

**PE1586/H**

Petitioner Email of 24 September 2016

Thanks for your email re our Petition. I only opened it today and apologise for the lateness of my response. I covered most things in my original response to the submissions made by the various organisations submitted by request of the previous Petitions Committee. However, we do feel that the last submission by SEPA shows that they have done nothing and appear to have no real powers or intentions of doing anything. We still argue that the only way to control non native invasive species is as per our petition. That is that landowners must be legally required (under penalty for failing) to take steps to treat invasive non native species on their land, irrespective how big or small the infestations are. Our request is in respect of Giant Hog Weed and Japanese Knotweed which are the two most widespread and destructive of non native invasive species. We would suggest that any legislation gives the Government powers to add any other non native invasive species at a later date if so required.

Regards,

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Secretary to Innes Community Council