Public Works Subcommittee Meeting on 18 October 2017

Issues requiring follow-up actions by the Government

PWP Item No. 281RS – Reprovisioning of Tsun Yip Street Playground facilities to Hong Ning Road Park and Ngau Tau Kok Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Members discussed the above works project at the Public Works Subcommittee meeting on 18 October 2017. Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki's request for supplementary information from the Government (shown in *italics* below). After consulting the relevant government departments, our reply is set out below.

"Are the roofs of any existing service reservoirs in Hong Kong provided with grass? If yes, please provide a list of the sites; if no, what are the reasons? (please provide details of the technical problems involved, if any)."

- 2. As the service reservoir involved in the 281RS works project is a fresh water service reservoir, the supplementary information will focus on fresh water service reservoirs for relevant reference. A list of the existing fresh water service reservoirs in Hong Kong with grass on the roofs is at **Enclosure 1**.
- 3. When government departments or private organisations have any appropriate proposals for using the roofs of service reservoirs, the Water Supplies Department will facilitate for efficient use of resources. The main reason why the roofs of some existing fresh water service reservoirs in Hong Kong are not covered with grass is that the departments or organisations concerned have laid hard-paved materials on the roofs to suit the functional needs of various recreational facilities, such as basketball courts, tennis courts, hard-surface soccer pitches, fitness facilities and jogging tracks.

"Will the Government explore a technically feasible option to use the roof of the Ngau Tau Kok Fresh Water Service Reservoir as a lawn under project 281RS? If yes, what are the details; if no, what are the reasons?"

- 4. The following factors are relevant if the roof of the Ngau Tau Kok Fresh Water Service Reservoir is to be used as a lawn and open for public recreational purposes:
 - (a) Based on the assessment at the design stage of the works project, the live load (or imposed load) of the existing service reservoir roof is currently 3 kPa and it is not open for public use. If it is open for public recreational purposes, the live load has to be increased to 5 kPa. To achieve such higher live load requirement, the solution is to reduce the weight of the current surface materials on the service reservoir roof (including soil and drainage layer) to free up the additional load required. Furthermore, given the loading constraint of the existing roof, it is not suitable for accommodating heavier facilities, such as goalposts, lampposts and fences required for ball games, and sheltered seats. As such, the roof of the service reservoir is only suitable for general passive leisure activities.
 - (b) As the service reservoir is a fresh water service reservoir, if the roof is to be covered with lawn, no fertilisers or pesticides shall be used for lawn maintenance to avoid water contamination due to the consideration of drinking water safety.
 - (c) The Government has further reviewed the feasibility of using the service reservoir roof as a lawn for general leisure activities. After careful examination, we propose to use part of the roof as a lawn on the following conditions:
 - i) In order to meet the additional live load requirement for this usage, the depth of soil has to be reduced, and hence the soil of the lawn will be shallower. If 40% of the area is to be used as a lawn, the maximum soil depth that can be laid for planting purpose will be only about 250mm (the ideal soil depth for lawn planting is 300mm). As members of the public will frequently use the lawn, more significant wear and tear is expected. The department concerned will have to deploy additional manpower and resources to carry out maintenance, and close off part of the lawn for maintenance or even replace the worn patches when necessary.

- ii) While only irrigation, mowing and weeding can be carried out, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will, as far as practicable, maintain the growth of the lawn for public use. However, the quality of the lawn will not match with other lawns with adequate soil depth and maintained with fertilisers and pesticides in general.
- iii) The remaining hard-paved area adjacent to the lawn will be used as a jogging track, space for leisure activities and related maintenance access.
- 5. A revised site plan for the service reservoir roof is at **Enclosure 2**.

