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Dear Chairman

## LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene Follow-up to Meeting on 11 November 2014

Reprovisioning of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Sai Yee Street Environmental Hygiene Offices-cum-vehicle depot at Yen Ming Road, West Kowloon Reclamation Area

I write to provide the information sought by Members when the captioned subject was discussed at the meeting of the LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene (Panel) on 11 November 2014.

#### Alternative Sites

- At the meeting, Hon James TO expressed views against the selection of the Yen Ming Road site for reprovisioning the Food and Sai Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) Environmental Hygiene Offices-cum-vehicle depot (the depot). He sought information on whether the Government had considered other alternative sites within/outside Yau Tsim Mong District reprovisioning the depot as well as the justifications for not selecting The response below has been prepared in conjunction with concerned bureaux and departments, including the Development Bureau and the Planning Department.
- 3. When the Food and Environmental Hygiene Committee under the Yau Tsim Mong District Council was consulted on 29 May 2014, the Government explained that it had reviewed all vacant "Government, Institution or Community" sites in West Kowloon (including Yau Tsim Mong and Sham Shui Po Districts) that are of the suitable size (i.e. larger than 6 000 m²) for reprovisioning the depot. A list summarising the 13 sites which have been assessed by the Government (including the Yen Ming Road site and three sites suggested by Hon James To) and a site plan showing the location of these sites are at Annex A and Annex B respectively.
- 4. The Government considered all the alternative sites not suitable for this purpose. Nearly all these sites are physically closer to residential developments than the Yen Ming Road site. All these sites have been reserved for other uses.
- 5. The Government considered that only the Yen Ming Road site was feasible and suitable for reprovisioning the depot. The site was at a distance of some 250 metres away from the nearest residential developments in the area, within easy reach from the target service areas of FEHD vehicles, and accessible to the clientele of FEHD's facilities. The Government considered the site not suitable for residential development. The site was about 145 metres from the coastline and surrounded by the West Kowloon Highway, electricity substation, godown, cargo working area and the Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Food

Market. On the other hand, the depot to be reprovisioned at Yen Ming Road site would be a five-storey building designed to allow natural ventilation (including both onshore and offshore winds) for existing residential developments located in the inland areas.

6. As the site fell within the harbourfront areas, FEHD consulted the Task Force on Harbourfront Developments in Kowloon, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing under the Harbourfront Commission on 12 February 2014. The Task Force had no objection in principle to the project.

## Reprovisioning of the depot at Fuk Wa Street/Fuk Wing Street/Camp Street site, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon

- 7. At the Panel meeting, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested reprovisioning the depot at the Fuk Wa Street / Fuk Wing Street / Camp Street site, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon (the Sham Shui Po site).
- As compared with the Sai Yee Street site and the Yen Ming Road site (with a site area of about 6 500 m<sup>2</sup> and 8 278 m<sup>2</sup> respectively). the Sham Shui Po site with a site area of about 3 150 m<sup>2</sup> is far from adequate for accommodating all the existing FEHD facilities at Sai Yee Street as well as providing additional parking spaces for vehicles currently parked at the Cha Kwo Ling Vehicle Depot. Moreover, the site is in close proximity to a large number of residential buildings, schools/nursery (namely (1) Fuk Wing Street Government Primary School, (2) SKH St. Thomas' Primary School, (3) C.C.C. Heep Woh Primary School (Cheung Sha Wan), (4) Kowloon Technical School, (5) Society of Boys' Centres Hui Chung Sing Memorial School, (6) Tak Ching Primary School, (7) Ying Wa Girls' School and (8) Precious Blood Nursery) and the Precious Blood Hospital. A site plan showing the location of the Sham Shui Po site and the nearby residential buildings, schools/nursery and hospital is at Annex C. The Government does not consider it feasible to reprovision the depot at the Sham Shui Po site.

