

Successful treatment for Urban Vision

JKC has recently completed a treatment programme at Crescent Meadows in Salford, helping regeneration specialists, Urban Vision control several large invasive plant infestations that threatened a new cycle path construction.

Crescent Meadows is situated in Salford within close proximity of Peel Park, Salford Museum and Art Gallery and the University of Salford. The proposed regeneration works included the installation of a new cycle path adjacent to the riverbank to link Peel Park with Crescent Meadows.

The works were complicated by several large and well-established infestations of Japanese Knotweed and Giant Hogweed totalling approximately 600m², with a further two mature infestations of approximately 100m² located further into the site. One of these locations was in the direct route of the proposed path with major implications in terms of programming construction works.

A recognised treatment partner of Urban Vision, JKC was brought in to survey the site and recommended a combined treatment programme comprising stem injection and excavation. JKC supervised and managed the main contractor in specific excavation and relocation of contaminated material from the footpath area to the riverbank where it could be treated along with the other plants. Stem injection was then programmed in this location as a priority to prevent delays to the main construction work. Ongoing monitoring of the site has continued to prevent further contamination.

Urban Vision is a joint venture partnership between Salford City Council, Capita and Galliford Try, initially set up to enhance the services of Salford City Council but now delivering development and regeneration services to clients UK-wide. Landscape architect Hazel Cunliffe oversaw this latest project and commented:

"JKC has been very helpful and accommodating with its quick response, professional advice and management of the works, enabling us to progress the cycle path project on schedule."