

AMENITY ASSURED IS A MUST FOR COUNCILS

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Earlier this summer the Chemical Regulations Directorate (CRD), part of the Health & Safety Executive (HSE), threw its weight behind the latest Sustainable User Regulations and urged all local authorities to now only use Amenity Assured pesticide users and contractors.

In the increasingly competitive Japanese knotweed treatment market, choosing a reputable and reliable specialist has become more and more difficult for local authorities and specifiers, particularly as it is they who have the duty of care responsibility for all contractor work undertaken, and potential liabilities should treatments go wrong.

JKC's Joint Managing Director, David Layland commented: "We've long maintained that the

Amenity Assured Standard should be seen as a minimum contractor requirement. It's good to see the CRD and HSE is also now supporting and openly communicating this recommendation to all local authority chief executives."

The Amenity Assured Standard is administered by BASIS, an independent standards organisation specialising in the herbicide industry and seeking to remove quality variation between different pesticide operators and ensure a consistently high standard of performance is achieved nationwide.

It is now Japanese Knotweeds Control's firm belief that any local authority involved in appointing treatment contractors can no longer afford to consider companies who do not use Amenity Assured operatives.