

Scottish Water: Glencorse WTW E:letter 15

Introduction

The Glencorse WTW site establishment work which commenced in August is nearing completion. The project is now entering its construction phase which will commence with excavation activities in October. The start of construction of the new works at Glencorse, near Penicuik was marked by Stewart Stevenson, Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change, helping to move the first earth in this major project.

Planning Applications

Planning Conditions for Glencorse WTW continue to be discharged in a phased manner to allow the various stages of construction to commence at Glencorse.

A further planning application for temporary works at Seafield, by Damhead, was approved by Midlothian Council in September. This application was lodged by one of Scottish Water's sub-contractors. The new development will see the creation of a temporary pipe manufacturing facility that will deliver new pipes, made directly in Midlothian, for use on the Glencorse to Edinburgh water pipeline. This development is a world first innovation and brings the latest technology to support the Glencorse project; a major local benefit will be a significant reduction in the number of pipe delivery lorries as these will now be made locally.

Official commencement of Construction

Scottish Water launched the construction phase of the Glencorse Water Treatment on October 2nd. The start of construction of the new works at Glencorse was marked by Stewart Stevenson, Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change, helping to move the first earth. The ground breaking ceremony was also supported by local schoolchildren, Jeremy Purvis MSP, Midlothian Council and Pentland Hills Regional Park. The launch was covered by STV local news as well as local newspapers in Edinburgh and Midlothian.

Liaison with Local Residents & Community

We continue to meet with a number of parties, either directly or in representation of the local community. Some informal meetings are now also taking place as the Glencorse team interacts with local residents during the course of our working day. We continue to keep visitors to the area informed through our presence in Pentland Hills Regional Park. New information panels have now been erected at the Flotterstone Visitor Centre to ensure that those who enjoy the Pentlands are kept informed as to our current and planned activities.

Pupils from Mauricewood Primary School were amongst the first visitors to Glencorse in October as they came to experience the various activities required to build a new water treatment works. Our scale model and poster exhibition are now on display at the school. This is the first part of our ongoing educational programme that will continue through the life of the project.

Design Development

Our design team has been particularly active, looking at ways to develop the current design further such that we can further reduce the impact of Glencorse WTW even more than currently proposed scheme. This will bring further benefits to our neighbours, the local landscape and surrounding area. We look forward to revealing these details when our engineers have finished developing the current set of improvements.

Work on the ground

A great deal of activity took place during September in order to create access into the site at Glencorse; much of this initial work could be seen around the perimeter by way of new fences or new roads. This will continue through October with the continuation of water main and electrical diversions as well as new cable installation in the Mauricewood Road area and new sewer works in Belwood Road, both by Penicuik.

Our access road into Glencorse will be ready for use in early October. A further access will be created from the A702 following our water main diversions. Earthworks (i.e. excavation) are also scheduled to commence at Glencorse this month.

Our roadwork activities in Damhead will finish in October, completing the necessary off-site preparatory work in the area.

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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