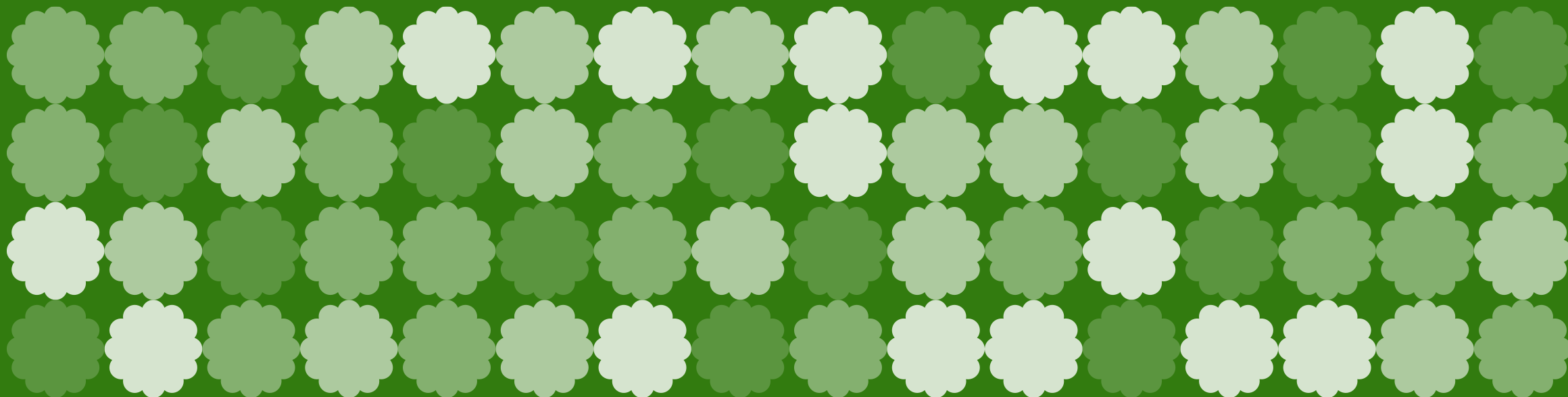




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# Three species



Giant Hogweed  
(*Heracleum mantegazzianum*)



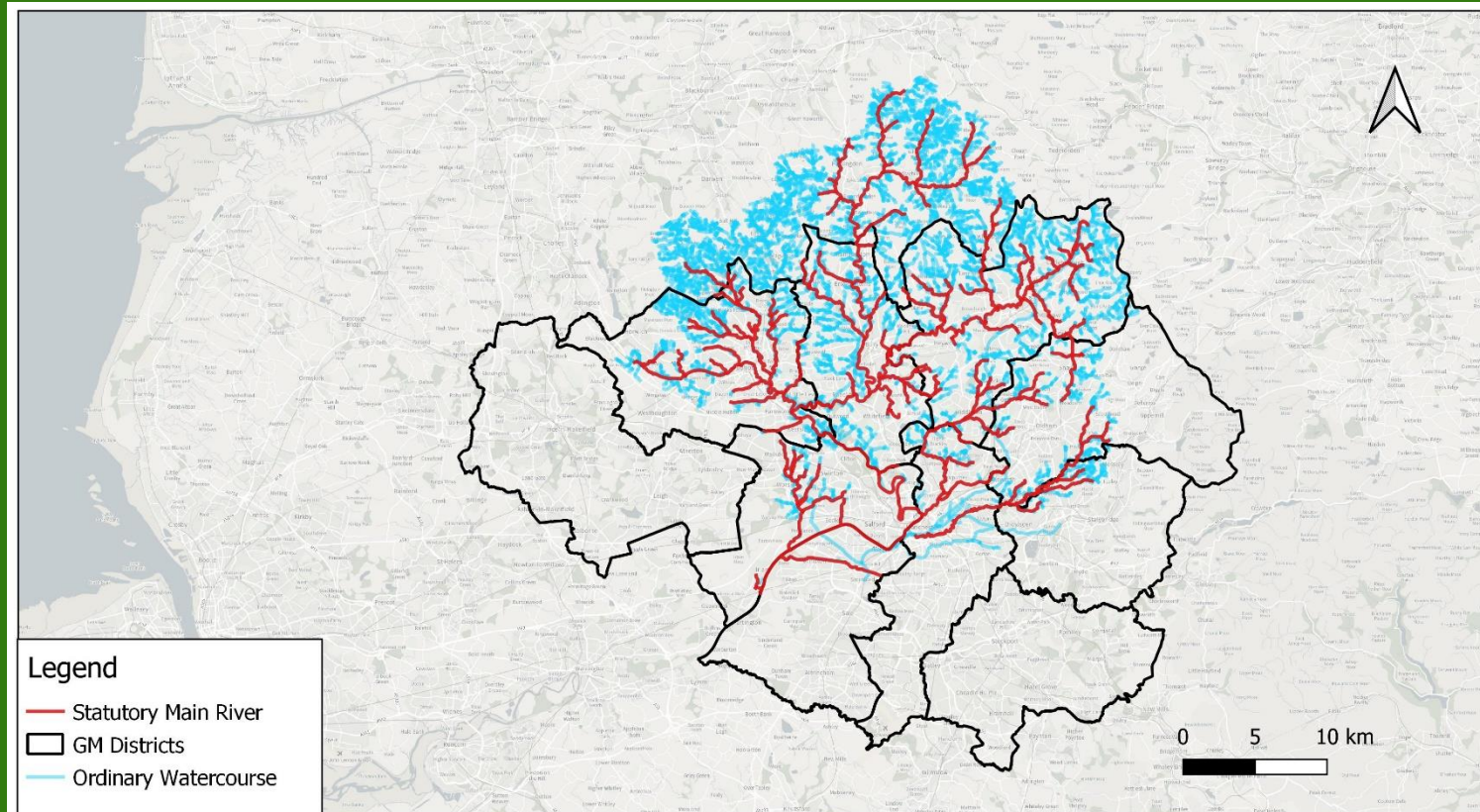
Japanese Knotweed  
(*Fallopia japonica*)



