

13 February 2008

Mr Anthony Chu  
Clerk to Public Works Subcommittee,  
Legislative Council Building,  
8 Jackson Road,  
Central.  
Hong Kong.

Dear Mr Chu,

**Public Works Subcommittee  
Follow-up to meeting on 30 January 2008**

**Item PWSC (2007-08)79**

I refer to your letter dated 1 February 2008 on the follow-up action by the Administration on the suggestion of designating an area as a “dogs’ garden” at the District Open Space (DOS) in Area 18, Tung Chung, Lantau. I attach a bilingual reply to the issue.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss Gladys Lee)  
for Secretary for Home Affairs

c.c. Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury  
(Attn: Mr Jack Chan)  
Director of Leisure and Cultural Services  
(Attn: Mr Peter Kan)  
Director of Architectural Services  
(Attn: Mrs Celina Kwok)

**Public Works Subcommittee Meeting on 30 January 2008  
Issue Requiring Follow-up Actions by the Administration**

**Item PWSC(2007-08)79**

**Issue** To address the concern shared by Hon Miriam LAU, Hon Emily LAU and Hon Albert CHAN, the Administration was requested to consult the Islands District Council on the suggestion of designating an area in the proposed open space as a “dogs’ garden” so that dog owners could bring their dogs to the garden. The Administration would report the outcome of the consultation in writing to the Public Works Subcommittee before the relevant FC meeting.

**Response**

The suggestion was supported by the Islands District Council at the meeting on 4 February 2008. In response to the views expressed by members of the Legislative Council and District Council and the latest aspirations of the dog lovers, the Administration would include the “dogs’ garden” in the scope of the project for implementation. It is estimated that the additional cost involved could be absorbed within the proposed project estimate.