# Public Works Subcommittee Meeting on 7 January 2009 Issue Requiring Follow-up Actions by the Administration

### Item PWSC(2008-09)56

## 49RG - Public library and indoor recreation centre in Area 3, Yuen Long

#### **Issue**

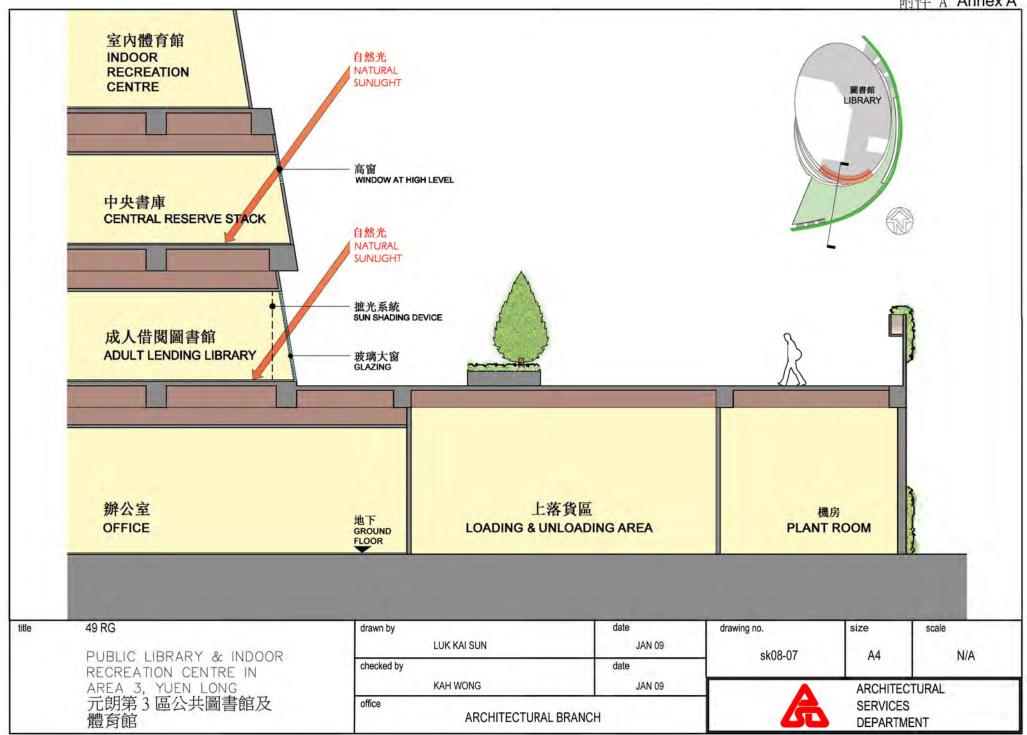
To address the concern of Prof Hon Patrick LAU about adequate provision of windows for the library, the reasons for locating the proposed indoor recreation centre above the library; and the request of Hon Albert CHAN and Hon KAM Nai-wai for enhancement of greening measures including vertical greening for the building, the Administration would provide, before the relevant FC meeting, further information including more detailed layout plans for members' reference.

### Response

Adequate provision of windows has been included in the design for the library to use natural sunlight to enhance the reading environment. Detailed layout plans showing the provision of windows for the library are set out at **Annexes A and B**.

The proposed indoor recreation centre (IRC) requires an area free of vertical structural members and a long-span roof. It would be preferable and structurally efficient to position the IRC at the top floor to achieve cost-effectiveness. With the central reserve stack, being an area not open to the public, located beneath the IRC and above the library, any noise nuisances generated from the IRC activities, which may disturb library users, could be minimised.

The greening measures including vertical greening for the project are shown on the layout plans at **Annexes C and D**.

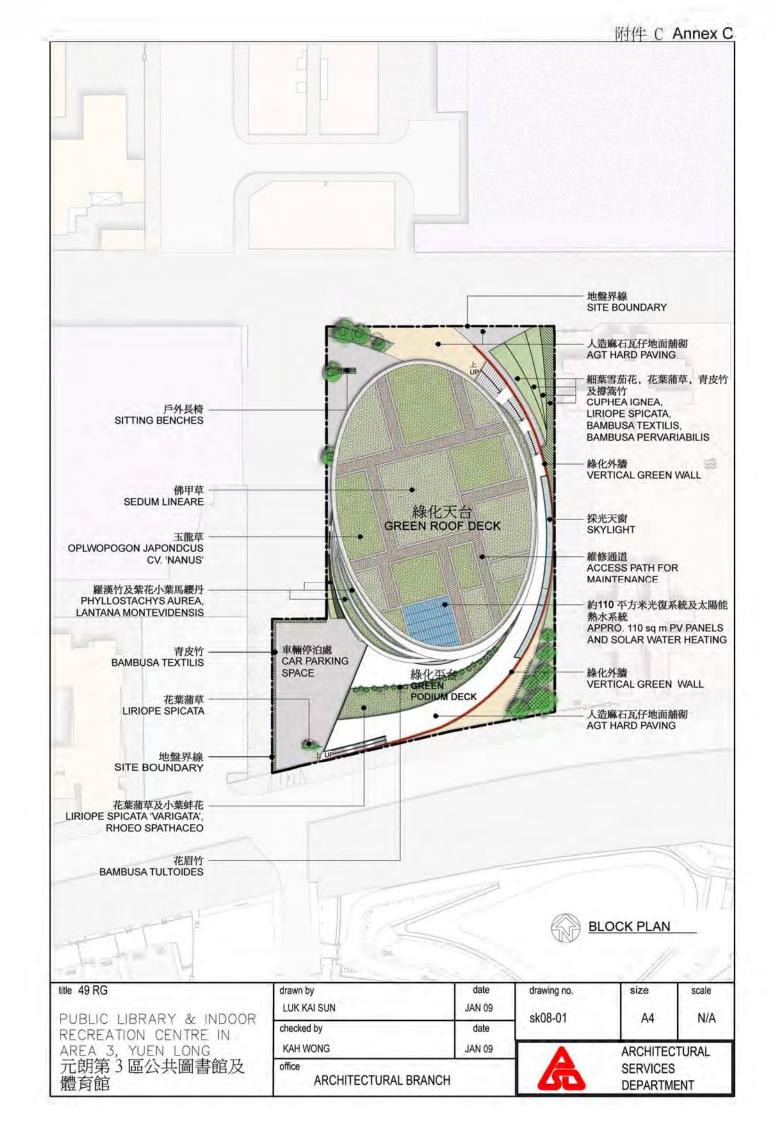


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