

Chorley Liaison

Wednesday, 18th January 2023, 6.30 pm

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Chorley and Youtube

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Supplementary Agenda

4 **Item requested by Croston Parish Council**

A response has been received from Head of Streetscene and Waste:

Where are they referring to is it council land, private etc.? According to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, it is the responsibility of the landowner to prevent the spread of Japanese knotweed into the wild, or neighbouring properties. The Council did support residents to undertake the necessary qualifications for treating Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) in 2019. I believe that 1 resident from Croston passed this training. Any repeat would require identification of funding and suitable volunteers to undertake the training, assessments and then carry out the treatment.

Operatives are aware of Japanese knotweed but we will remind staff through tool box talks to be deliver before we resume grass cutting. Where we are notified of Japanese knotweed growing in highway verges we report to LCC as treatment of Invasive Non-Native Species within highway verges/ hedges would rest with LCC.

We only allow trained and qualified operatives to use herbicides so I am unfamiliar with the legalities of use qualified staff to supervise volunteers, I am seeking advice on this. If this is permitted then we would need to understand what commitment they are looking for.

Chris Sinnott
Chief Executive

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