

**CONSULTATION PAPER ON FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF  
PHYTOPHTHORA RAMORUM AND P KERNOVIAE**

As regards **Question 1** - After consideration it would appear that Option 3 would be the sensible option to continue with, in order to give time to provide more information as regards satisfactory control measures. As far as the UK is concerned I do not think that Option 1 is a creditable option. Experience with Dutch Elm Disease has shown that where control measures are carried out that this slows the progress of the disease and allows time to perhaps develop a better understanding of it.

As regards Question 2 – P ramorum is obviously wide spread but as P kernoviae is less so controls for this disease should be increased to attempt to eradicate it completely.

As regards Question 3 – Regular inspections should be maintained to reduce spread.

As regards Question 4 – Appropriate levels of control should be placed on all land, garden and nursery owners to regularly make checks for infection and carry out controls as necessary.

**OPTION 1**

As regards Question 5 – P kernoviae could become a significant problem if Option 1 is selected.

As regards Question 6 – It could blemish reputations.

**OPTION 2**

As regards Question 7 – It could allow the diseases to gain a stronger foothold.

As regards Question 8 – a. Yes. b. Difficult to see how historic plants could be treated differently if the disease has to be eradicated.

As regards Question 9 – They are likely to continue to spread but to a lesser extent and the this option may allow time to develop a better means of tackling the problem.

No further comment as regards questions set out for option 3.

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