

NOTE FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Supplementary Information on 711TH - Route 9 between Tsing Yi and Cheung Sha Wan

INTRODUCTION

In considering PWSC(2001-02)52 on 711TH “Route 9 between Tsing Yi and Cheung Sha Wan” at the Public Works Subcommittee meeting held on 13 June 2001, the Administration undertook to provide supplementary information on the following -

- (a) the interface of the Route 9 Project with the Container Terminal No. 9 (CT9) works; and
- (b) the development of the sites in West Kowloon Reclamation west of Sites Nos. 6 and 10 and the need for noise barriers for these sites.

THE ADMINISTRATION’S RESPONSE

Interface with CT9 Project

2. Stonecutters Bridge project, being a major element of Route 9 between Tsing Yi and Cheung Sha Wan, will have a close interface with CT9 works. The western bridge tower of Stonecutters Bridge, which is a critical portion of the bridge, will be constructed on a piece of land formed by the CT9 Developer. The piece of land on which the bridge tower stands is part of the CT9 project designated as “backup land” and will be handed over to Government in stages. According to the Lease Conditions for CT9, the Developer shall hand over the land required for Stonecutters Bridge in November 2004 to enable the construction of the western bridge tower. Construction of the bridge itself is scheduled to commence in late 2003 with work starting on the eastern bridge tower first. The plan showing the western bridge tower of Stonecutters Bridge on the land formed by the CT9 Developer is at Enclosure 1.

3. Highways Department (HyD) maintains regular contact with the CT9 Developer and is kept informed of the progress of CT9 works through monthly progress reports. As at end May 2001, the CT9 works programme is 13% complete. The CT9 Developer indicated in mid June 2001 that the reclamation works for the area required for the Stonecutters Bridge is still scheduled for completion and hand-over to HyD in November 2004.

4. Under the Special Conditions of the Land Grant relating to the CT9 Development, the Government could, by giving three months prior written notice to the CT9 Developer, enter the western bridge tower area in November 2004 and complete the outstanding works, if necessary. This condition ensures that the construction of the western bridge tower can commence as scheduled, should the CT9 Developer be unable to complete the works on time.

5. We will continue to liaise closely with the CT9 Developer on the progress of the CT9 work.

Development of sites adjacent to Sites Nos. 6 and 10

6. The Outline Zoning Plan for West Kowloon indicates that the land lots in West Kowloon Reclamation adjacent to Sites Nos. 6 and 10 are planned for "Other Specified Uses", "Government, Institution or Community" and "Industrial", none of which is sensitive to noise. These are shown on the plan covering the planned land use of the area at Enclosure 2.

7. As the planned land use on the lots west of West Kowloon Highway and the Mass Transit Railway (MTR) rail extensions do not involve sensitive noise receivers, there is no need to install noise enclosures for these facilities.