

## **Scottish Water: Glencorse WTW E:letter 19**

### **Introduction**

It has been three months since the previous e:letter, in this intervening time the Glencorse project has made steady progress through the 2009 winter. At an elevation of approximately 650 feet above sea level, the weather by Penicuik this winter has been very fresh at times and also white with snow! Nonetheless, the landscape at Glencorse has been transformed by the construction work currently taking place. The project is highly visible from the surrounding area by the large tower cranes that are now visible above the skyline. Regular progress has been captured with photographs updated monthly on our project website ([www.scottishwater.co.uk/glencorse](http://www.scottishwater.co.uk/glencorse)).

### **Work on the ground**

Significant progress has been made in constructing the Glencorse Water Treatment Works building. As of this week, we have started construction of our Clear Water Tank (treated water storage reservoir). This begins with a large earth moving phase whereby we will be digging a hole to accommodate the large concrete tank, which will then be buried after construction.

A summary of some of our recent work at Glencorse is below:

#### Completed Works

- Water mains diversions by the A702 completed as planned.
- Remaining overhead power lines at Glencorse removed as planned.
- Site offices and welfare units for workforce fully established.
- Tower cranes erected.
- Water Treatment Works (WTW) excavation completed.
- Civil construction (concrete) of WTW foundations complete.

#### Ongoing/Planned Works

- Civil construction of WTW walls, tanks and channels
- Excavation of Clear Water Tank commences
- Export of excess subsoil commences
- Civil construction of foundations for Clear Water Tank to commence in early summer.

### **Road Closures**

An essential part of the Glencorse Project involved the diversion of water mains in the A702 Trunk Road (Edinburgh to Biggar) and Mauricewood Road adjacent to our construction site. These planned activities were a major construction activity requiring 24 hour working and took place between 2<sup>nd</sup> February and 16<sup>th</sup> February with the A702 opened ahead of time on February 15th.

### **Glencorse - Edinburgh Pipeline**

The pipeline construction phase is about to commence. Some of the working areas along the pipeline route are in the process of being fenced with topsoil being stripped under the supervision of archaeologists and construction drainage works underway in sections. This activity was commenced in the Seafield Mill area and move towards Glencorse.

In a worlds first, a temporary pipe production facility has been set up as part of this project and has begun making the new water pipes for the Glencorse Project in Midlothian. By making the pipes locally to our site we have significantly reduced the amount of lorries that required to make deliveries to our project and the impact on local roads has also been reduced massively.

A new leaflet is now available to show the planned route and timescales for construction for various sections of our pipeline. This leaflet will provide an understanding of the route of the pipeline and provide details of where to find further information; it has also been updated to give an indication of when the various sections of the pipeline will be constructed. This is also available to view on our project website. This information will now be distributed to landowners, tenants, neighbours, community groups and any other interested parties upon request. We will liaise with land owners, occupiers and local residents in greater detail when we are preparing to commence work in specific local areas.

## **Liaison with Local Residents & Community**

We are keen to ensure that all local residents have the latest information on the project, including recent developments to reduce the overall size and visual impact of our development at Glencorse. Our next Glencorse 'Meet the Team' session is planned for early April. This will also provide the local community the opportunity to meet the project team directly and to share any concerns.

We also continue to update neighbours and local stakeholders in advance of any significant planned activities that may have an impact on any these groups. A second Meet the Team session for landowners, tenants and neighbours along the pipeline route is also being planned.

## **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](mailto:glencorse@scottishwater.co.uk)
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Regards,

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