

CASE STUDY

Invasive Plants Treatment Framework

PROJECT:

Glasgow City Building

PROJECT VALUE:

£10,000

PROJECT TIMESCALES:

5 years

DATE AWARDED:

2012

CHALLENGE:



Figure 1: Area of treated JK

In 2012, ERS was appointed to City Building Glasgow's framework for the treatment of Invasive Plant Species.

Since appointment ERS has been instructed to survey a number of houses and flats owned by City Building to report on potential Invasive Plants infestation. Where invasive plants are found to be present, ERS develops and implements a suitable treatment and management plan.

SCOPE OF WORKS:



Figure 2: JK overtaking a garden hedge

Where invasive plants have been identified, a site survey is initially undertaken by the ERS Invasive Plants Team to delineate the nature and extent of the infestation. A management plan is subsequently developed, identifying the most appropriate treatment methodology for the site and its current/future use.

On occasion, complete immediate removal is required, and ERS will deploy the team to supervise the safe excavation and removal of contaminated materials to a suitable landfill facility.

Where immediate removal is not required, typically management plans identify a three year treatment programme, with a two year monitoring programme to follow thereafter. Most sites are sprayed/stem injected with herbicide twice during each growing season. ERS secures any additional permits (such as for spraying on/near watercourses) as required.

OUTCOMES:

On successful completion of monitoring (years 4 and 5) ERS will provide Glasgow City Building with a 10 year Insurance backed guarantee. As members of the Property Care Association, this warranty for work completed is provided independent of ERS, providing Clients with additional peace of mind.