

Kippford: New Wastewater Treatment Works

Site selection consultation review and decision

Introduction

Between 7th July and 10th August 2020, Scottish Water ran a consultation on two potential locations for a new Wastewater Treatment Works in Kippford. The consultation period was extended from the original closing date of 31st July to allow for more responses.

This consultation followed feedback from the community on our initial preferred location proposal of site A to the north of Merse Way.

Whilst this phase of the engagement is now complete, we believe it is important that we continue to engage and consult with the community on the project and provide regular updates.

On our webpage you will find a feedback form, which will remain open as the project progresses.

Figure 1: The proposed locations being considered in this consultation.



Method

To ensure that residents were aware of the consultation, we issued a letter to over 200 properties.

To complement this we also sent emails to the elected representatives for the area including the Kippford Association.

Feedback was gathered via an online form on our website.

Over the consultation period, we received 15 responses. We have not published these responses in full to ensure confidentiality, however we have grouped and summarised the comments below.

In summary

- 11 Customers stated a preference for site B
- 2 customers stated a preference for site A
- 2 customers stated no preference

Decision

Site B will be taken forward for development.

Comments

Odour: Odour was noted as a concern during both this exercise and past engagements.

Whilst we can never guarantee that there will be no odour from the works, we would like to assure the community that there will be odour control measures and plans in place. Details of these will be shared as they are developed.

Noise: Concerns about noise were raised in several responses received.

When we are designing the works, we will keep in mind that this is a priority for the community and will work to identify potential noise risks and what actions will need to be taken to mitigate these.

Visual: A number of respondents noted concerns around the visual impact of the works.

Whilst we are currently too early on in the design stage to show what the works will look like, we are committed to working with the community in ensuring that it is sensitive to the local surroundings.

Specific location on Site B: Further to the visual impact, a number of respondents stressed a preference for placing the works as near to the existing telephone exchange as possible.

We will be basing our designs around this preference and once we have a draft design which is practical, this will be shared with the community.

Ongoing communication from Scottish Water

We are committed to including the community in the design process and will work to deliver a project which both meets the needs of the village whilst operating effectively and efficiently.

We will work to use different methods to communicate going forward and will trial different engagement tools to help reduce face to face contacts during this period.

Next Steps

As we move into the next stages of the project, you may see our teams in the village. Once we have drafted designs, we will share these with the community.

Over the coming months, we will also share our indicative project programme with the community.