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Japanese knotweed in the River Severn

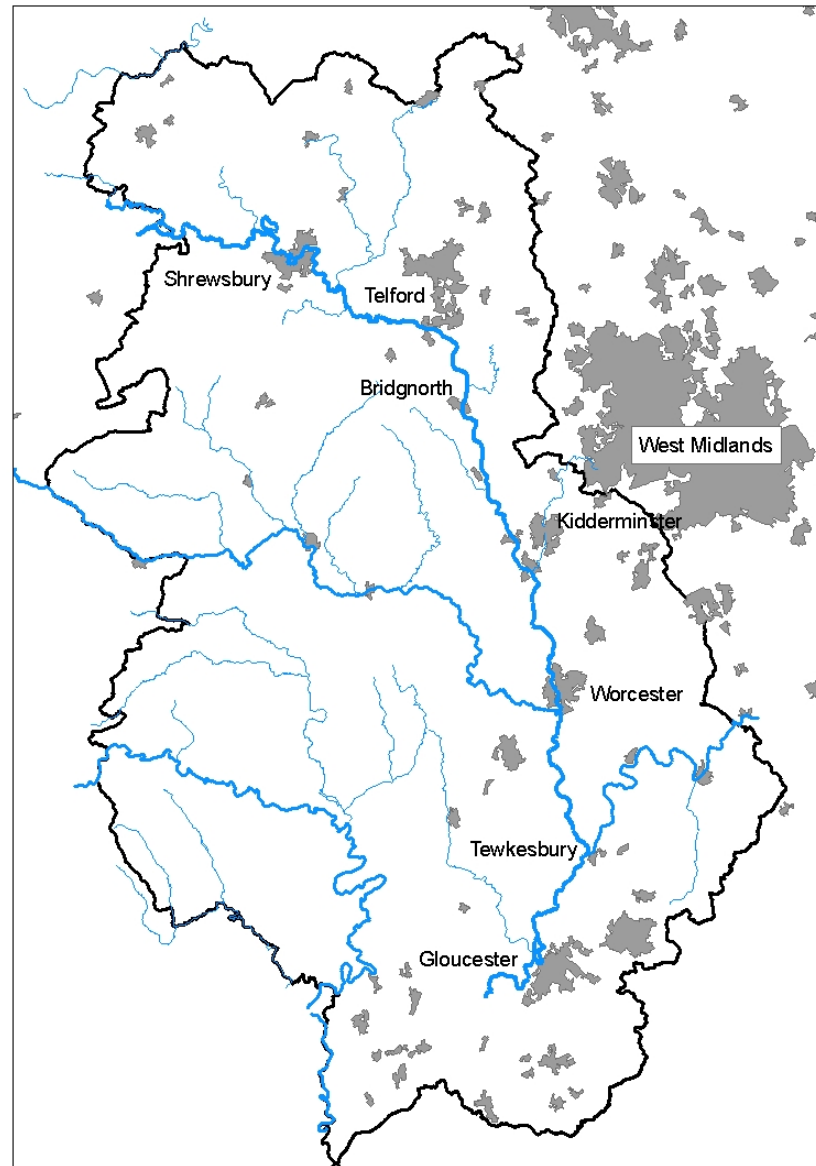
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What is Japanese knotweed?

- ⇒ Not native
- ⇒ Perennial
- ⇒ Spreads vegetatively



Why is Japanese knotweed a problem?

- ⇒ Spreads rapidly
- ⇒ No natural controls
- ⇒ Dense vegetative growth
- ⇒ Structural damage
- ⇒ Increases risk of flooding
- ⇒ Costly



Who is responsible?

➔ Landowner

What is the role of the Environment Agency?

- ➔ My Role
- ➔ As landowner
- ➔ Herbicides in or near water
- ➔ Waste management
- ➔ National team
- ➔ Partnerships
- ➔ More information at

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How can community get involved?

- ➔ Reporting
- ➔ Partnerships

The Future

➔ Bio-control



Other invasive species



Questions?

➔ If you do want to report any Japanese knotweed please feel free to contact me on

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