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Enclosure 1

List of Existing Fresh Water Service Reservoirs in Hong Kong with Grass on Roof

Hong Kong and Island Region

Mount Davis Fresh Water Primary Service Reservoir

Eastern No.2 Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Magazine Gap Road No.2 Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Kai Lung Wan Fresh Water Service Reservoir

North Point High Level Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Western Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Western No.2 Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Eastern Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Jardine's Lookout Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Pok Fu Lam Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Stanley Mound Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Peak Road Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Cheung Chau Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Sai Wan Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Aberdeen Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Peak Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Mount Nicholson Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Peng Chau Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Middle Gap Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Chung Hom Kok Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Severn Road Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Jardine's Lookout No.2 Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Tai Hang Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Red Hill Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Pok Fu Lam No.2 Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Tai O Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Cheung Chau No.2 Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Braemar Hill Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Mount Gough Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Chung Hom Kok No.2 Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Peng Chau No.2 Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Chai Wan North No.2 Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Cheung Chau No.3 Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Cheung Sha Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Shek O North Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Victoria Road Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Tai Tung Shan Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Tai Hang No.2 Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Siu Sai Wan Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Shau Kei Wan High Level Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Repulse Bay Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Kotewall Road Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Tung Chung Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Sunny Bay Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Wah Fu Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Shau Kei Wan East High Level Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Magazine Gap Road No.3 Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Ngong Ping Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Hatton Road Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Hatton Road No.2 Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Peak No.2 Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Repulse Bay No.2 Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Pok Fu Lam No.3 Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Shouson Hill Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Lamma Island Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Tai Tam Reservoir Road Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Kowloon Region

Lok Fu Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Lion Rock High Level Fresh Water Primary Service Reservoir

Lion Rock Low Level Fresh Water Primary Service Reservoir

Ho Man Tin High Level Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Kwun Tong High Level Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Shek Kip Mei Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Ho Man Tin East Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Lion Rock High Level No.2 Fresh Water Primary Service Reservoir

Ho Man Tin West Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Tai Po Road Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Diamond Hill No.2 Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Diamond Hill Fresh Water Service Reservoir Beacon Hill High Level Fresh Water Service Reservoir Fung Wong Fresh Water Service Reservoir Beacon Hill Intermediate Level Fresh Water Service Reservoir Lam Tin High Level Fresh Water Service Reservoir Ngau Chi Wan Fresh Water Service Reservoir Ma Chai Hang Fresh Water Service Reservoir Ngau Chi Wan High Level Fresh Water Service Reservoir Shek Kip Mei No.2 Fresh Water Service Reservoir Yau Tong No.2 Fresh Water Service Reservoir Shek Kip Mei No.3 Fresh Water Service Reservoir Butterfly Valley Fresh Water Primary Service Reservoir Choi Wan Road Fresh Water Service Reservoir Anderson Road Fresh Water Service Reservoir Anderson Road No. 3 Fresh Water Service Reservoir Ngau Tau Kok Fresh Water Service Reservoir

New Territories Region

Sha Tin North Fresh Water Service Reservoir Table Hill Fresh Water Service Reservoir Tai Po Tau Fresh Water Primary Service Reservoir Sai Kung Fresh Water Service Reservoir Tong Hang Fresh Water Service Reservoir Tui Min Hoi Fresh Water Service Reservoir Fei Ngo Shan Fresh Water Service Reservoir Ha Hang Fresh Water Service Reservoir To Shek Fresh Water Service Reservoir Tong Hang No.2 Fresh Water Service Reservoir Ha Wo Che Fresh Water Service Reservoir Pai Tau Hang Fresh Water Service Reservoir A Kung Kok Fresh Water Service Reservoir Tseung Kwan O West High Level Fresh Water Service Reservoir Pun Chun Yuen Fresh Water Service Reservoir Sha Tin West Fresh Water Service Reservoir Sha Tin South Fresh Water Service Reservoir Sheung Wong Yi Au Fresh Water Service Reservoir Tseung Kwan O Fresh Water Primary Service Reservoir

Tai Po East High Level Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Siu Lek Yuen Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Ma On Shan Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Tseung Kwan O West Low Level Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Pak Kong Au Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Tai Po Tsai Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Tai Po East Low Level Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Kwu Tung Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Tseung Kwan O East Low Level Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Ma On Shan Fresh Water Primary Service Reservoir

Tiu Keng Leng Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Pak Shek Kok Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Anderson Road No.2 Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Sheung Wong Yi Au No.2 Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Shui Chuen O Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Ma On Shan No.2 Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Ping Che Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Kau To High Level Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Tsuen Wan Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Kau Wa Keng No.2 Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Yuen Long Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Kwai Chung North Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Tsuen Wan West Low Level Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Au Tau Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Tsuen Wan West High Level Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Tuen Mun Fresh Water Primary Service Reservoir

Lai King Headland Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Tuen Mun East Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Au Tau No.2 Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Tai Wo Tsuen Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Wang Chau Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Tuen Mun North Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Tsing Yi South Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Yau Kom Tau Fresh Water Primary Service Reservoir