## **Next Step**

9. In the interest of meeting the development needs of our community, we are proceeding with putting the captioned item before the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee for funding approval as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Food and Health

c.c. All Members of Legislative Council

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(Attn: Ms Alice LEUNG)

Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

(Attn: Ms Jasmine CHOI)

Secretary for Development

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Director of Planning

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Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

(Attn: Mr LAM Wing-hong)

# Site Search for Food and Environmental Hygiene Department <u>Environmental Hygiene Offices-cum-vehicle depot</u>

## I. "Government, Institution or Community" sites in Yau Tsim Mong District that meet the requirements (sites larger than 6 000 m²)

Site	Location	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Assessments
***	Yen Ming Road	8 300	<ul> <li>About 253 m from Hampton Place</li> <li>Not suitable for residential use as the site is in close proximity to the Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Food Market, godown, cargo working area, pier and electricity substation</li> <li>Suitable for reprovisioning the FEHD Environmental Hygiene Offices-cum-vehicle depot (the depot) as it is at a distance from residential developments</li> </ul>
2.	Hoi Fan Road	8 100	<ul> <li>about 121 m from Hampton Place</li> <li>Reserved for other use</li> <li>Not suitable for reprovisioning the depot</li> </ul>
3.	Sham Mong Road near Nam Cheong Park	11 600	<ul> <li>Close to residential development, about 28 m from Harbour Green</li> <li>Reserved for other uses</li> <li>Not suitable for reprovisioning the depot</li> </ul>
4.	Hoi Ting Road near HKMA David Li Kwok Po College	6 000	<ul> <li>Close to residential development, about 22 m from Charming Garden</li> <li>Reserved for other use</li> <li>Not suitable for reprovisioning the depot</li> </ul>

Site	Location	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Assessments
5.	Hoi Ting Road near Yau Ma Tei Catholic Primary School (Hoi Wang Road)	9 500	<ul> <li>Close to residential development, about 69 m from Charming Garden</li> <li>Reserved for other use</li> <li>Not suitable for reprovisioning the depot</li> </ul>
6.	Lai Cheung Road near Ferry Street	11 900	<ul> <li>Close to residential development, about 76 m from The Coronation</li> <li>Reserved for other uses</li> <li>Not suitable for reprovisioning the depot</li> </ul>
7.	Lai Cheung Road near Hoi Wang Road	10 300	<ul> <li>about 127 m from The Coronation</li> <li>Reserved for other uses</li> <li>Not suitable for reprovisioning the depot</li> </ul>
8.	To Wah Road	7 300	<ul> <li>about 85 m from Sorrento of Kowloon Station</li> <li>Reserved for other uses</li> <li>Not suitable for reprovisioning the depot</li> </ul>

# II. "Government, Institution or Community" sites in Sham Shui Po District that meet the requirements (sites larger than 6 000 m²) and sites suggested by Hon James TO

9. East of Tat Yeung Road  • about 94 m from Ching Lai Court • Reserved for other use • Not suitable for reprovisioning the	Site	Location	Area (m²)	Assessments
depot		East of Tat	`	<ul> <li>about 94 m from Ching Lai Court</li> <li>Reserved for other use</li> <li>Not suitable for reprovisioning the</li> </ul>

Site	Location	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Assessments
10.	Ching Cheung Road near Lai Chi Kok Park	9 300	<ul> <li>about 150 m from Mei Foo Sun Chuen</li> <li>Reserved for other use</li> <li>Not suitable for reprovisioning the depot</li> </ul>
11.	South of Tat Yeung Road	7 000	<ul> <li>about 114 m from Ching Lai Court</li> <li>Reserved for other use</li> <li>Not suitable for reprovisioning the depot</li> </ul>
12.	North of Tat Yeung Road	9 800	<ul> <li>About 91 m from Ching Lai Court</li> <li>about 102 m from Lai King Terrace</li> <li>Reserved for other uses</li> <li>Not suitable for reprovisioning the depot</li> </ul>
13.	Tat Mei Road	6 400	<ul> <li>About 292 m from Ching Lai Court</li> <li>Reserved for other uses</li> <li>Not suitable for reprovisioning the depot</li> </ul>

## Notes:

- (i) Sites no. 10 to 13 have been suggested by Hon James TO; and
- (ii) The locations of the above 13 sites and the existing FEHD Environmental Hygiene Offices-cum-vehicle depot at Sai Yee Street are shown in the plan at Annex B.



