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Clerk to Panel on Development
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(Attn : Mr. Daniel SIN)

Dear Mr Sin,

Panel on Development

Issues Raised at the Meeting between Legislative Council Members and Yuen Long District Council Members on 10 June 2010

Improvement Works of Yuen Long Town Nullahs

Thank you for your letter of 14 July 2010 forwarding enquiries raised in the captioned meeting on the improvement works of Yuen Long Town Nullahs. Our responses are as follows:

- (a) Drainage Services Department (DSD) is in the process of selecting consultants to take forward the preliminary design of the “Improvement of Yuen Long Town Nullah (Town Centre Section)” with a view to commencing the preliminary design in August 2010. According to the proposals put forward in the feasibility study report of the “Rehabilitation of Yuen Long Town Nullahs” completed in 2009, this nullah improvement project involves the re-use of treated effluent and is a Designated Project under the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance. In this connection, a detailed environmental impact assessment for the project will be required and relevant statutory procedures have to be completed before works commencement. In addition, implementation of the project needs to be coordinated and be in pace with other related projects, e.g. an elevated walkway above the nullah is being contemplated by Highways Department (HyD). According to the current

programme, the nullah improvement works would commence in 2013. DSD is also actively considering measures to shorten the duration of the pre-construction activities, including commencing the detailed design work as early as possible, so as to advance the works commencement and completion dates.

- (b) DSD have been keeping close liaison with relevant departments to coordinate the developments in the district. As the suggested walkway above the Yuen Long Town Nullahs may have an impact on the drainage capacity of the nullah, HyD needs to conduct further study in this regard. DSD and HyD will continue to work closely and coordinate their works with a view to arriving at a scheme that can meet the demands of various parties.
- (c) In processing the Master Layout Plan for the development at the southern side of West Rail Long Ping Station, DSD would offer advice as necessary taking account of the design progress of the nullah improvement works to ensure that the two projects can be implemented in a coordinated manner.
- (d) DSD would further look into the feasibility of developing the Town Centre Section of Yuen Long Town Nullahs into a green leisure area and providing additional landscape facilities. DSD would consult relevant parties including the Yuen Long District Council when preliminary design proposals are available.
- (e) The dry-weather flow interceptor proposed in the feasibility study report of the "Rehabilitation of Yuen Long Town Nullahs" completed in 2009 will help reduce channel blockage due to rubbish and debris. DSD will follow up and examine this proposal further during the preliminary design of the project.
- (f) The proposal of decking the upstream part of the Eastern Channel of Yuen Long Town Nullahs and its associated impact on nullah drainage capacity will be studied under the "Review of Drainage Master Plan in Yuen Long District and North District" which is currently in progress. The review is planned to be completed by end 2011.

Yours sincerely,

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