

## **Scottish Water: Glencorse WTW E:letter 6**

### **Introduction**

November has been a very interesting month for the project team, firstly due to findings from our archaeological surveys, and secondly this month was also significant for the project team as we developed and signed our Team Charter.

### **Project Feedback**

The Midlothian Advertiser displayed Public Notices for our Public Open Day and our Poster Exhibition in the Penicuik Centre which were held during the first week in December.

Our Project Champions received no enquiries regarding the project on the Customer Helpline during November.

### **Liaison with Landowners and working on Land**

We started our planned archaeological survey in November; this was particularly exciting for our archaeological contractors and slightly concerning for ourselves, since they un-covered what is likely to be a Roman Marching Camp.

This was confirmed by the Regional Archaeologist who visited the site and who also came to our 'Meet the Team' session.

There is very little to show of the Romans in the Lothians except military installations, and the site at Glencorse is another vital piece of the puzzle.

This Roman military site is part of a network of other bases, watchtowers and camps across lowland Scotland – and it seems likely that it was situated to guard a gap in the Pentland Hills to the northwest of Flotterstone and the line of an east-west Roman Road that skirted the foothills of the Pentlands.

Further details of our discovery will be added to our website following completion of the archaeological surveys across the rest of the site.

Our reaction to this find is a positive one; this Roman feature is clearly of some significance to the Lothians and part of our heritage that should be protected. Consequently, Scottish Water is working in partnership with the Regional Archaeologist regarding this find. We are presently taking time out from our planned design programme to see how we can incorporate this feature into our design so we can retain the Camp and leave it in situ for future generations.

A significant consequence is the re-orientation of the Treatment Works building location which had previously been agreed in consultation with our local residents. Furthermore, it is likely to add a small delay to our planning submission. That being said, Scottish Water has already been applauded for taking this decision and we are heartened by responses to-date.

At the request of Midlothian Council, we are carrying out further tree surveys around the perimeter of the new Glencorse site to determine the general condition and mix of existing species as part of our Woodland Management Plan.

### **Meeting Local Residents**

We held another 'Meet the Team' event for local residents, neighbours and the general public at the beginning of December.

On this occasion we had intended to display the finalised plans which were to become part of our Planning Application submission. Given the archaeological discovery only the week before, this event became an informal update on our activities, with a focus on the Planning Application process.

However, we were joined by our Architects once again, and we were able to show further details regarding our planned landscape design proposals. These included details of our proposed planting mix which was of particular interest to a number of our visitors – these details will be added to our website and can be sent in the post by request.

We are pleased with the valuable comments and feedback received to date and they continue to be used in determining the key features and landscape elements which we will carry forward into our final scheme following the review of the WTW building re-orientation.

We have committed to return again for a final ‘Meet the Team’ session in January prior to submitting our Planning Application.

### **Liaison with Community & Stakeholders**

We held a Poster Exhibition in the Penicuik Centre during the first week of December, which was manned at times. The librarian advised the information was well received, and the quality of posters was in keeping with the standards being set in establishing the Penicuik Centre as an important venue for exhibitions and displays.

In addition to the local residents, we also advertised the ‘Meet the Team’ session as being open to the public and members of the Community Forum. In reality, no members of the public attended as we recognised all of our visitors on the day. We were encouraged by the attendance of Community Forum members during the Open Day, and were assured that information given would be shared by other groups.

The project team continue to liaise with Pentland Hills Regional Park, who have just received Outline Planning for a new Visitor Centre at Flotterstone, and also continue to meet with Midlothian Council Planning Department and other Statutory Consultees as part of the pre-planning consultation.

### **Project Team**

Scottish Water’s project delivery team consists of a partnership of specialist organisations. Scottish Water has engaged Black and Veatch to act as our design and build contractor for the project. Their role is to co-ordinate and manage all phases of the project. They have procured Montgomery Watson Harza (MWH) to provide design consultancy services and Environmental Resource Management (ERM) as their environmental specialists. Building Design Partnership (BDP) has also been engaged as Architect and Landscape Architect. We look forward to working together in this team to deliver a successful project over the coming years.

To this end, we held a partnering workshop in November. One of the important achievements on the day was to agree and sign up to a set of mutual objectives that we will all work to together in delivering this important project.

This Project Charter will be visible in all of our offices and will be on our project website within the next week.

### **Making Contact**

Updates will always be posted on our project website when available. If you would like to contact Scottish Water about the new Glencorse Water Treatment Works or the associated pipelines, you can:

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*Regards & Merry Christmas!*

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