

Our Ref: 681-001

**Persimmon Homes Essex**  
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5<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Dear Sirs,

**RE: Japanese knotweed Survey - Haverhill**

Further to my site visit on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016, I can confirm that neither phase 1A or 1B currently have any evidence of Japanese knotweed.

Generally, at this time of year healthy young Japanese knotweed shoots are beginning to appear, especially in sheltered locations and built up areas. Given the cooler spell recently and the open nature of the site, it could be possible that dormant infestations are yet to emerge.

For this reason, special attention was paid to identifying historic signs of presence such as; previous years remaining vegetation (dead canes), evidence of herbicide use and recently disturbed ground. No such indicators were found.

Additionally the entire area beyond phases 1+2 as shown on the drawings provided by Persimmon Homes was also walked and checked using the same strategy. Again, no evidence of Japanese knotweed was found.

Given the nature and character of Japanese knotweed it is very difficult to conceal unless deliberate or covered by earthworks. It is assumed that the current agricultural land between the hedgerows is free from Japanese knotweed contamination due to regular use and maintenance.

Whilst it is possible Knotweed could still emerge, given the time of year, it is highly unlikely. Provisions have been made for a follow up visit to ensure the findings are correct and to support this report.

I hope this is of reassurance, if you have any questions or wish to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,  
Dan Rudland.

On behalf of Symbiotic Solutions Ltd



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