



## **Edinburgh Drinking Water Project Vision Statement (2) for Architect**

- The Project will bring significant improvements to the public water supply in the capital and will provide the people and businesses of Edinburgh with a modern, safe drinking water supply that meets new stricter quality standards as set out by Regulatory requirements. Public safety and health are therefore over-riding priorities for the Project.
- As a project of strategic importance to Scottish Water, and as the single largest capital project in the Q&SIIIa investment programme with specific technical and security requirements, Scottish Water wishes to promote the new works as an innovative, intelligent and low impact development.
- The siting of the new works located in Midlothian adjacent to the existing raw water aqueduct, will be sympathetic to the local environment and community.
- A master planning approach will be adopted to ensure that the engineering, architectural and landscape design are carried out to the highest standard.
- The Project will be informed by and establish water industry best-practice in sustainability to ensure that the works are cost-efficient and environmentally and socially responsible over their whole life, from construction to operation over the long-term.
- The Project will adopt a robust and transparent approach to the development of the new works, involving detailed technical studies and consultation with the public, Planning Authorities, Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), Historic Scotland, Architecture and Design Scotland (A+DS) and other stakeholders at each key stage, to ensure a "single pass" journey through the planning and other consents systems.
- The construction and operation of the new works will be managed to the highest standards of health and safety and communications to ensure any potential disruption and disturbance to the employees on site, the local community and the environment is kept to the minimum and mitigation is provided where appropriate.