

Issue Number 2

Introduction

This is the second in a series of monthly e:letters to update stakeholders in the development and progress of the new Glencorse WTW in Midlothian.

Project Feedback

Over the last month, media interest has been relatively quiet.

At the end of the first month following Scottish Water's announcement locating the Works at Glencorse in Midlothian, we had received a total of 25 telephone calls, letter and emails. In contrast during July, we received only 3 contacts.

Meeting Local Residents

We advised last month a commitment to meet local residents at the end of August following our previous session in June, and can confirm we will be holding our next 'Meet the Team' session on 28th August at the Flotterstone Inn. It is proving to be worthwhile as we spend time together, working on the proposed location and layout of the new Works.

We will be responding to issues raised at our previous session, we will be presenting our most up-to-date plans as well as highlight activities being carried out as part of our Environmental Impact Assessment.

Liaison with Community & Stakeholders

In July, Scottish Water was able to provide briefings to some of the Midlothian Elected Members in Wards 1 & 4 as well as members of the Planning Department.

As advised previously, a Community Forum is being planned to assist communication with existing community groups through their representatives. Invitations have been sent to key stakeholders to establish a Community Forum ahead of the Planning Application and we will continue to meet through the construction phase. We have met with Pentland Hills Regional Park, who has confirmed that they will join the Forum. We will be meeting Friends of the Pentlands next month.

We continue to encourage involvement from local Community Councils, particularly those who will represent the community affected by the Glencorse water treatment works and the cross country water mains linking water supplies to the existing water infrastructure at Fairmilehead and Alnwickhill.

An education support programme is being developed for local primary schools and we will be making contact at the beginning of the new term with all Primary Schools in Penicuik

An Open Day for the benefit of the wider Glencorse and Penicuik community is currently scheduled for late September when more detailed plans will be available. This will be communicated through the media, our project website and local Community Councils. We are also in discussion with Penicuik Community Development Trust to develop a joint exhibition.

Liaison with Landowners

Restrictions are currently in place due to the current FOOT AND MOUTH outbreak. We are monitoring the development of this situation and will assess this impact over the next month.

We have identified and contacted the majority of landowners and tenants that could be affected by the proposed WTW and associated pipelines. Discussions are continuing regarding our schedule to access land for investigation work, land purchase and permission to lay pipes.

Looking forward

Over the coming weeks, we will be progressing towards submission of the Planning Application along with the accompanying Environmental Impact Assessment. We are pleased to record that Case Officers have now been appointed within Midlothian Council, and this will assist our preparations.

We will be briefing a number of Community Councils in Midlothian and Edinburgh through August, September and October, and a number of dates are in the project diary.

A unique opportunity is being taken by the Project team by organising a Planning Seminar with Planners from Midlothian Council and East Dunbartonshire Council. This is to ensure that the lessons learned from the recently completed £120m Katrine Water Project at Milngavie, are applied to the benefit of the project being developed at Glencorse. A number of the project team for the Glencorse Water Treatment Works project have been working for the last 5 years or more on the Katrine Water Project, and the event holds many opportunities to share the experiences gained, to the benefit of the Works at Glencorse. Details of the new Milngavie Water Treatment Works can be found by visiting www.katrinewaterproject.com

July has been a dreadful month weather-wise; as a result, conditions have not been good for our planned aerial survey. This will continue when good weather and cloud conditions allow, and we plan to publish some of the photographs.

Making Contact

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:

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