

Scottish Water: Glencorse WTW E:letter 8

Introduction

Nearly ready....

It is a pity that February is such a short month!! Every day counts and the Glencorse Project Team are now putting the finishing touches to our three separate Planning Applications which will be submitted at the end of this month. As such, this month's update is slightly shorter than normal.

Project Feedback

A quiet month, no specific activity for reporting in the media, though both the Midlothian and Edinburgh newspapers reported on Scottish Water's investment in improving drinking water for our customers in Edinburgh and the Lothians and referred to the new Glencorse project.

Liaison with Landowners and working on Land

We have continued to meet with a number of landowners along the pipeline route in both Edinburgh and Midlothian. We have made a number of route changes to suit a number of landowner activities and environmentally sensitive areas. Some of these conversations will continue this month.

We have created a leaflet that will be distributed at the end of this month to explain how the pipelines will link the new Glencorse Water Treatment Works with drinking water supply pipes in Edinburgh. These will be sent out to landowners and neighbours along the whole pipeline route to increase understanding about the need for our new pipelines. Please make contact if you would like to receive a copy.

Meeting Local Residents

We have hosted two open days recently. At the end of January, we held an Open Day in the Steading Pub & Restaurant by Hillend. Over 200 invitations were sent out to all who we expect to receive a neighbour notification as part of two pipeline planning applications for Edinburgh & Midlothian as well as local press adverts. Approximately 15 people attended including some people who had not been to any of our previous sessions.

We also held a further 'Meet the Team' Open Day at Flotterstone in the first week of February for the Midlothian public and local neighbours of the Glencorse site. This was our final opportunity for community engagement prior to Planning Submissions. We have found the whole consultation process to be of enormous value and we have been able to amend a number of project details as a direct consequence of the feedback received.

Notices of both Opendays were also forwarded to the 2 local Community Councils in Edinburgh & 2 local Midlothian Community Councils.

A summary of the points raised at both meetings will be created and sent out to all who left contact details, as well as posting to our website.

We also continue to engage in correspondence and meetings with individuals upon request.

Liaison with Community & Stakeholders

So far this year we have met with Planning Officers representing both Midlothian Council and City of Edinburgh Council and other Statutory Consultees, such as SEPA, SNH and Transport Scotland as part of the pre-planning consultation. We have also written to local Community Councils to make ourselves available for questions once our applications have been submitted.

Project Team

As mentioned previously, our new drinking water project is a very large project and as such is subject to a full Environmental Impact Assessment in order to prepare our 3 planning applications (i.e. new Glencorse WTW, cross country pipelines in Midlothian & cross country pipelines in Edinburgh).

This work began in earnest at the end of June last year; our design engineers, architects and environmental consultants have been working incredibly hard to complete the details required for our Planning Applications, which includes generating a lot of detailed information that will be held in our Environmental Statement and other accompanying reports.

Looking forward, these applications will be passed over to the respective Planning Authorities at the end of February. Full details will be made available at that time as to how and where people can view these applications. We have identified locations where our applications can be viewed in addition to the Councils' own offices and are also preparing exhibition boards for display and a scale model of the new Glencorse site.

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
- Or visit our website: www.scottishwater.co.uk/glencorse

Regards,

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