

63342 Invasive Species Control

Do you have a program to poison/remove invasive plant species?

We do not have a dedicated control program. However, we will treat invasive species when either staff identify them as part of their normal maintenance programme, or if we receive a complaint or a request for service. We only treat invasive species that are on Council-owned land.

If so, which invasive plant species are covered?

Giant Hogweed, Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam.

What method of control do you use for each species?

Chemical control, through glyphosate-based chemicals.

With what frequency do you treat them?

Generally, one chemical treatment per year. Staff will repeat treatment if species is evident in the following growing seasons.

How much has been spent on treating/removing invasive species for each of the last 3 years, broken down by year?

Do you have an envisaged allowance for spending on treating invasive species for 2026-7, and how much?

We do not record specific costs for the treatment of invasive species.