

12. Relations with the Local Community & other Stakeholders

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Glencorse Water Treatment Works

Client: Scottish Water | Designers: BDP / Black & Veatch / ERM
Contractor: Black & Veatch

DESCRIPTION: The £130m Glencorse Project involved construction of a 175 million litre per day water treatment works and 15km of pipeline on greenbelt land to the south of Edinburgh. Buried structures, a low profile design and Scotland's largest grass roof ensure that the finished works is almost invisible from the surrounding countryside, maintaining the rural scene for local residents and the many users of the neighbouring Pentland Hills Regional Park. Consulting local residents, schools, archaeologists, community councils, planning authorities and many other stakeholders, Scottish Water's largest ever consultation exercise was undertaken. The team worked sensitively with the numerous businesses and customers, from speaking at Community Council meetings, to inviting local residents to regularly tour the construction site, from undertaking an extensive Education Programme to enhancing the recreational facilities of the Pentland Hills Regional Park. The aim was to add value to the local community at every stage of the project. An independent audit carried out confirmed the project's success in carrying out an exemplary public consultation in support of the New Works Planning Application.



ACHIEVEMENTS: Constructing a tunnel beneath the City of Edinburgh Bypass avoided disruption to hundreds of thousands of travellers; a number of opportunities to volunteer within the community were developed by the team (including: fundraising for local disabled sports group; activity to refurbish picnic area at Pentland Hills Regional Park; assistance with creation of garden at local vet school).

JUDGES' QUOTE: *This project clearly had both a significant and influential positive impact on the local community and in particular the schoolchildren. The Project Team went the extra mile and succeeded in demonstrating that rather than creating a nuisance this project is a 'once in a lifetime opportunity' for learning. Through their transparency and sincere commitment, the team has inspired school children to become civil engineers and construction professionals of the future; an outcome that the whole profession should strive to achieve.*



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