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Dear Scottish Water Neighbour

Community Consultation – Fairmilehead Water Treatment Works

Scottish Water is always serving Scotland, providing a vital public service to 2.4 million households. Our ambition is to be one of Scotland's most valued and trusted businesses, one that we can all be proud of.

As you may know, our new water treatment works at Glencorse will replace the existing water treatment works at Fairmilehead in 2011. At this time the existing treatment works at Fairmilehead will become surplus to the operational requirements of Scottish Water. The existing office building will, however, remain on the site and this will continue to be occupied by Scottish Water staff.

We have been in regular dialogue with the City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) about the redevelopment of the water treatment works and we made representation to the Edinburgh City Local Plan review in July 2007, promoting the site for residential development. The Council commented positively on the representation stating:

'The Council has been advised that Fairmilehead works will be given up in 2011, and has advised Scottish Water that housing would be an appropriate alternative use in principle at this location. Accordingly, a modification of the Plan would be appropriate, the site has the potential to make a significant contribution towards housing needs in the Plan period and beyond.'

It is now our intention to apply to CEC for 'planning permission in principle' to establish that residential redevelopment is still acceptable on this site. This application will include an illustration of how the site may be developed but it will not include details of the number or type of houses or road layout and landscaping. This level of detail has not yet been fully developed and will be subject to separate consultation and planning application to CEC at a later date.

In conjunction with our initial planning application to the CEC we will also shortly be entering an open market process to select either a buyer for the redundant water treatment works or a partner to develop the site. At this stage more details of house numbers, layouts etc will begin to take shape. It is important to note that any capital receipts generated by a sale of

land by us will be reinvested back into Scottish Water projects to help us deliver a better service to all our customers.

Find out more about our proposal

Before we submit this application for 'planning permission in principle' we will be holding a 12 week public consultation, starting today. Once the 12 week consultation is complete Scottish Water will collate all responses and submit them together with our application to CEC. The Council will then consider the proposal before providing us with their response.

We would like to hear your views and invite you to visit our public exhibition to learn more about the proposal and ask any questions that you may have.

We hope that you are able to join us on **Friday 8 October from 12 noon to 5pm or Saturday 9 October from 10am to 5pm at Fairmilehead Parish Church, 1a Frogston Road West, Edinburgh EH10 7AA.**

We welcome any feedback that you may have on the proposal. If you would like any further information before the public exhibition or you would like to let us know your views, please do not hesitate to contact us in one of the following ways:

- Visit our website www.scottishwater.co.uk/fairmilehead;
- Email us at 'fairmilehead@scottishwater.co.uk';
- Call our Customer Helpline on 0845 601 8855 and quote 'Fairmilehead Consultation';
- Write to me at the address at the top of this letter.

I look forward to meeting you at our exhibition.

Yours faithfully

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