

Scottish Water: Glencorse WTW E:letter 13

Introduction

As a topical tie-in, the Beijing Olympics are about to start, and the Glencorse project is also at "Starter's Orders".

Our plans to construct a new Water Treatment Works at Glencorse to serve Edinburgh and parts of Midlothian are about to become a reality as the various permissions required to allow construction to commence are granted.

Scottish Water has received full Planning Consent from Midlothian Council for Glencorse WTW and has also received full Planning Consent from Midlothian Council and City of Edinburgh Council to build the pipelines which will transfer the supply of clearer, fresher drinking water towards Edinburgh.

Project Feedback

There was one article in the Edinburgh Evening News in July reporting on City of Edinburgh Council granting planning permission.

Planning Applications

Since the previous e:letter, Scottish Water received planning permission from City of Edinburgh Council to build the Edinburgh section of the new pipeline which will transfer water towards Edinburgh. The two Midlothian planning applications and the Edinburgh planning application were all referred to the Scottish Government who has since confirmed that none of the applications would be called in for further determination. Subsequently, Scottish Water has received full Planning Consent from Midlothian Council and City of Edinburgh Council to build the pipelines. This week, Scottish Water received full Planning Consent from Midlothian Council to build Glencorse WTW.

Scottish Water will need to discharge a number of Planning Conditions as issued by both Council Planning Departments in order to progress various activities within the project. We are now preparing various reports and method statements for agreement with planning officers and other stakeholders such as the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) in order to discharge our planning conditions and commence construction work.

Liaison with Local Residents & Community

As a matter of course, we will continue to consult with the local communities affected by this project, explaining the construction process and sharing our construction programme. A "Meet the Team" meeting will be held shortly at Flotterstone and notice for this will be raised in due course. Further opportunities will be made for the pipeline section of the project.

In the meantime, you, your colleagues or the wider community and public may contact us through the usual contact channels at the end of this e:letter.

Work on the ground

Whilst the main development has yet to start, some work is progressing at present, our archaeological specialists are conducting further surveys on our temporary working areas downstream of the Glencorse site; so far, their investigations reveal no evidence of historic activity.

Other construction work, in addition to the main Glencorse project, will commence shortly in the vicinity of the Glencorse site to divert existing water mains and existing

power cables and bring in new utility connections to the site. Engineers and surveyors will also be visible in the area.

Construction activity will be seen in both Belwood Road and Mauricewood Road shortly and further information will be available for those affected locally.

Moving Forward

Subject to Council approval, work is about to commence. Initial work will be focussed on the Glencorse WTW site and will last for approximately six weeks, whereby access roads will be formed, site protection and fences erected, drainage ponds created and the site prepared for excavation. The commencement of on-site bulk earthworks should follow on from this initial work in early October.

From the Autumn, I expect this e:letter to be replaced by a quarterly update, which will be supplemented by a regular monthly progress report on our project website. If you have any comments regarding this, please make contact using any of the methods below.

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, Alba Campus, Livingston, EH54 7HH
- Or visit our website: www.scottishwater.co.uk/glencorse

Regards,

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