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An article from Homes & Property confirms that a flat owner in London has been awarded damages against their surveyor who failed to identify Japanese knotweed growing in the garden. According to the report, Environet confirmed the plant had been present for at least three years in three different locations. The owner sued the surveyor, who had completed a full structural survey for them, for the cost of removal of the invasive plant from their property and making good the garden as well as inconvenience. The judge also took into account the diminution in value of the property and it's reported the amount equates to tens of thousands of pounds.

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