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DATE: 4th January 2024
SITE: The Oaks**,** Wrexham Industrial Estate
REFERENCE: UES03918/28

Dear Emily Armstrong,

Invasive Species Walkover Survey

I am writing to provide a summary of the recent ecological survey work undertaken by United Environmental Services (UES) at The Oaks, Wrexham Industrial Estate.

An invasive species walkover survey was undertaken on 5th October 2023 by Daniel Smith BSc UES Ecologist and Bethan Beeston UES Trainee Ecologist. The survey was undertaken to inform on the presence of any invasive species within areas of the site which were scheduled to be cleared as part of the proposed development. At this stage, no detailed proposals have been submitted to UES.

Three invasive species were observed on site during the survey; Himalayan balsam *Impatiens glandulifera*, Japanese knotweed *Reynoutria japonica and* montbretia *Crocosmia x crocosmiiflora* (see Appendix 1 – Site plan and Appendix 2 - Photographs). Himalayan balsam was predominantly found close to the watercourse which runs along the south of the site, beyond the proposed development boundary. With a small stand encroaching within the southeast of the site. The Japanese knotweed observed on site was located to the southwest of the site within the broadleaved woodland, where in excess of 200 individual plants were identified. A further small stand was present close to the watercourse. Approximately 10 individual plants of Montbretia were present within the southeast of the site.

Japanese knotweed and montbretia are listed under Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and Himalayan balsam is also listed under Schedule 2 of the Invasive Alien Species (Enforcement and Permitting) Order 2019. As such, it is an offence to plant or otherwise cause these species to grow in the wild.

In order to prevent the spread of these invasive species across the site or offsite and to avoid a breach of legislation, buffer zones should be established, and control measures should be implemented prior to the start of works on site, with the primary objective of eradicating invasive species from the development site as part of the development works.

If you wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or another member of staff at UES.

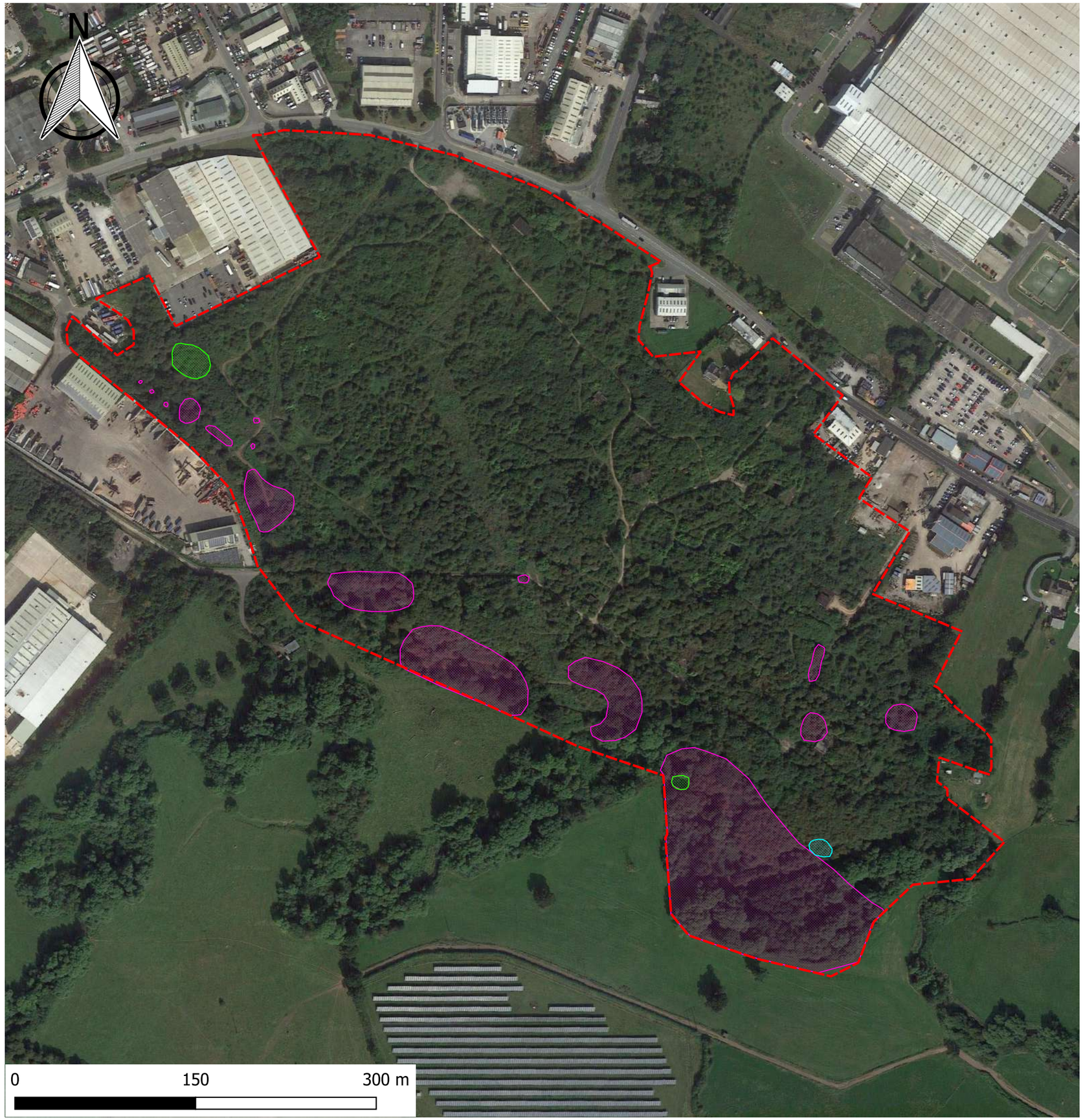
Yours faithfully,

Bethan Beeston
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Appendix 1 – Site plan

Invasive Species Walkover

Site: The Oaks, Wrexham
NGR: SJ 38786 49263
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Key

- Montbretia
- Himalayan Balsam
- Japanese Knotweed
- Survey Boundary

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Appendix 2 – Photographs



Photograph 1 – Low number of stands of Himalayan balsam south-west of the site, beyond the development boundary.



Photograph 2 – Himalayan balsam further west on site adjacent to an area which has recently been managed.



Photograph 3 – Large section of Japanese knotweed identified to the south-west of the site within the broadleaved woodland.



Photograph 4 – Scattered Himalayan balsam approximately 10m from the watercourse to the south of the site.



Photograph 5 – Himalayan balsam densely covering areas close to the watercourse on site.



Photograph 6 – Large area of Himalayan balsam at the south-east of the site.



Photograph 7 – Small stand of Japanese knotweed identified close to the banks of the watercourse, south-east off the site.



Photograph 8 – Montbretia present in a small area, south-east of the site.