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Site Located Whitemoss Rd & Dam Head Drive, Blackley
Condition 26.

Condition 26 - Prior to the commencement of development (including demolition, ground works, vegetation clearance), an invasive non-native species protocol shall be submitted to and approved by the local planning authority, detailing the containment, control and removal of montbretia, Himalayan cotoneaster and wall cotoneaster on site. The measures shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the approved scheme.

Reason- To ensure the protection of habitat of species that are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 or as subsequently amended in order to comply with policy EN15 of the Core Strategy.

Protocol statement - The report provided confirms the cotoneaster is located away from the site and in a woodland nearby. There is no evidence of invasive species within the agreed planning site boundary.

However a watching brief will be undertaken and the following carried out should evidence be found within the site boundaries.

- *Method Statement for Management of Cotoneaster.*

The plant is to be removed from site and therefore precautions and measures are required for its removal from site.

- *The following shall occur in the manner and sequence described:*

Once the full extent of the invasive plant has been established across the site it shall be carefully excavated in the presence of a suitable ecologist whom shall monitor the following methodology:

- *All excavations in the exclusion zone shall be supervised until the ecologist has confirmed all plant parts have been removed*
- *The ecologist shall direct the excavations of the root mass of the plant using small excavators and hand digging techniques to confirm the location and extraction of all the plant parts including the root systems.*
- *A designated landfill shall be established prior to the works to receive the contaminated waste*