



Japanese Knotweed Hazard Alert & Insurance Policy



Understand the risk of Japanese Knotweed at a specific residential property by using STL's unique and free Japanese Knotweed Hazard Alert. This Hazard Alert automatically classifies the level of risk as medium or high and recommends an appropriate insurance policy. Ultimately, this new Alert will help to protect your buyer and the lender from financial loss due to Japanese Knotweed.

Hazard Alert

- Within a couple of clicks understand the level of risk for residential transactions
- Risk classified as medium or high
- The Alert is based on exclusive data from the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology
- Recommends an insurance policy according to the level of risk identified
- Supports due diligence
- Alert report provides audit trail

A growing risk

Japanese Knotweed is classified as one of the most destructive non-native invasive species in the UK by the Invasive Non-Native Specialists Association (INNSA). The environment agency refers to it as 'the UK's most aggressive and destructive invasive plant' and the Environmental Protection Act 1990 classifies it as 'controlled waste'.

The plant can cause serious structural damage to property by growing through foundations, walls and floors as well as drains and other buried services. The plant can have a significant impact on mortgageability, value and saleability.

Japanese Knotweed is therefore a serious and necessary consideration for conveyancers and this is reflected in the TA6 form 'is the property affected by Japanese Knotweed? (Yes / No / Not Known)'.

Next Steps

Contact us for further information or to view a copy of the insurance policy.



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