Agenda 9a).

Dear Milly,

COUNCIL. 17/11/22

Firstly it was really helpful to have a catch up yesterday- it had been far too long.

Thanks for confirming your position in relation to continuing to manage the Japanese Knotweed at Thanckes Park now the original SLA we had in place has expired. I am pleased you wish to continue with this arrangement and I am also happy to simplify the agreement between the two organisations from the current 16 pages of the original document.

In summary the Council wish for you to control the Japanese Knotweed at Thanckes Park within the ownership boundary, complying fully with the up to date legislation associated with the use and storage of herbicides. I have attached the latest information that I am aware of on the subject but if you require any addition support Tim Bird is happy to assist your team. As the site is close to the watercourse I understand you will need to comply with Environment Agency legislation.

The Official Controls (Plant Protection Products) Regulations 2020: policy statement - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Following review of the agreement and in liaison with Cormac over their costs to undertake the works I am happy to pay £350 annually to your council to deliver the work.

Going forward if we can agree annually at the end of each season how the works have progressed and if you wish to continue the following year we will arrange the future agreements to your organisation.

I hope this is satisfactory and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes Jon