

Scottish Water: Glencorse WTW E:letter 5

Introduction

Having turned back the clocks, the days are now getting much shorter. Where we were previously meeting people during the summer days and long sunny evenings, we now continue to meet local neighbours and stakeholders but are now leaving in warm fleeces as the winter nights draw in. October has been another busy month for the project team, so the fleeces were out on numerous occasions.

Project Feedback

During October, the Penicuik Town Crier printed details of our recent visits to Community Council Meetings.

The Midlothian Advertiser reported on Scottish Water's planned A702 road closure that enabled pipe inspections to take place in the vicinity of the new Glencorse site.

Both the Midlothian Advertiser and the Edinburgh Evening News displayed notices for our Public Open Day held in October.

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

Meeting Local Residents

As written last month, we hosted our third 'Meet the Team' for local residents and neighbours of the new Glencorse site. We were joined by our Architects, Building Design Partnership (BDP) and were able to show developing plans of the new works as well as details of the important landscape design proposals. Scottish Water have asked BDP to pursue a "Landscape" project, and were pleased to see the reactions to the various measures that will ensure the buildings are sensitively placed within the Glencorse locale.

Residents were also interested in viewing our draft construction programme. This helped us describe what will be happening on the site and the durations of physical activities when the new water treatment plant is being built. Photomontages helped us demonstrate how our discrete design will ensure that the visual impact of our new development will be sympathetic to the local Landscape.

We were once again encouraged by the high level of interest and we were able to take away further suggestions and actions in order to improve our plans prior to Planning Application.

A summary from the session will be posted on our website along with some of the conceptual drawings used.

Liaison with Community & Stakeholders

The next stage of engagement and consultation as we progress towards the submission of the Planning Application saw us return to the Glencorse area to host a public Open day on October 18th. This was our first opportunity to share our plans with the wider Penicuik & Midlothian community and we were able to display drawings and plans previously shared and developed with the local community.

We held our second Community Forum in October. The Terms of Reference for the forum are now available on our website along with approved minutes from the inaugural meeting. We intend to meet again before Christmas.

We are continuing to talk to both Pentland Hills Regional Park and with Friends of the Pentlands.

The project team also continues to meet with Midlothian Council Planning Department and other Statutory Consultees as part of the pre-planning consultation.

Liaison with Landowners and working on Land

The cross-country ground survey work for the 10km of new treated water mains between Glencorse and Edinburgh has been completed, with the exception of a couple of rescheduled appointments. We are pleased to have found nothing of interest or concern other than a few large boulders buried under the surface within the Midlothian section of the route. As expected, some of the land within the Edinburgh area has notable areas of rock underground.

All specialist surveys for bats, water voles, otters, newts and badgers have also been completed without concern; full details of these will be included in our Environmental Statement as part of our Planning Application. Our planned archaeological survey is scheduled to take place this month.

As a further reminder, we have created a Question and Answer sheet addressing concerns and questions regarding our requirements to access land. This is available to download from our website; this can also be sent out by post upon request.

Website Feedback

We are now getting over 300 unique visitors each month to our project website. If you have any feedback regarding the current content or if you would like to see anything else posted on our website, please email your suggestions to glencorse@scottishwater.co.uk .

Making Contact

We have now created a new 'glencorse' email address, though the old 'edinburghwater' email address will still continue to receive emails.

We will continue to put updates 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, The Edinburgh Drinking Water Project, Watermark House, The Alba Centre, The Alba Campus, Livingston, EH54 7HH

Or visit our website: www.scottishwater.co.uk/edinburghwater

Regards,

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