

NOTE FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Supplementary information on 302EP – Primary School in Area 31, Sheung Shui

INTRODUCTION

In considering the paper referenced PWSC(2005-06)51 on **302EP** at the Public Works Subcommittee meeting held on 15 February 2006, Members requested the Administration to provide the following information before the relevant Finance Committee meeting –

- (a) The tree survey report of the project and the design for the replanting of trees and shrubs at the site; and
- (b) Explanation on why the planned facilities of the school did not include a running track and report on the discussion with the school sponsor on the matter.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE

The tree survey report and the design for the replanting of trees and shrubs at the site

2. The tree survey took into account 106 trees within the site boundary (Enclosure 1). Of the 106 trees surveyed, 59 trees will be protected during all stages of construction works (comprising 39 trees within the development area and 20 trees in the adjacent vacant area).

3. Meanwhile, we propose to transplant 14 trees, which include trees such as *Celtis sinensis*, *Ficus microcarpa* and *Litsea glutinosa* etc. The said trees are species that can withstand severe root pruning or resist adverse treatment.

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4. The remaining 33 trees will be felled (Enclosure 2). Of these, 22 are surveyed as small, in poor health or poorly formed, nine are blocking school entrance and vehicular access and two are too close to building structure. None of these trees are regarded as important trees.

5. To compensate for the 33 trees to be felled, we have originally proposed planting not less than 114 trees in the school (Enclosure 3). This will be revised to 75 trees in order to provide for a running track (paragraph 6 below). We will consider selecting the following plants which are capable of establishing a vegetative cover compatible with the existing site condition -

- Bauhinia blakeana
- Cassia surattensis
- Ficus benamina
- Hibiscus tiliaceus
- Magnolia denudata
- Plumeria rubra

Provision of a running track

6. Running tracks, if provided within a school site, are required to be built at level. For the subject school site, there is a level difference of around one metre (m) between the front and rear which has constrained the provision of a 60 m running track. Architectural Services Department has further reviewed the issue and considered it possible to include a shorter running track of around 40 m. We have further discussed with the school sponsor and they are pleased to be provided with this option of a shorter track as illustrated in Enclosure 4. The additional cost of \$300,000 can be absorbed within the contingencies of the project estimate.

Education and Manpower Bureau
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PLAN SHOWING LOCATION OF EXISTING TREES (106 NUMBERS)

Enclosure 1 to PWSCI (2005 - 06) 27



LOCATION OF EXISTING TREES



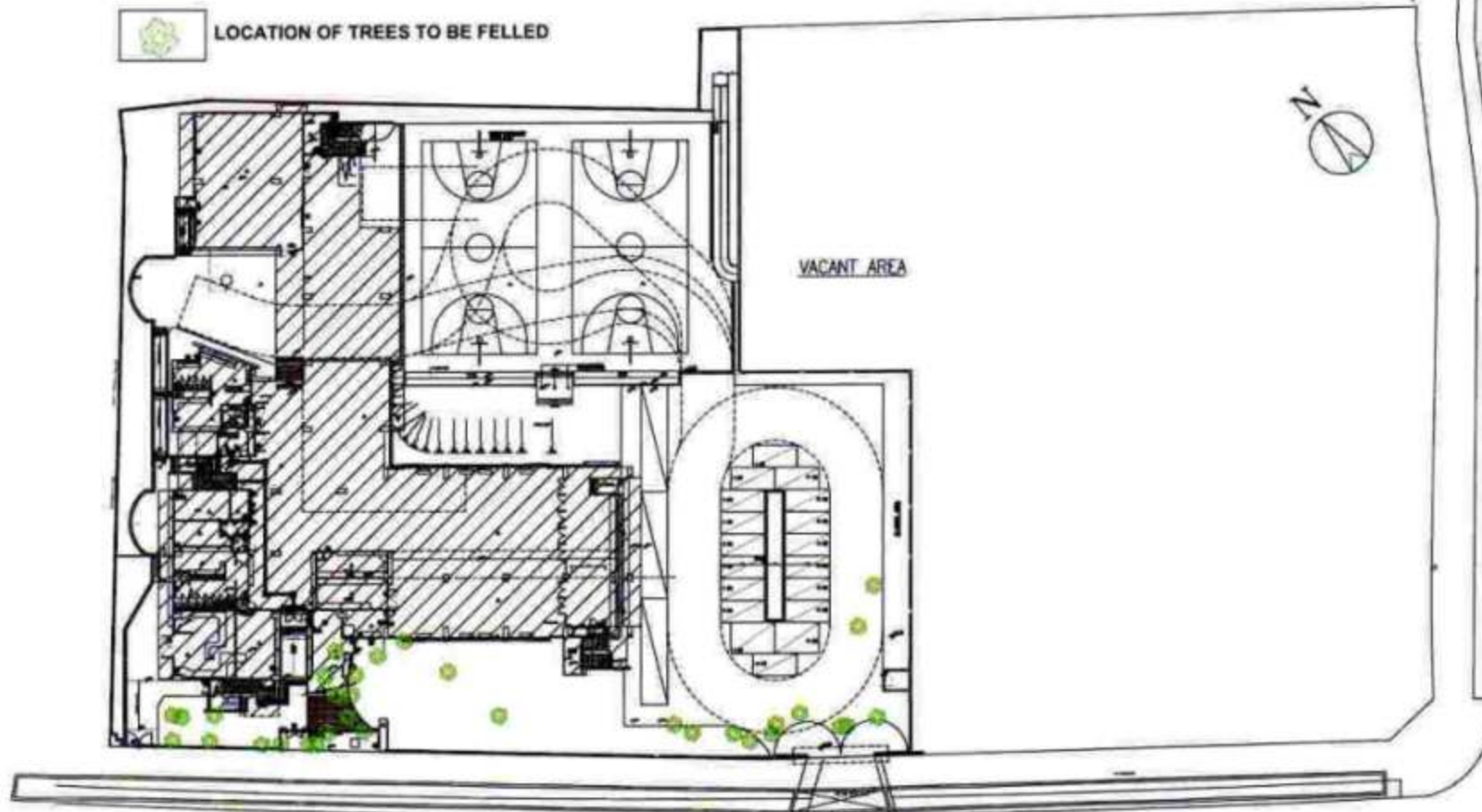
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PLAN SHOWING LOCATION OF EXISTING TREES TO BE FELLED (33 NUMBERS)

