

**Head 711 – Housing
B566CL – Development at Anderson Road**

**First Progress Report
(for the period from January to December 2008)**

At the meeting of the Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC) of the Finance Committee held on 22 November 2007, the Administration agreed to provide reports on the PWP item B566CL – Development at Anderson Road, on a regular basis, to keep Members of the Legislative Council abreast of the project progress, in particular the impact of the construction works on the nearby residents and the effectiveness of the mitigation measures.

2. The first progress report is given below:

Progress

- (a) The construction works for the project commenced on 31 January 2008 as scheduled. The progress has been satisfactory with about 10% of the works completed up to end December 2008. Rock blasting works were timely commenced in November 2008.

Existing Temples

- (b) There was public concern, before the commencement of this project, about the relocation of four existing temples above Sau Mau Ping Road which were within the site boundary. We are pleased to report that amicable settlement has been reached with the temple operators. The four temples were moved out voluntarily in stages. By end December 2008, we have substantially completed the formation of a new land platform next to the junction of Po Lam Road and Sau Mau Ping Road for accommodation of the new temples.

Measures to mitigate impact on nearby residents

- (c) We have adopted all practicable measures to mitigate environmental and traffic impacts and maintained close liaison with the local residents to address their concerns. The measures, comprising temporary fences,

silenced mechanical equipment, noise barriers, covers to dump trucks, water-spraying, etc., were generally effective. The measurements at nearby sensitive receivers near to residential areas indicate the levels of construction noise and dust to be within the relevant administrative or statutory limit. The vibration caused by rock blasting is generally at a very low level.

- (d) We set up a dedicated Residents Liaison Group in February 2008. Meetings and site visits have been arranged on a need basis. Moreover, the Group has since held 10 formal meetings with the local residents' representatives and District Council Members. The Group is functioning effectively as a platform of communication with the local residents and other interested stakeholders.

Forthcoming targets

- (e) We will continue to carry out rock blasting and excavation cautiously. We will also start the construction of earth retaining structures and highway structures for forming the future internal road network of the development.
- (f) As regards the future public housing development of the district, the Housing Department targets to consult the Kwun Tong District Council in early 2009 with a view to finalizing the housing layout design. During the design evolution, the relevant departments will take into account the public's views and review the pedestrian connectivity between the existing adjoining housing estates and the future transport facilities of the new development.

3. Members are invited to note the first Progress Report of the Development at Anderson Road.

**Transport and Housing Bureau
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