

# ENVIRONET NEWS

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**Japanese Knotweed - halting the alien species**

**For those who have used our expertise to eradicate Japanese Knotweed this season we would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks and continued support in stopping this highly invasive plant species.**

Environet is at the forefront of developing new techniques into achieving 100% eradication. We are currently finalising a technique which we hope to be able to employ just in time for the winter period when traditional chemical treatments are not effective. Early indications suggest that this new approach will be both time efficient and cost effective.

Wait for the green light on this new and exciting method.



**Olympics London 2012 Stratford City Development**

Environet is pleased to be undertaking a Japanese Knotweed eradication programme on part of the 2012 Olympic site in Stratford.

Work commenced in October 2006 and is programmed to last 12 months. Chris Barrett from ARUP London comments:

*"We required a solution that minimised off site disposal and provided flexibility for earthworks and demolition. Environet provided a proposal that successfully addressed*



**Environmental Management - ISO 14001**

**Environet continues to provide advice and support for organisations adopting formalised environmental management systems to ISO 14001.**

We have developed a model template in flow chart format to meet the procedural requirements of the standard. It keeps the EMS succinct and simple at an affordable price,

**Environet Complete Barns Green Half Marathon**

Environet's Nic Seal and Chris Simpson recently ran the charity half marathon held in the village of Barns Green, West Sussex.



The race attracted a strong entry of over 1500 runners whom enjoyed the perfect conditions and warm hospitality of the local supporters.

We're now looking to the next event. We'd like to hear from anyone wanting to compete with us in future races.

and provides the framework for environmental improvements over time.

A number of UKAS Accredited certification companies have congratulated us on the EMS, having been unable to find one single non-conformity.



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**New Contaminated Land Regulations 2006**

The contaminated land regime, introduced as part of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, has recently been extended and amended.

The Contaminated (England) Regulations 2006 replace the Contaminated Land Regulations 2000.

The key change is the inclusion of radioactively contaminated sites falling under the contaminated land regime. It is limited to those situations where human health is at risk, rather than the wider environment e.g. controlled waters, flora/fauna etc.

**Website Update**

We've recently updated our website

[www.environet-uk.co.uk](http://www.environet-uk.co.uk)

This now contains updated information in both HTML and PDF formats to make it easier to view both on screen and in paper format.

We'll soon be adding our video **"Japanese Knotweed – Avoiding the Pitfalls"**

to the website, which is designed to raise awareness of this invasive weed and how to deal with it. Please take a look.



**Land Remediation Tax Relief**

Land Remediation Tax Relief was introduced under the Finance Act 2001 to assist with the redevelopment of contaminated land. Environet is currently working with property tax specialists E3 Consulting Ltd to ensure our clients optimise the opportunities these tax breaks offer.

We are preparing a Group Action to challenge HMRC whether remediation of land infested with Japanese Knotweed should be eligible for relief. If you want to be part of this Group Action please contact [nic.seal@environet-uk.co.uk](mailto:nic.seal@environet-uk.co.uk)



**JAPANESE KNOTWEED**

**FOR ADVICE OR A QUOTATION ON JAPANESE KNOTWEED ERADICATION**

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**Environmental Green Taxes the future?**

Environmental taxation is used as a tool by Government to force a more sustainable future. Examples include the Landfill Tax, Climate Change Levy, Aggregates Tax, Congestion Charge, and other fiscal measures such as carbon trading.

The move amongst the political parties is to significantly increase these to reflect the externalities (hidden costs) of the environmental damage caused. So expect to pay more in the future for anything on the brown side of green.

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