Enclosure 2 to PWSCI (2005 - 06) 27






LOCATION OF TREES TO BE FELLED

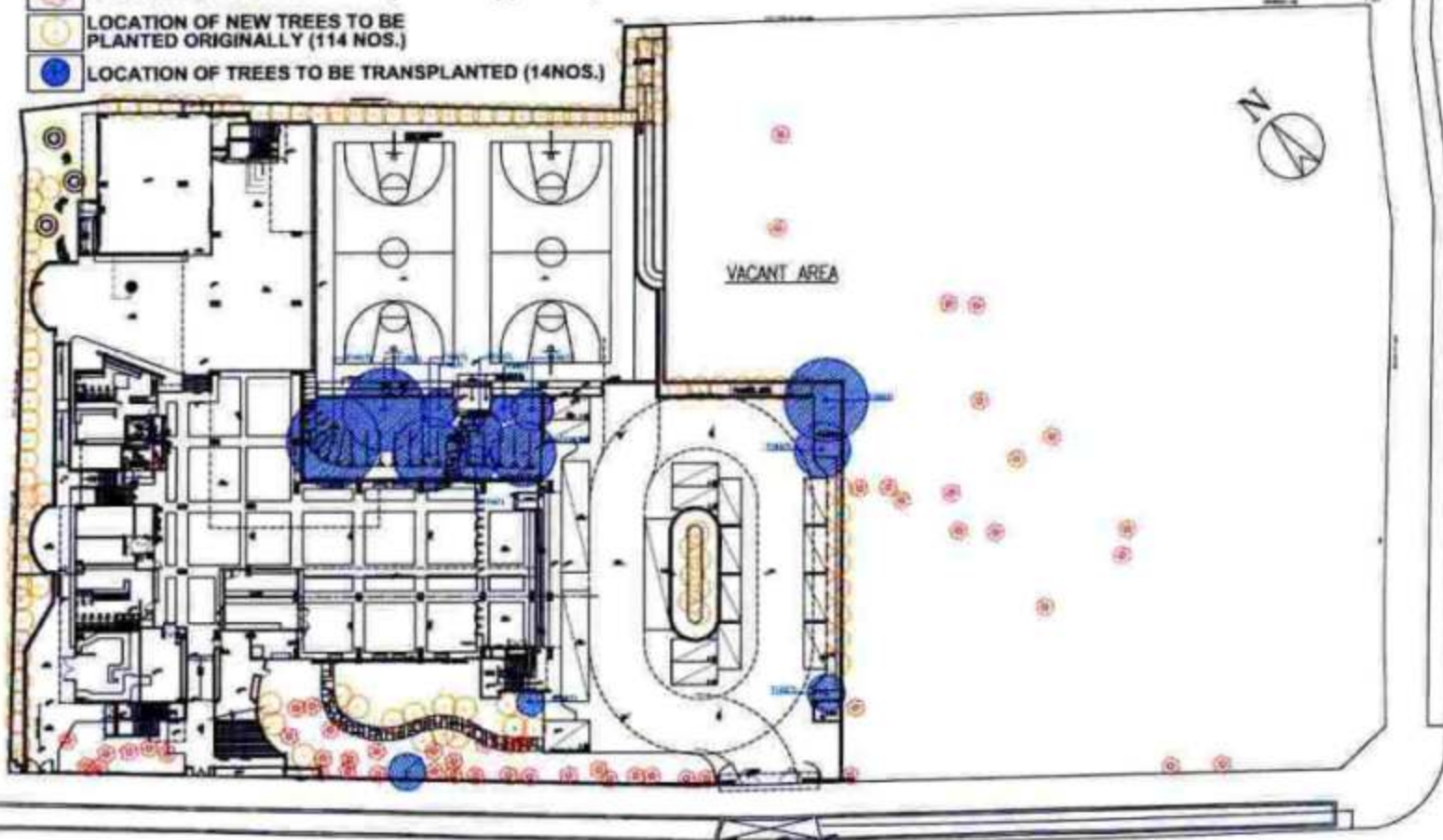


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**PLAN SHOWING LOCATIONS OF EXISTING TREES (RETAINED),
TREES TO BE PLANTED ORIGINALLY AND TREES TO BE TRANSPLANTED**

Enclosure 3 to PWSCI (2005-06)27

-  LOCATION OF EXISTING TREES (RETAINED) (59 NOS.)
-  LOCATION OF NEW TREES TO BE PLANTED ORIGINALLY (114 NOS.)
-  LOCATION OF TREES TO BE TRANSPLANTED (14 NOS.)



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