

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**PWP Item No. 3794CL — The demolition of existing superstructures
at Caroline Hill Road site, Causeway Bay**

**Follow-up Actions Arising from the Enquiries of Dr Hon Lau Siu Lai to
the Public Works Subcommittee on 19 April 2017**

Supplementary information requested by Dr Hon Lau Siu Lai is provided below:

(a) time schedule for construction vehicular access

An on-site vehicular traffic count survey had been conducted during the course of traffic impact assessment (TIA) study. The information of the peak traffic hours in the morning, lunch time and after work in the nearby area had been considered in the TIA study.

In addition, we had consulted the neighboring schools and collected their school timetables. School hours generally start at around 8:00am to 8:30am and finish at around 1pm and from 3pm to 4pm respectively. The time of entry and exit of the construction vehicles will be arranged with due consideration to the school hours. The time schedule for the construction vehicular access would be finalized upon the commencement of the demolition contract and we would closely liaise with the schools nearby.

(b) traffic measures to be implemented during major events held at the Hong Kong Stadium

We will coordinate with relevant departments and organizations, including the organizers of major events, the Hong Kong Police Force and the Transport Department etc., to discuss the arrangements for the entry and exit of the construction vehicles and formulate appropriate access time schedule and traffic routing to suit the event. This is to avoid the construction vehicles entering or leaving the site during the peak traffic hours when major events are held at the Hong Kong Stadium. Details of the temporary traffic arrangements for the access of the construction vehicles to and from the site would be finalized after coordination with

relevant departments and organizations.

Taking the recent “Hong Kong Sevens 2017” held on 7 – 9 April this year as an example, only one out of the three days event was a normal working day. Special traffic arrangement has been implemented, such as road closures and temporary traffic diversions. We could fully cope with such arrangement and would temporary suspend site access for construction vehicles if the same traffic arrangement would be implemented for the event in the coming year.

(c) implication of demolition works to the stone wall in Caroline Hill Road

The project scope of this demolition works only covers the demolition of the existing superstructures within the site. The existing stone walls and the water pipes fixed at these walls do not fall within our demolition scope.

(d) storage of asbestos and construction & demolition waste

We had arranged registered asbestos consultant to conduct asbestos survey inside the existing buildings of the site and had registered asbestos laboratory to collect the suspected asbestos containing materials for analysis. The tests identified that some of the buildings to be demolished had asbestos containing materials. The findings of the Asbestos Investigation Report and Asbestos Abatement Plan had been approved by the Director of Environmental Protection. The asbestos abatement works will be carried out by a registered asbestos contractor in accordance with the asbestos abatement plan approved by the Environmental Protection Department and the relevant guidelines.

We will handle, store and dispose the asbestos waste as chemical waste in accordance with the Waste Disposal Ordinance, the Waste Disposal (Chemical Waste) (General) Regulations and the relevant guidelines/Code of Practice to ensure that there is no impact to the public and the environment. The asbestos waste will be packed in designated sealed asbestos waste bags and will be temporarily stored and securely locked in a designated area within the site. According to the asbestos survey and existing site conditions, as adequate space is available within the project

site for temporary holding and storage of waste, we will arrange the asbestos waste to be transported out of the site to the designated landfill disposal site during non-peak traffic period in an orderly manner.