

Treatment and disposal of Invasive non-native plants RPS 178 (Regulatory Position Statement)

We will not pursue an application for an environmental permit for the treatment and/or burial of any non-native invasive species plant material where you have made and maintain a document, such as a knotweed management plan, which sets out how the material will be excavated, treated or buried so that further growth and/or spread of the invasive species beyond the site is prevented. The document must be available to us on request.

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Himalayan Balsam Management Plan, Sinnington, North Yorkshire

1. Background

The site in question is the length of the River Seven in Sinnington where the banks are designated Village Green and therefore are the responsibility of the Parish Council. Two main areas of infestation exist; South of the main bridge and to the North of the footbridge.

2. Other considerations

Locations upstream and between the main areas are on private land and support from these bodies will need to be obtained to secure a lasting improvement.

3. Control processes

The preferred approach is removal by hand pulling. Plants will be treated by cutting below the lowest node and between rooting nodes to avoid reflowering. North Yorkshire County Council will accept invasive non-native weeds in sealed bags for incineration (these bags should not be placed in household waste bins). The preferred method for this area is to keep treated plants on site. Material will be placed at designated areas within the sites to facilitate decomposition and so that any potential re-growth can be monitored and dealt with.

4. Monitoring

Once the process has started then any cleared areas and composting sites should be monitored at least monthly in order to check there is no further re-growth. This plan should be reviewed on or before April 2025.

for and on behalf of Sinnington Parish Council.