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Dear Ms LO,

**Following up Discussion Items at Meeting between Legislative Council
Members and Kwai Tsing District Council Members on 5 July 2010**

**Management and Maintenance Issues of Privately Built
Pedestrian Ways for Public Use**

Your letter of 3 August 2010 has been received.

Serene Garden is situated at Tsing Yi Town Lot no. 116. According to the relevant lease conditions, the lot owner is required to construct, manage and maintain covered pedestrian ways, to permit the public to use them free of charge; and to provide links to future footbridges at designated locations. The above provisions have been clearly specified in the lease and the lot owner is required to fulfill such obligations.

In order to enhance the safety of the pedestrian crossing facilities at Fung Shue Wo Road as well as to provide a direct link to Tsing Yi Ferry Pier and adjacent areas, a footbridge link is being constructed by the

Highways Department to connect the elevated walkway in Serene Garden with an existing government footbridge (No. NF 291). The footbridge link is scheduled for completion in April 2011.

According to the Transport Department's assessment, upon the opening of the footbridge link, the pedestrian flow on the said private walkway will increase from 60 persons / hour to approximately 200 persons / hour. However, the effect of such increase in pedestrian flow on the rate of wear and tear of the deck surface of the concerned elevated walkway would be insignificant.

Kwai Tsing District Council's Traffic and Transport Committee discussed the issue on 10 June 2010. The Committee urged the Government to consider the request of Serene Garden's Incorporate Owners and to explore the possibility of taking over the pedestrian link.

On the issue of whether the Administration would consider taking up the said private elevated walkway inside Serene Garden, the relevant bureaux and departments are studying the case and shall inform the Secretariat of the Administration's decision in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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