

NOTE FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Supplementary information on 74LC – Redevelopment of Lo Wu Correctional Institution

INTRODUCTION

In considering the paper referenced PWSC(2006-07)23 on 7 June 2006, the Public Works Subcommittee requested the Administration to provide an update on the progress of the measures the Correctional Services Department (CSD) and other Government departments have undertaken or are exploring to address the concerns expressed by the North District Council (NDC) and the local community in relation to the redevelopment of Lo Wu Correctional Institution (LWCI).

ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE

2. We consulted the NDC on the LWCI redevelopment project on 8 December 2005. Representatives from the Sheung Shui Rural Committee and local villages (including the Ho Sheung Heung Village and Kwu Tung Village) were also consulted. The NDC and village representatives in general supported the proposal, but raised concerns about the traffic condition of Ho Sheung Heung Road (the access road to LWCI), the drainage condition of the Ho Sheung Heung area and the project's impact on local fung shui. The following paragraphs set out the measures the Administration has undertaken or is exploring to address these concerns.

(a) Impact on the traffic flow of Ho Sheung Heung Road

3. We completed the Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) of the project in March 2006, which concluded that the operation of the future institutions at Lo Wu would not have significant impact on the traffic flow of Ho Sheung Heung Road, but some local widening at bends near the institutions is necessary to ensure smooth and safe operation of large vehicles (e.g. 50-seater buses) that may be used by the future institutions.

4. We conducted a site visit with the village representatives on 15 February 2006, and noted their views on the need to widen some other road bends and sections of Ho Sheung Heung Road. Taking into account the operational needs of the future institutions and the views of village representatives, we will change the one-way road in front of the construction site into a two-way carriageway and widen the road sections marked 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' on the sketch map at the Enclosure. We envisage that the works at sections 'A' and 'B' will take 12 to 18 months to complete as slope works are involved and the works at sections 'C' and 'D' will take 6 to 12 months. With regard to the proposed widening of sections marked 'E', 'F', 'G' and 'H' at the Enclosure, which involves private land and government land already reserved for other purposes, we will further examine its feasibility and continue our discussions with the village representatives.

5. Through North District Office (NDO), the villagers of Ho Sheung Heung have also requested the strengthening of the minibus service between Sheung Shui and Ho Sheung Heung, and have made some other traffic improvement suggestions. The Transport Department (TD) is considering their request and suggestions. To improve the traffic flow in the vicinity, TD has also undertaken to install double yellow lines and road signs at suitable sections along Ho Sheung Heung Road.