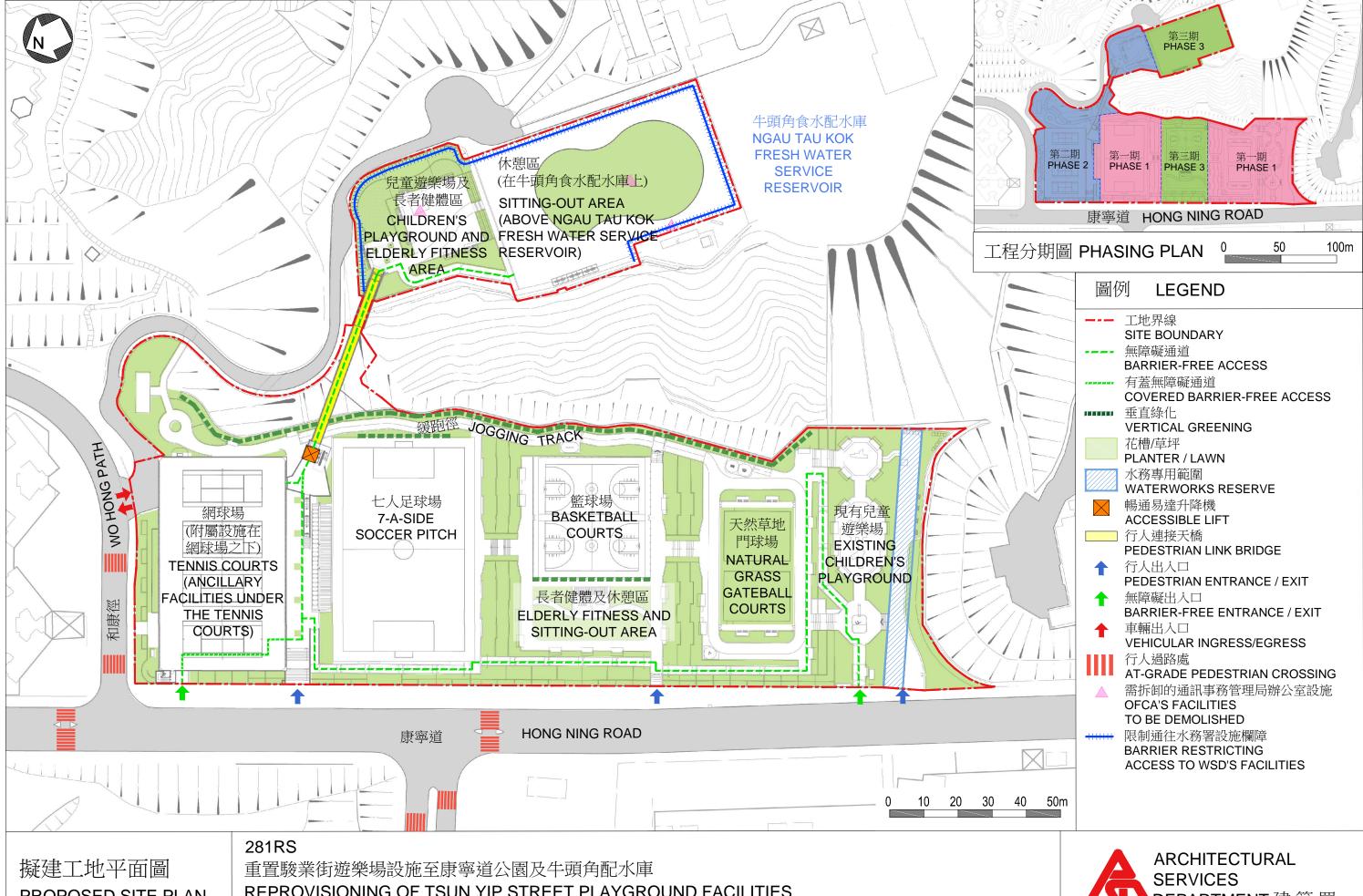
Tsing Yi North Low Level Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Tsuen Wan West Ultra High Level Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Tuen Mun West Fresh Water Service Reservoir

Ma Wan Fresh Water Service Reservoir

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PROPOSED SITE PLAN

REPROVISIONING OF TSUN YIP STREET PLAYGROUND FACILITIES TO HONG NING ROAD PARK AND NGAU TAU KOK FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR

