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Information on the Asian hornet (*Vespa velutina*)

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Request

Please can I request a breakdown of the action being taken to:

1. Prevent the accidental import of the Asian hornet
2. Prevent the spread of the Asian hornet if it comes to the UK
3. Research how to destroy the Asian hornet, that may be carried out or funded by any other Government department. Example given would be a biological agent to kill the hornet or render the next generation infertile.

Response

We acknowledge receipt of your email dated 5 July 2014. Your request falls under the Environment Information Regulations 2004 and we are responding under **reg.12(4)(a)** 'Does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received'.

JNCC do not have responsibility for research or control of the Asian hornet (*Vespa velutina*). This currently falls under the remit of the Great Britain Non-native Species Secretariat ([NNSS](#)). This organisation has responsibility to help co-ordinate research and control of invasive non-native species in Great Britain. The NNSS Programme Board represents the relevant governments and agencies of England, Scotland and Wales.

The NNSS has an internet resource dedicated to the [Asian hornet](#), which contains guidance and reporting tools.

They can be contacted via email: <mailto:nnss@ahvla.gsi.gov.uk>, or by post at:

Non-native Species Secretariat
Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA)
Sand Hutton
York
YO41 1LZ

We hope this information is of assistance.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint please contact Head of Communications; <mailto:kirsty.meadows@jncc.gov.uk>.

If you are still not satisfied following this, you can make an appeal to the Information Commissioner who is the statutory regulator. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Wilmslow
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