

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE
Meeting on 20 June 2016**

Follow-up Actions by the Government before the meeting on 22 June 2016

**PWSC (2016-17)32
417RO – Improvement works at Tai O**

In response to the request from Hon. Chan Yuen-han, the Government provides the following supplementary information so as to elaborate:

- (a) The Government commits that no facilities with artificial design (including iconic structure) will be constructed in Tai O and the Government will not carry out works which affect the natural environment of Tai O, unless the Government has extensively consulted the public (not limited to the local residents) and obtained the public support.

The Government's response:

The Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) confirms that they will not construct any iconic structure at the proposed public open space. We believe that the proposed Improvement works at Tai O will not affect the characteristic of Tai O as a traditional fishing village.

- (b) Whether the Government will consider to reduce the area of the proposed public car park and provide public car parking space in the housing estates adjacent to Tai O Road. If yes, please provide the details. If no, please state the reason.

The Government's response:

The northern side of Tai O Road is mainly occupied by public

housing estates. The roads inside these public housing estates are emergency vehicular accesses, which are not suitable for provision of on-street parking spaces. However, as there are inadequate parking spaces in Tai O, we need to increase the number of parking spaces there. Therefore, we have to maintain the number of parking spaces in the proposed public car park to resolve the above-mentioned problem. We cannot reduce the area of the proposed public car park. Moreover, if we revise the location of the proposed parking space at this stage, we have to carry out the gazettal procedure all over again. This will delay the commencement of the project.

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