

For information

**Legislative Council
Panel on Environmental Affairs**

**Information Note on
357DS – Sewage interception scheme in Kowloon City**

PURPOSE

In discussing the paper on **357DS** “Sewage interception scheme in Kowloon City” at the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Environmental Affairs held on 21 January 2009 prior to their submission to the Public Works Subcommittee for upgrading to Category A, Members requested the Administration to provide an information paper on the work schedule of sewerage upgrading projects to be carried out in Kowloon and how the road opening works of different departments were coordinated. This paper sets out the Administration’s response.

THE ADMINISTRATION’S RESPONSE**SEWERAGE PROJECTS IN KOWLOON AREA**

2. The sewerage upgrading works that are on-going or would be carried out in the next five years, from 2009 to 2014, in Kowloon according to the current schedule is at Table 1 below. A site plan showing the locations of the concerned sewerage upgrading works is at Enclosure 1.

Table 1

<u>Sewerage upgrading works</u>	<u>Commencement date</u>	<u>Completion date</u>
171DS “North and South Kowloon sewerage, stage 2”	on going	mid 2009
367DS “Upgrading of Central and East Kowloon sewerage – phase 1”	on going	mid 2012
Sewerage upgrading works under planning and design stage	mid 2009	mid 2014

3. The sewerage upgrading works would be carried out in phases and in short sections to restrict any inconvenience to the public. Detailed programmes and arrangements would be finalized in consultation with members of the respective District Councils.

COORDINATION OF ROAD OPENING WORKS

4. There are well established procedural requirements governing road opening works and works are carried out in a coordinated manner such that disturbance to the public would be kept to a minimum.

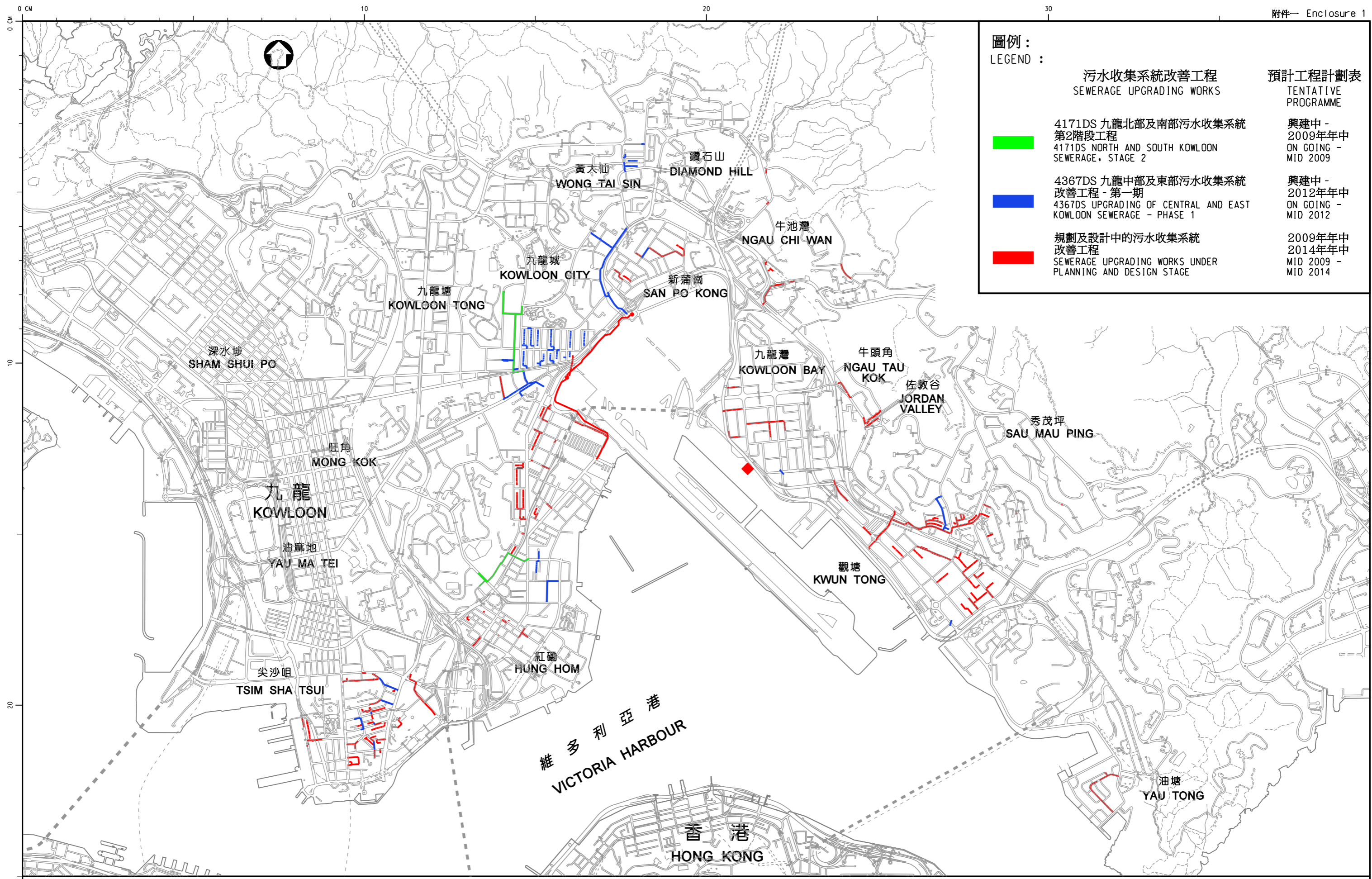
5. For instance, once a sewerage works proposal involving excavation at public roads is established, the project office will circulate the drawings to major stakeholders including Civil Engineering and Development Department, Highways Department, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, Transport Department, Water Supplies Department, MTR Corporation Limited and other private utility companies with a view to identifying all potential conflicts and interface issues. If road works by different stakeholders are proposed in the close vicinity, consideration would be given for a single party to carry out the various works under entrustment agreements to minimize disruption caused to the public.

6. The above co-ordination efforts are required to satisfy Highways Department in issuing Excavation Permits (XP) for road excavation works under the Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance. The permittees are also required to ensure that the works are carried out in strict compliance with the conditions stipulated in the XP. Highways Department will conduct audit inspections on these excavation sites and regulatory actions will be taken against any non-compliance found.

7. Prior to commencement of road opening works on site, temporary traffic arrangement (TTA) schemes based on the contemporary traffic and surrounding conditions will be submitted for scrutiny by a Traffic Management Liaison Group (TMLG)¹. Stakeholders involved in the interfacing projects will have to work closely together to resolve any potential conflicts on site before the concerned TTA schemes are implemented.

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¹ The membership of TMLG comprises representatives from various stakeholders such as Police (for road management), Transport Department (for traffic engineering, traffic operation and traffic signal control), Highways Department and District Office. Franchised bus companies, MTR Corporation Limited, tramway operators (not applicable to Kowloon area) and utilities companies would also be involved as appropriate.



位於九龍地區興建中及擬建的污水收集系統改善工程 (2009-2014年)
On going and Anticipated Sewerage Upgrading Works in Kowloon Area (2009 - 2014)