Management.

All staff have considerable experience and are fully qualified within the Japanese Knotweed and construction industry whilst understanding the complex nature of ecosystems and plant biodiversity.



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## Invasive Plant Management

The Invasive Plant Company firmly believes that eradication is possible for all site circumstances. In order to minimise costs and maximise effectiveness we promote early identification of key issues with our clients surrounding invasive plants.

Remediation strategies that look at the existing and proposed site plans and develop sustainable solutions can be produced to integrate with our clients programs and budgets.

Our continual project success is ensured through vigilant on site procedures, meticulous staff awareness and thorough site monitoring. All consultancy and contracting services are covered through our 5-10 year Insurance backed Warranties and Professional Indemnity Insurance.

## On site treatment Programs

Since 2003 The Invasive Plant Company has pioneered, trialled and perfected a range of different on site treatment techniques that will suit any site conditions.

These include but are not limited to:

- Partial excavation and insertion of a geotextile membrane – reducing the amount of arisings and providing a pragmatic solution for some construction types;
- Dig, Sift and Burial - removes the majority of the rhizome network from the excavated soil allowing the soil to be buried under a shallow repository removing the need for a deep burial pit and all the structural complications that can come with it; and
- Stockpile and spray – provides a cheap and quick alternative to other techniques providing there is adequate space on site to store the excavated soil.

## Project Services

The Invasive Plant Company offers the full range of consultancy and contracting services including but not limited to:

- Site surveys and reports;
- Method Statement and Management Plan Production and Assessment;
- Site Supervision and Accreditation;
- Herbicide Treatment Programs;
- River Basin Management Programs;
- Partial Excavation and Membrane Insertion;
- Various on site treatment programs; and
- Removal to landfill.

## Further Information

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