

DEFRA CONSULTS ON THE POSSIBLE RELEASE OF AN INSECT TO CONTROL JAPANESE KNOTWEED

Defra is currently consulting on its proposal to release an insect into the UK as a biological control against Japanese knotweed. Japanese knotweed is renowned for its ability to damage the built environment, particularly drainage concrete and foundations and has spread across Britain since being introduced as an ornamental plant in the early 19th century. This would be the first use in the EU of a biological control using a non-native insect. Consultation closes on 19th October 2009 - see www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/japanese-knotweed/index.htm.

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