Thank you for your letter of 9 September 2019 on behalf of the Science and Technology Committee, about our response to the Committee’s Report on Japanese knotweed and the built environment.

In response to your questions, Defra’s Areas of Research Interest were last reviewed in 2017 and will be refreshed during 2019/20.

We will be very happy to send you a copy of the report of the study of international approaches to Japanese knotweed in the context of property sales, which we now expect to be completed by the end of this financial year, rather than calendar year as stated in our response to the Committee.