



REQUEST	17041	RESPONSE
	<p>I would like a copy of the plan that is in place for the control and eradication of Himalayan Balsam which is well established in Orrell Water Park.</p>	<p>There is currently no formal plan in place for the control and eradication of Himalayan Balsam located within Orrell Water Park.</p> <p>In relation to Himalayan balsam: the approach agreed back in 2018 was to await guidance from the Environment Agency to coordinate catchment area-wide efforts. Until then, Streetscene would only work on areas of the highest priority. The rationale was that anything else would be futile: seeds would be carried from upstream and it would all start again. Given resource scarcity, and the higher risk posed by Japanese Knotweed and Giant Hogweed, treatment efforts would focus on those – with JKW being the only species subject to a yearly programme.</p>