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Introduction

Happy New Year and best wishes for 2008.

For the Glencorse project, 2008 is all about planning and looking forward. The Glencorse team now has lots to look forward to in what we hope will be a very positive and active year.

Project Feedback

The Midlothian Advertiser reported on our Poster Exhibition held in the Penicuik Centre as well as our promotion of healthy hydration and gifting of a hydration monitor to the Penicuik Centre Tone Zone. We hope that many New Year resolutions will put this monitor to good use.

The Midlothian Advertiser, Edinburgh Evening News, The Scotsman, Scottish Sun and Radio Forth all reported on last months discovery of what is thought to be a Roman Marching Camp. The discovery was also referred to on a number of blog-sites across the internet. Our decision to preserve this archaeological feature has been positively welcomed by many in the last month and the news reports have been syndicated around the world on the internet news services, in America, Australia and Europe.

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

We have received a couple of emails looking for further update on our plans to re-orient the building location as outlined last month which have all been answered.

Liaison with Landowners and working on Land

Our archaeological surveys were fully completed in December and aside from the initial discovery of the Roman camp, there were no other significant finds other than some Victorian ditches and evidence of historic field boundaries dating back to the 18th or 19th Century.

The whole suite of intrusive surveys across the Glencorse site has now been completed. The excavated trial holes and trenches were all filled in before Christmas and the site will remain like this for the foreseeable future.

In December and through January, we are verifying our database for neighbour notifications as part of the Planning Application process for both the cross country pipelines and the main Glencorse site. This will ensure we have all address details needed to issue formal Neighbour Notifications.

In January, our environmental consultants will be completing our tree surveys around the perimeter of the new Glencorse site to determine the general condition and mix of existing species.

Meeting Local Residents

As stated last month, following December's Meet the Team session and Public Open Day, we have committed to return again for another 'Meet the Team' session prior to submitting our Planning Applications. We will be in touch later with details nearer the time.

We are also having further correspondence and meetings with individuals upon request.

Liaison with Community & Stakeholders

In the beginning of December we met with the Health & Safety Executive to provide them with an initial briefing on the project. Edinburgh's Principal Inspector for Construction and his

team will continue to have an interest and maintain contact with the project and the project team at key stages.

We will meet with the Community Forum again prior to submitting our Planning Applications and will have further discussions with them to establish how best to share our information with the wider communities.

Information Boards and a comments box have been in place at the Pentland Hills Regional Park visitor centre at Flotterstone over the last month, to date we have had a couple of responses from walkers and visitors to the Pentland Hills. We will continue to encourage feedback through contact with the Park Manager, Friends of the Pentlands and the Joint Consultative Committee in 2008.

We continue to meet with Midlothian Council Planning Department, City of Edinburgh Council and other Statutory Consultees as part of the pre-planning consultation. Our project website continues to attract a high number of visitors. Current website feedback is positive and we are always keen to receive further feedback on how to improve our website. A number of visitors have asked to see further technical or design drawings to show what our project will finally look like – these details are being progressed in January and new material should be available for view in February.

Project Team

Our Architects and engineers were able to agree the modified building orientation before Christmas and are now finalising their designs for the end of January. This will allow our Environmental Statement to be completed which in turn will follow with the Planning Applications to be submitted in February 2008.

Looking forward to February, we will be identifying where the Planning Applications will be available for viewing to ensure maximum access to this information.

The Project Charter mentioned last month is now visible in all of our offices and may be viewed on our project website.

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:

Phone: Customer Helpline: 0845 601 8855

E-mail: glencorse@scottishwater.co.uk

Write to: Project Manager, Glencorse WTW Project, Watermark House, The Alba Centre, The Alba Campus, Livingston, EH54 7HH

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Regards,

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