

Glencorse Water Treatment Works Project

Public Consultation - "Meet the Team 3", Thursday 25th October 2007

Review of discussions and points raised.

Water mains diversions for proposed Roundabout on A702

Following the successful recovery of information during the recent temporary road closure, Scottish Water can now complete the necessary design details to enable the diversion of water mains currently under the A702. It is anticipated that this work will take place in the early part of 2008 to allow construction of the proposed roundabout.

Treatment Works building and Service Reservoir

The latest architectural drawings were on display showing the overall design of the treatment works building, and we were encouraged with the reactions to the details shown. Discussions centred on further work to be undertaken on the layout designs, and providing further details on landscape architecture.

Design Philosophy

Our architects who were present at the session, have been asked to pursue a "Landscape" project, and were pleased to see the reactions to the various measures that will ensure the buildings are sensitively placed within the Glencorse locale.

The green roof will ensure the buildings blend into the surrounding land when viewed from the Pentlands. Extensive earthworks will be used to create natural screening of the Water Treatment Building and buried Reservoir, using earth bunding and a reprofiling of the land in areas around the developed works.

We received a request to use earth bunding to act as a visual and sound screen during the construction stage. We will take all practical measures to provide these bunds where the existing land can accommodate them, it is expected that some areas will then be reformed as part of final landscaping.

A number of different elevations and views of the Works were provided that assisted discussions on further landscaping and mitigation measures that would minimise the visual impact of the Works from neighbouring properties. It was acknowledged that as the landscape designs are further developed, we will be able to provide more information on landscape architecture and proposed planting of trees and bushes as part of the overall design.

Other drawings, impressions and cross-sections will be made available to assist understanding of views of the Works from around the neighbourhood, and more distant views.

The various drawings displayed will be added to the project website to ensure widest possible access to the latest information as the design continues to develop.

Project Programme

A broad programme of construction activities was made available. Whilst it could not provide a fixed calendar of activities for next year, it facilitated discussions on how long particular activities would take. We noted that there was a general acceptance for completing earthworks as quickly as possible to allow construction works to commence as early as possible. It was also noted that the longer hours of daylight during summer assisted this activity and this should be acknowledged when ensuring the overall programme duration is kept to a minimum.

Given that there are other considerable construction activities taking place in the locale by way of major services diversions and road modifications, we noted there is a general desire to see all construction completed in a time efficient manner.

On-going communication with residents adjacent to the development area

A further meeting for local residents is planned for early December 2007 prior to submission of the Planning Application. We also plan to host a further session in the New Year when full details of the Planning Application will be made available.

Additional liaison with the Community

A Community Forum has been established and is assisting communication with existing community groups through their representatives. Further details can be found on our project website or can be forwarded upon request.

Our education support programme is being developed to establish partnership working with local schools, colleges and Universities. We are keen to hear from any interested parties regarding opportunities to work with schools and further education.

Making Contact

We will continue to put updates on our project website whenever possible. If you would like to contact Scottish Water about the new Glencorse Water Treatment Works, you can:

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