

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

BACKGROUND

North Lamma Public Library

In connection with the “Signature Project Scheme (Islands District) - Yung Shue Wan Library cum Heritage and Cultural Showroom, Lamma Island” (Project Code: 61RG), the North Lamma Public Library (NLPL) which was originally located in a one-storey building near Yung Shue Wan Ferry Pier was demolished for constructing a three-storey building to accommodate the Heritage and Cultural Showroom on the ground floor and Yung Shue Wan Public Library on the first and the second floors. Upon completion of the project, the library will adopt the previous name as “North Lamma Public Library” (南丫島北段公共圖書館) and it is planned to commence service in the second quarter of 2019.

Self-service library station

2. Besides, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) has earlier launched a pilot scheme to provide three self-service library stations (“library station”), one each on Hong Kong Island, in Kowloon and in the New Territories. The library stations provide round-the-clock library services such as borrowing, return, payment and pickup of reserved library materials.
3. The locations of the three library stations are the Island East Sports Centre sitting-out area in the Eastern District, outside the Studio Theatre of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre in the Yau Tsim Mong District and an outdoor area near the Tai Wai MTR Station in the Sha Tin District respectively. The first library station in the Eastern District was opened on 5 December 2017 while the remaining two in the Yau Tsim Mong District and the Sha Tin District are tentatively planned to be opened in the fourth quarter of 2018 and the first quarter of 2019 respectively.
4. The first two library stations located in the Eastern District and the Yau Tsim Mong District were designated as libraries on 1 September 2017 under Designation of Libraries (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2017. This proposed legislative amendment aims to designate the building of

the third library station located in the Sha Tin District as a library.

PROPOSAL

5. The Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, in her capacity as the Authority (“Authority”) under the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) (“the Ordinance”), manages and controls the libraries listed in the Schedule to the Designation of Libraries Order (Cap. 132 sub. leg. O). Under Section 105K of the Ordinance, the Authority may, by order published in the Gazette, designate any building, or part of a building, as a library.

6. We propose to amend the Schedule to the Designation of Libraries Order (Cap. 132 sub. leg. O) as follows:-

(a) By repealing item 57 -

“57. 1 Yung Shue Wan Main Street,
Lamma Island.”.

and substituting -

“57. The first and second floors,
1 Yung Shue Wan Main Street, Lamma Island.”.

(b) By adding item 78 -

“78. The building known as Self-service Library Station
situated at 2 Tsuen Nam Road, Tai Wai, Sha Tin.”.

JUSTIFICATIONS

7. The amendments to the Schedule to the Designation of Libraries Order (Cap. 132 sub. leg. O) as proposed in paragraph 6 shall come into operation on 15 December 2018. They enable the Authority to enforce the regulations relating to the NLPL and the third library station for proper management.

AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE TO THE DESIGNATION OF LIBRARIES ORDER (Cap. 132 sub. leg. O)

8. The Order at Annex A amends the Schedule to the Designation of Libraries Order to update the list of public libraries.

LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

9. The legislative timetable is as follows –

Publication in the Gazette	19 October 2018
Tabling at the Legislative Council for negative vetting	24 October 2018

PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND PUBLICITY

10. The Islands District Council and the Sha Tin District Council supported the reprovisioning of the NLPL at the Yung Shue Wan, Lamma Island and the provision of the library station in an outdoor area near the Tai Wai MTR Station respectively. The designation of the two premises as libraries in the Schedule of the Ordinance will be published in the Gazette.

ENQUIRY

11. Please contact Miss LAU Shuk-fan, Rochelle, Assistant Director (Libraries & Development), at 2601 8945 for enquiries on this subject.

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

16 October 2018

Designation of Libraries (Amendment) Order 2018

(Made by the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services under section 105K of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132))

1. Commencement

This Order comes into operation on 15 December 2018.

2. Designation of Libraries Order amended

The Designation of Libraries Order (Cap. 132 sub. leg. O) is amended as set out in section 3.

3. Schedule amended

(1) The Schedule—

Repeal item 57

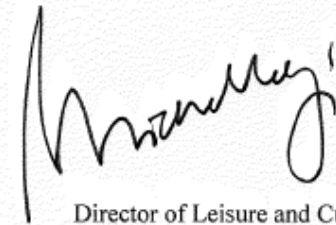
Substitute

“57. The first and second floors, 1 Yung Shue Wan Main Street, Lamma Island.”

(2) The Schedule—

Add

“78. The building known as Self-service Library Station situated at 2 Tsuen Nam Road, Tai Wai, Sha Tin.”



Director of Leisure and Cultural
Services

16.10.2018

Explanatory Note

This Order—

- (a) cancels the designation of 1 Yung Shue Wan Main Street, Lamma Island as a library;
 - (b) designates the first and second floors, 1 Yung Shue Wan Main Street, Lamma Island as a library; and
 - (c) designates the Self-service Library Station situated at 2 Tsuen Nam Road, Tai Wai, Sha Tin as a library.
2. As a result of the designation, the management and control of the libraries mentioned in paragraph 1(b) and (c) is vested in the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services. The Director may also exercise other statutory functions under the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) in respect of those libraries.