(b) Drainage conditions around Ho Sheung Heung

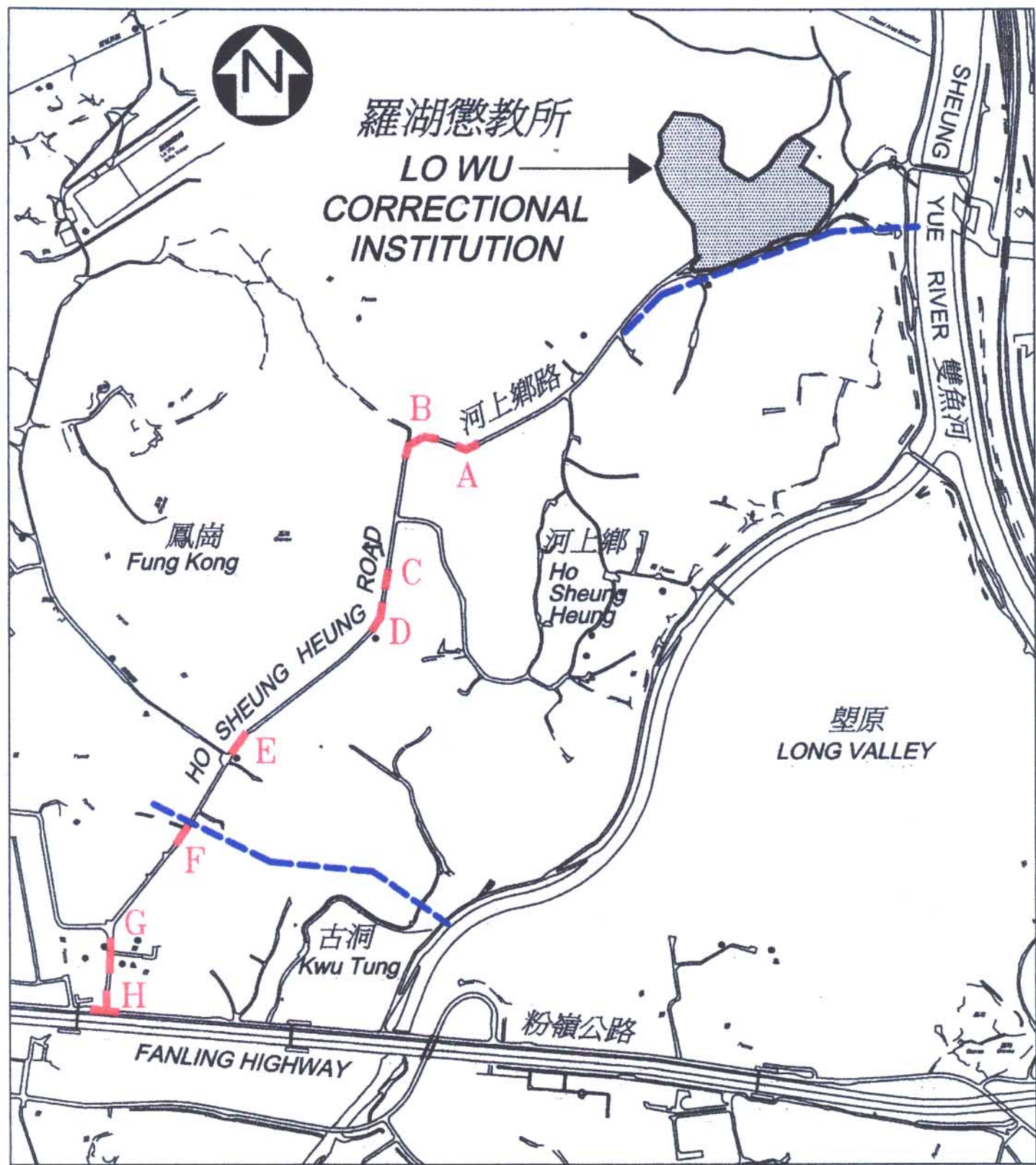
6. The village representatives requested the Administration to improve the drainage condition of the Ho Sheung Heung area. As mentioned in paragraph 17 of PWSC(2006-07)23, the Drainage Services Department has been undertaking planning for improvement projects in the area. As shown by the two dotted lines at the Enclosure, the first project is to construct a storm water drain across the Shek Tsai Leng area and the second project is to construct another one in the area between Tsung Yuen and LWCI. Subject to funding approval, construction works will commence in 2007 for completion in 2009.

(c) Impact on local fung shui

7. On 4 May 2006, we met with the village representatives of Ho Sheung Heung to understand their fung shui concerns. We would consider their application, if made, for allowances for Tun Fu ceremonies under the established policy.

8. We will continue to closely liaise with the village representatives on the above matters and follow up on the various measures. Together with NDO and other departments concerned, CSD would set up a liaison group with the village representatives to continue to listen to their views on the redevelopment project and follow up on other issues that may emerge during the construction.

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Notes and legend :

- 1. A, B, C 及 D 路段：將進行道路改善工程
Sections A, B, C and D : Road improvement works to be carried out
 - 2. E, F, G 及 H 路段：須進一步研究道路改善工程的可行性
Sections E, F, G and H : Feasibility of road improvement works to be further studied.
- 計劃中的渠務工程
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