

27 February 2020

Land Adjacent to Tabernacle Terrace
Cwmavon
Port Talbot
SA12 9HS

Dear Mr Wynne Edwards,

I, Alastair Krzyzosiak¹ write to summarise the findings of today's visit to the above site, undertaken on 6th February 2020.

I attended the site on behalf of Acer Ecology Ltd and was shown the extent of the site and the proposed works area by Mr Wynne Edwards. The purpose of the visit was to check for the presence of invasive plant species².

The survey was undertaken outside of the optimal survey period for certain species of flora and fauna, with many species having died back or having become highly inconspicuous at the time of the survey. However, signs of Himalayan balsam and Japanese knotweed are often visible outside of the optimal survey period when the plants are present on site in large enough quantities.

No invasive plants were recorded within the proposed works area at the time of the survey.

Japanese knotweed was noted in the wider area, outside of the proposed development site (approximately 105m to the north-east).

The photos below show the condition of the site at the time of the survey.



With many thanks,



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¹ Alastair is employed by Acer Ecology and is experienced in undertaking preliminary ecological appraisals and protected species surveys. He graduated with an MSc in Ecological Consultancy from Newcastle University and has five years of postgraduate experience. He has undertaken extensive training in protected species assessment and phase 1 habitat surveys. He holds Welsh and English licences for bats and great crested newts.

² Acer Ecology has not undertaken a preliminary ecological appraisal or other protected species surveys at the site.