

**Legislative Council
Panel on Development**

Progress Report on Heritage Conservation Initiatives

Follow-up Action to the Meeting on 22 January 2019

Supplementary information as requested by the Panel at the meeting on 22 January 2019 is set out below.

2. The tree in question is located near the St. Paul's Church (a Grade 1 historic building) within the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui ("HKSKH") Compound. Directly hit by Super Typhoon Mangkhut in September 2018, it was badly damaged. Based on the urgent tree inspection conducted by the professional arborist engaged by HKSKH, there was a considerable risk that the damaged and broken branches of the tree would snap and fall, causing imminent danger to life and property in the surrounding area; and given the substantial damage, the likelihood of conserving the tree was low. To protect public safety, emergency tree removal was necessary. There was no need for HKSKH to inform the Development Bureau beforehand.

**Development Bureau
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