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| <b>Date</b>    | 15/09/2026                                    |  |
| <b>To</b>      | Maxiom C.O. Matthew Jones                     |                                                                                    |
| <b>Subject</b> | Tech Note - 1A-B Colliers Row - INNS Walkover |                                                                                    |

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1.1. Certhia Ecology were instructed to undertake Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) survey within a plot of land located within Plot 1A-B Colliers Row, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 1DP. The plot of land is centred at National Grid Reference SO 03901 06322 and is hereafter referred to as the 'Site'
- 1.1.2. The INNS survey has been produced following a request by the Merthyr Tydfil county ecologist in support of the planning application (P/26/0049) of the Proposed Development.
- 1.1.3. The Site was previously subject to a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) and desk study, during which no INNS were identified on Site<sup>1</sup>.
- 1.1.4. A walkover of the Site was undertaken on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2026 with the objective of identifying any Schedule 9 Invasive Non-Native Species<sup>2</sup>.

## 2. Discussion and Recommendations

- 2.1.1. Certain plant species are listed on Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act. It is an offence to plant or otherwise cause these species to grow in the wild.
- 2.1.2. The desk study returned ten records of Schedule 9 INNS within 1km of the Site. Species recorded were; Japanese Knotweed *Reynoutria japonica*, Wall Cotoneaster *Cotoneaster horizontalis* and Himalayan Balsam *Impatiens glandulifera*. The closest record was for Japanese Knotweed, 91m from the Site. No Schedule 9 INNS were identified on Site at the time of survey.
- 2.1.3. Several stands of Snowberry *Symphoricarpos albus* were identified within the hedgerow on Site (Figure 1, TN 1-3) in addition to some emergent stands of Buddleia<sup>3</sup> *Buddleja davidii* recolonising the Site. Although not Schedule 9 species, Snowberry and Buddleia can form dense thickets, outcompeting native species.
- 2.1.4. Due to the lack of Schedule 9 species, on Site, no targeted INNS management plan is required.
- 2.1.5. The recommendations within the PEA include management of Snowberry within the hedgerow in order to achieve a Net Benefit for Biodiversity across the Site and have been included in:
  - Landscaping, Habitat and Ecology Scheme (LHES)
  - Green Infrastructure Statement (GIS)
- 2.1.6. The Site is currently considered absent of Schedule 9 INNS. However, if any suspected INNS are discovered on Site prior to works it is recommended an ecologist is consulted and an appropriate management plan produced.

<sup>1</sup> Certhia Ecology (2026) 1A-B Colliers Row – Preliminary Ecological Appraisal

<sup>2</sup> HMSO (Her Majesty's Stationary Office) (1981). Wildlife and Countryside Act (as amended by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000).

<sup>3</sup> Pre-construction clearance and grading of the Site is anticipated to remove any stands of Buddleia present, therefore targeted removal is not recommended at this time.

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**Table 1 – Site Photos**

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| TN3 |  |

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| Site Overview |  |
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Figure 1:  
INNS Survey Results

Main Map Scale:1:250 (A3)  
Date Modified:15/09/2026

### Legend

-  Site
-  Target Note

