

Glencorse Water Treatment Works Project

Public Consultation - "Meet the Team 9"

Review of discussions and points raised Wednesday 3rd September 2008

Planning Applications

The project has now received full approval for our original Planning Applications from both Councils and the Scottish Government and has also received the necessary authorisation from Scottish Water Board. Construction has now commenced.

In August, we raised a new Planning Application to request an amendment to extend our Working Hours. We regret the unrest that this application has created. At the Meet the Team session however, we made good progress in explaining what we are actually hoping to do, which is not 12 hours working everyday 6 days per week. We understand and apologise for the poor impression which we may have created when our revised notification was delivered.

In reality, the impact of our proposed working hours extension is much less - we were able to explain this to residents with better information and clarity. Scottish Water would like to arrive at a compromise position and has drafted some commitments which are attached to this Meet the Team Summary.

Scottish Water would like to receive further feedback on these commitments and would be happy to discuss these further. Clearly, Scottish Water hope that local residents would be happier with our proposed plans rather than 12 hours a day working for 6 days a week. We also hope that some of the initial objections raised may be removed.

We believe that the Glencorse project team has formed a positive relationship with local residents and we are committed to see this continue.

Water Treatment Works

The main WTW building is to shrink following detailed evaluation by our designers and engineers. This will result in the building being approximately 20 metres shorter and 6 metres narrower. This equates to a 20% reduction in floor area. This will assist in reducing the impact of construction.

The large silos, previously located outside and visible from the A702 and other viewpoints have been reduced in size such that they will now be accommodated within the main building.

The earth bunds that surround the WTW building are to be raised to ensure the building is better screened. Additional bunds will also be created to screen and reduce the impact of the southern end of the building.

The final contours of the earth bunds that surround the building are to be less steep. This will create a more natural land profile.

All local feedback regarding these proposed design changes was positive given the reductions in size and appearance. These changes will all be submitted to the Planning Authority over the coming weeks.

Construction Programme for the new Works

The overhead power lines that cross the Glencorse site are expected to be diverted and removed from the site in October by Scottish Power. New electricity cables will also be laid in Mauricewood Road, this work will commence in September.

Temporary construction offices are now on site, with 24 hour security now in place. More permanent construction offices will arrive later in the year following the removal of the overhead power lines.

Security/safety fencing is now being erected around the site. This is for the period of construction only and will be removed at the end of the project. A more appropriate low level fence will be erected at the end of the project.

Earth screening bunds are being created at present. Some bunds will be finished following the removal of the overhead power lines and will be seeded this month.

Trees have been felled in order to create the new site access road from Mauricewood Road. When this new access road is completed - within another week or so - the temporary access off the A702 will cease to be used at this time. Further trees will be felled shortly inside the site boundary.

We tabled an overview of our construction programme and high level activities. This will be posted on our website shortly.

Our Construction Partner, Black & Veatch, will produce progress and lookahead reports regularly which will be posted to our project website.

Roundabout on the A702

Our previous understanding was that construction work on the new roundabout on the A702 was to commence in Spring 2009. We have not received an update, though feedback from local residents and current market conditions suggest that these road works may be delayed.

Water Main diversions

Water mains that pass under and along the A702 by Glencorse will be diverted shortly. Work at the Glencorse site followed by work in the fields south west of House O'Muir will commence in September. Connections with the water mains in the road will take place at the end of the diversion work. The connections will require temporary road closures of both the A702 and Mauricewood Road. We will inform local residents when the timing for this activity is confirmed.

On-going Communication

Time spent consulting with local residents and the local community has proved to be time well spent. We will continue to make opportunities in the future for similar sessions.

Future "Meet the Team" meetings/surgeries are likely to take place 'on site' towards the end of the year.

Feedback and enquiries can continue to be made by letter or e:mail using our contact details below.

We will continue to put updates on our project website whenever possible and will arrange for letters to be distributed locally if additional notices are required.

If you would like to contact Scottish Water about the Glencorse Water Treatment Works, you can:

Phone: Customer Helpline: 0845 601 8855

E-mail: glencorse@scottishwater.co.uk

Write to us at : Project Manager, The Glencorse WTW Project, Watermark House, The Alba Campus, Livingston, EH54 7HH

or visit our Website at : www.scottishwater.co.uk/glencorse

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Key points relating to proposed extension of working hours

- The aim of the extended working hours is to ensure that the site is fully reinstated before the Spring of 2011.
- Normal construction work will finish at 6pm rather than 7.30pm. The majority of the workforce will leave the site at this time.
- Construction working will finish at 1pm on Saturdays. Saturday afternoon activities will be limited to maintenance of equipment and machinery in preparation for the following week, i.e. there will be no external construction on Saturday afternoons.
- Only limited key activities will be undertaken after 6pm by a small number of the workforce. This is intended primarily for excavation activities. Our construction programme shows this to be for a three month period next Spring. Similar limited activities would be limited to activities such as 'backfilling' and 'reinstatement'. The extended working hours would not always be utilised. External road traffic would not be affected by this activity.
- Extended working hours will only be used when there is sufficient daylight.
- Most of the activities proposed to be undertaken during the extended working hours will be unseen by the majority of residents.
- All normal planned construction deliveries will take place between 8am and 5pm; the exception to this is only expected to apply to larger concrete pours which may require additional concrete delivery.
- Removal of earth from the site will normally cease before 5.30pm.
- The planning conditions already limit how much noise is permitted at the boundary of the construction site and we will be undertaking noise monitoring to ensure that these limits are met.
- The nature of the soil on the site limits potential problems from dust but further dust reduction measures will be implemented. These measures include seeding of the earth screening bunds, dampening of the ground during dry periods, installing wheel washing equipment and road sweeping to reduce dust.
- Earth screening bunds are currently being constructed and will be seeded in the near future. These bunds will reduce the amount of noise that can leave the site.
- Much of the construction activity will take place either below the current ground level or behind constructed concrete walls to limit the noise that will be emitted.