

# NL436 Telford: Park Road Japanese Knotweed Excavation Works 2015

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### **Q1. Wheel Washing/Brushing & Spraying**

On the BOQ you are asking for a price for a wheel washer but in the tender documents it states that brushing off and spraying with glyphosate is required. Which do we need to price?

A. Please price for brushing off and spraying with glyphosate as per the Specification.

### **Q2. Financial Standing**

For the plywood frame can you give me some specs on this please? Its not something we are used to doing?

A. The purpose of the plywood is to reinforce the root barrier membrane, we understand this to be common practice as it is stipulated within EA Guidance on Management of Knotweed on Development Sites. You should determine the most appropriate method of installation to achieve the required objective, this will be subject to approval by the Contract Administrator prior to installation on Site.

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### **Q3 Sample Data**

Please confirm that no soil sample data is available for the site.

A. Park Road Ground Conditions Report has been provided to Suppliers. Due to size, of the document, this has been provided on a Client Access Web Portal for you to access and download. To obtain the documents please complete the following instructions:

- Enter the following URL into the address bar of your internet browser  
<https://clientportal.tep.uk.com>
- When prompted for a username enter: **Tep\tepca1** (be careful not to include a space after the username)
- When prompted for a password enter: **Tepca2907**

Please ensure your **type** in the username and password and do not copy and paste as this will not work.

Please be aware that the above report is historic. This information is made available on a 'without warranty' basis given the passage of time.

### **Q4 Possible Hazardous Waste**

Excavated material containing Japanese Knotweed is classified as contaminated. It must therefore be transported to a licenced waste disposal facility. Each Supplier will price accordingly. However, given that no soil sample data is available and that there is evidence of former mining activity, it is possible that the excavated material may be treated as hazardous by the Waste disposal facility. This may significantly increase disposal costs post submission of tender. Please could the HCA provide a position statement should this situation arise?

- A Please refer to response included within Q3. Suppliers shall price on the basis of this report, however if excavated material is subsequently found to be hazardous, this will be addressed via a variation to the Contract.

**Q5 2 No. Stands Close to Park Road**

The site drawing supplied identifies a 2 no. stands of Japanese knotweed close to Park Road. The documents state a requirement to dig 5m beyond the site boundary. Please confirm whether the HCA believes excavation is required onto Park Road?

- A The HCA does not intend to undertake excavations within Park Road. Excavations are to be undertaken to site boundary and root barrier to be installed along roadside. Suppliers to price for inclusion of root barrier.

**Q6 Tracked Excavator**

The development site is very uneven and there is considerable evidence of former mining activity. We believe that the use of a wheeled excavator may well be dangerous on some parts of the site and would therefore propose to use a tracked excavator. Is this change acceptable to the HCA?

- A The HCA will allow the use of tracked excavators however it is acknowledged that they are harder to clean, it would be the Suppliers responsibility to ensure plant is appropriately cleaned in accordance with the biosecurity measures of the Contract.