

Scottish Water: Glencorse WTW E:letter 12

Introduction

Our plans to construct a new Water Treatment Works at Glencorse to serve Edinburgh and parts of Midlothian took a significant step forward last month. Scottish Water has received planning permission from Midlothian Council to build the new Works and part of the pipeline which will transfer the supply of clearer, fresher drinking water towards Edinburgh.

Project Feedback

Newspapers in Midlothian & Edinburgh both reported on the approval of the Midlothian planning applications in May.

Our Customer Contact Centre received one query from a customer in Edinburgh in May; asking for more information regarding our new WTW at Glencorse.

Planning Applications

Scottish Water received planning permission from Midlothian Council in May to build the new Works at Glencorse and the Midlothian section of the new pipeline which will transfer water towards Edinburgh. This is welcome news for Scottish Water and our customers in Edinburgh and Midlothian. The Midlothian applications have now been referred to the Scottish Government for determination.

The Glencorse project team has already spent more than 2 years developing this long-term solution for Edinburgh's water supply needs. We carried out our biggest-ever consultation exercise, canvassing the views of local communities, politicians and stakeholders, to help design and shape the new works. We believe our approach to consultation and customer engagement was a fundamental part of our project development process.

Our third planning application is currently being considered by City of Edinburgh Council and we await the decision in due course.

Liaison with Local Residents & Community

We will continue to consult with the local community, explaining the construction process and sharing our construction programme. A further "Meet the Team" meeting is planned for the Flotterstone Inn in the Autumn; when we assume we will have obtained all necessary permissions to allow the construction activities to commence.

Having established such strong links with our neighbours, it is important for Scottish Water that we continue in this vein.

Work on the ground

We have been asked recently as to whether our investigations discovered any further evidence from roman times at Glencorse following on from the discovery of the neighbouring Roman Camp earlier this year. It was clearly important for us to establish if there were any buried antiquities or further evidence of roman activity before we progressed further. Our archaeological specialists conducted an extensive survey of the whole Glencorse site; their investigations revealed no further evidence from roman times and no artefacts were found.

An aerial view of the Glencorse site can be seen at our project website, this provides a excellent view of ground investigations which were completed. If only Channel 4's 'Time Team' could carry out so many trenches in their programmes!!

Moving Forward

Progress will continue at a steady pace, with further careful consideration necessary before construction work can begin on site. Final funding agreements with the Scottish Government will need to be verified. It will also be necessary to finalise construction contracts with a number of companies, this will guarantee that our customers get the best possible deal and that the project is delivered to time and to budget.

This **E:letter** will take a holiday next month and I will write again in August, by which time I provide an update on our remaining planning application and our progress as we prepare for construction.

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
 - Write to: Project Manager, Glencorse WTW Project, Watermark House, Alba Campus, Livingston, EH54 7HH
 - Or visit our website: www.scottishwater.co.uk/glencorse
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- If you would prefer not to receive this e:letter in the future, please advise by emailing 'glencorse@scottishwater.co.uk' with 'e:letter unsubscribe' in the subject field.

Regards,

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