

## British Association of Landscape Industries

### Position Statement on Biosecurity in the Landscape Industry

The British Association of Landscape Industries (BALI) is committed to championing the highest standards of design, construction and maintenance in the landscape industry. We proudly support the activities of the landscape profession whilst respecting both the important role our members play as custodians of the landscape, and the intrinsic value of protecting the environment.

Outlined below are the biosecurity principles which BALI, its members and supporters are encouraged to follow. We believe that, by helping to protect and secure the future of the wider environment, these principles will support the growth and success of our members' businesses.

- **Review and act upon the threats from indigenous, established and quarantined pests and diseases** using insights from local, European and global sources. Target resources on the pests and diseases most likely to threaten biosecurity in the UK and develop a proactive approach to pest and disease awareness as relations with wider biosecurity networks develop.
- **Support governmental initiatives and share knowledge with the horticulture and landscape sectors, to raise awareness of new threats and reinforce biosecurity.** Develop tool box-style educational material for distribution to members that is easily accessible. Encourage members to develop pest and disease surveillance skills, which may be used proactively to identify threats in their own work and wider environment.
- **Support the growth of a landscape industry that is more resilient to the threat of pests and diseases.** Promote the thoughtful use, and disposal, of materials and the considered selection and sourcing of plants, resulting in the responsible execution of landscape activities that minimise plant health risks. Lead a culture of appropriate risk mitigation by encouraging the assessment of activities in terms of pest and disease risks prior to undertaking tasks.
- **Educate members on the interactions between biosecurity and environmental pressures, such as climate change.** Raise awareness amongst members to ensure a common understanding of their roles and responsibilities in regard to biosecurity. Seek to strengthen accountability within the landscape profession, particularly amongst BALI members.