



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-077, please find your question and our response below.

**Request:**

Please find below a request for information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

1. How many complaints related to Japanese Knotweed in domestic gardens did the council receive in the following years; 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020.
2. Of the above complaints relating to Japanese knotweed in domestic gardens, how many of the following actions were taken in 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020.
  - a. Section 80; Abatement Notice under the Environmental Protection 1990 and under which subsection of section 79.
  - b. Community Protection Notice under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014
3. Please provide a link or attachment of any policy or procedure related to Japanese knotweed complaints the local authority utilises when handling complaints of the plant in domestic gardens.

**Response:**

1.  
One complaint in 2020  
One complaint in 2024
2.
  - a. No Abatement Notices served
  - b. No Community Protection Notices served.
  - c. Treatment arranged by residents whose property is the source of the Japanese Knotweed. No enforcement required.
3.  
We do not have a policy, however if Japanese Knotweed allowed to grow uncontained then Community Protection Notice would be the desired route from a Council perspective.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-077.

If information has been refused, please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach [foi@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:foi@eastcambs.gov.uk) and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.