Himalayan balsam  
(*Impatiens glandulifera*)

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# The River Irwell and Greater Manchester



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Scale 1:350000

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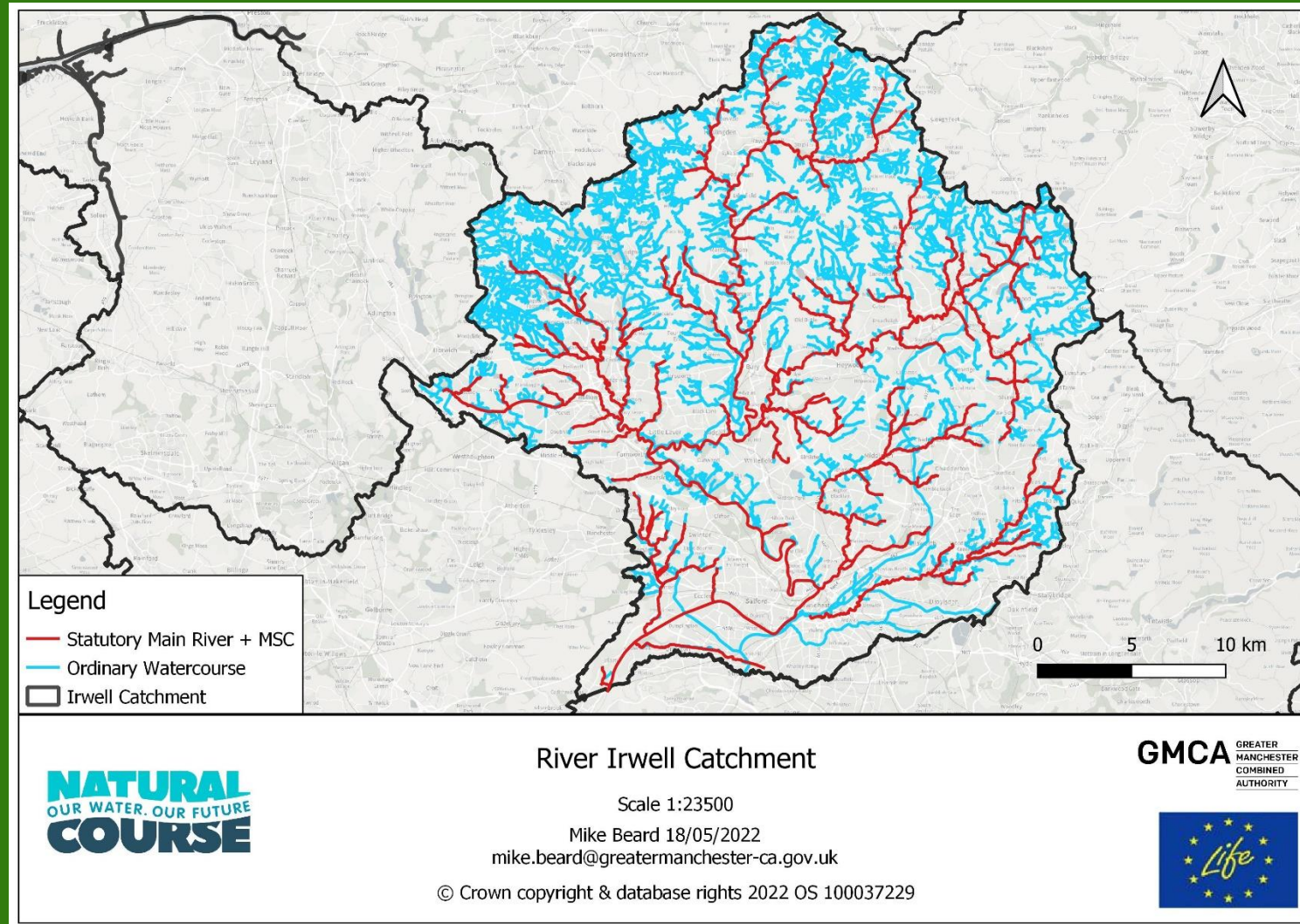
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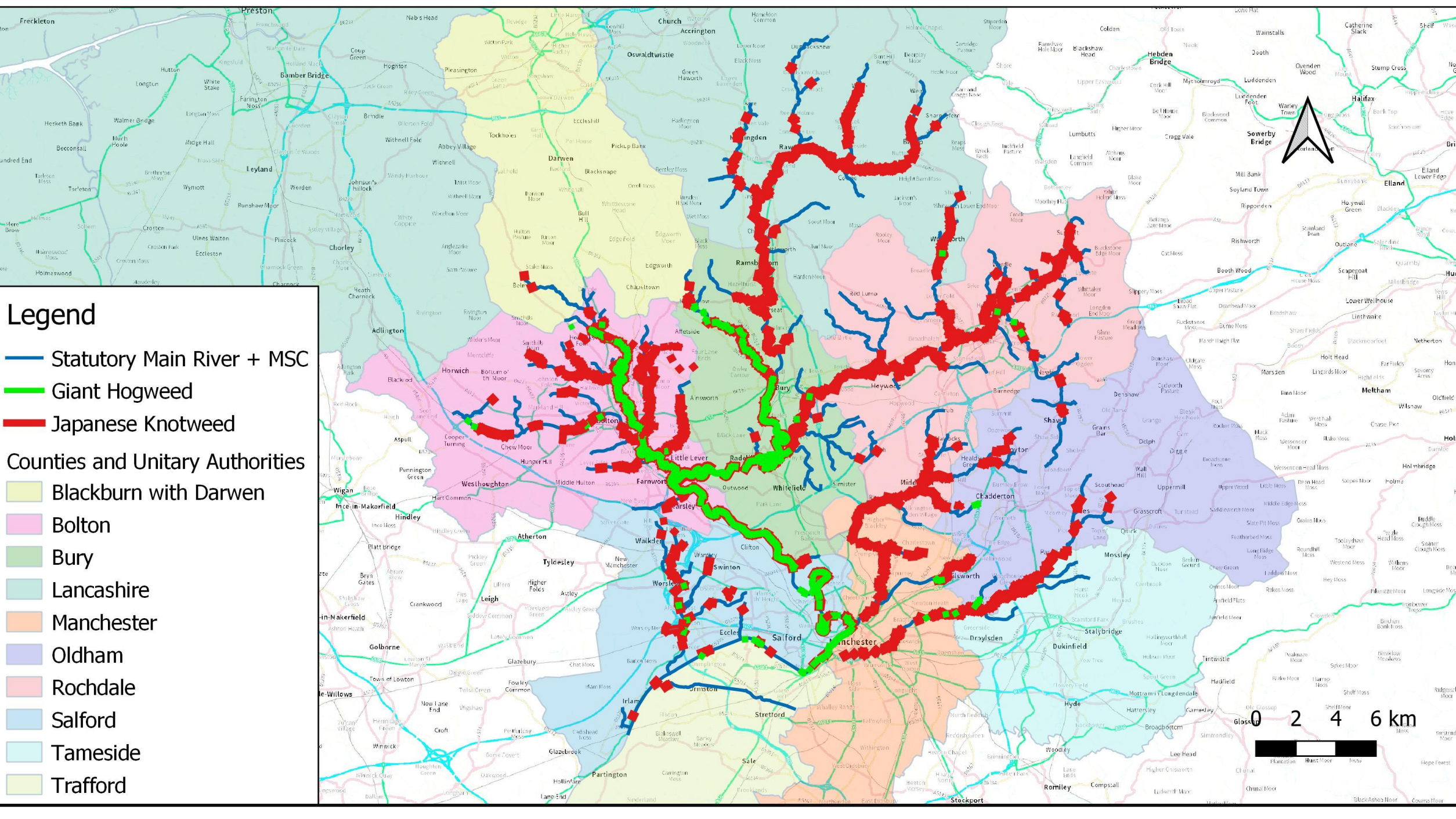
# The River Irwell catchment – Main River and Ordinary Watercourse



# Survey results

| Consultant survey<br>(436 km Main River) | No. of stands | Total line length (m) | Total Area Coverage (m <sup>2</sup> ) |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Japanese Knotweed                        | 2080          | 105867                | 361472                                |
| Giant Hogweed                            | 719           | 45493                 | 135883                                |

| Volunteer survey<br>(29 km Ordinary Watercourse) | No. of stands | Total line length (m) | Total Area Coverage (m <sup>2</sup> ) |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Japanese Knotweed                                | 60            | 4261                  | 4657                                  |
| Giant Hogweed                                    | 2             | 166                   | 110                                   |



## Legend

- Statutory Main River + MSC
- Giant Hogweed
- Japanese Knotweed

## Counties and Unitary Authorities

- Blackburn with Darwen
- Bolton
- Bury
- Lancashire
- Manchester
- Oldham
- Rochdale
- Salford
- Tameside
- Trafford

# Next Steps

## **Engagement so far**

- Local Authority Liaison Group
- GM Green Summit
  - Irwell Catchment Partnership INNS video debut

## **Irwell Catchment Partnership INNS Group**

- Continue raising general awareness and engagement
  - Promote within LNRS
  - Exploring how to assist landowners to take action
  - Shaping a strategy for what happens next
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