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Dear Ms Chung,

Further Information for the Wang Chau Public Housing Development

Thank you for your email on 13 December 2016 enclosed with a letter from the Hon Eddie Chu asking for EPD's written response to item 2 of the letter. Our reply is given as follows:

According to the information provided by the Housing Department in June 2014, the total area of the Wang Chau Public Housing Development (including Phases 1, 2 and 3) is less than 20 ha, and the total population involved is less than 100 000. In this regard, the Wang Chau Public Housing Development is not a major designated project under Schedule 3 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (EIAO).

Meanwhile, Phase 1 of the Wang Chau Public Housing Development does not involve any designated project under Schedule 2 of the EIAO. Based on the available information obtained by this department, the project proponent is not required to obtain an environmental permit under the EIAO to proceed with the construction and operation of the Phase 1 project.

EPD will, based on the latest information received from the project proponent in connection with the public housing development project as well as the associated engineering feasibility study, determine whether statutory EIA is required in accordance with the provisions of the EIAO.

Yours sincerely,

(Original Signed)

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