

NOTE FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Supplementary information on
244ES – Secondary school in Area 38A, Sha Tin
297EP – Primary school in Area 38A, Sha Tin**

INTRODUCTION

In considering the recommendation of the Public Works Subcommittee on the paper referenced PWSC(2003-04)31 under FCR(2003-04)37 at the Finance Committee meeting on 18 July 2003, Members requested the Administration to keep them informed of the latest development on the feasibility of relocating the refuse collection point (RCP) adjacent to the proposed schools.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE

2. The Administration has identified two alternative sites in the vicinity for relocating the RCP and consulted the Village Representative of Tai Wai New Village. The Village Representative opposed to the RCP relocation proposal, claiming that both proposed locations could cause great inconvenience to the villagers.

3. The RCP in question is a standard village-type RCP built with external walls and a roof. It has all along been maintained in a clean condition through the following measures/arrangements –

- (a) refuse bins with close-fitting covers for storing refuse are placed inside the RCP pending collection;
- (b) discarded bulky articles are placed inside the RCP pending removal by special vehicles on need basis;
- (c) refuse in the RCP is collected once daily; and

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- (d) the RCP and its vicinity are cleansed immediately after each refuse collection everyday and washed thoroughly twice every week.

4. In view of the villagers' objection to the relocation, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) has decided to retain the RCP at the existing location and commits to continue refurbishing and maintaining the RCP in a good state of repair at all times. FEHD would also arrange, should circumstances warrant, additional cleansing and washing of the RCP and its vicinity, or other improvement measures.

5. FEHD will take every measure to maintain the RCP in a clean and tidy condition.

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