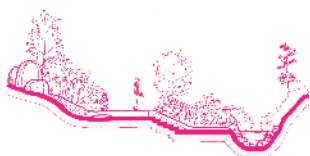


A knotty problem

Stockport Council is taking an environmental lead in the fight against the menace of Japanese knotweed, becoming the first local authority in the country to use a pioneering stem injection treatment method. The stem injection system works by delivering a measured dose of herbicide directly into the centre of the plant rather than just on the surface. This means it is a more environmentally-friendly alternative to traditional chemical spraying or dig and dump methods since it avoids drift spray, run-off or contamination of watercourses and other sensitive vegetation. Executive councillor (leisure), Shan Alexander, said: "The new treatment has brought significant environmental as well as economic benefits to our parks and recreation team."

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