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(Attn.: Ms Doris LO)

Dear Ms LO,

**Public Works Subcommittee
District Library and Residential Care Home for the Elderly
in the Joint User Complex at Lei King Road
A Response to the Questions from
Legislative Council Member Hon AU Nok-hin**

With reference to the letter of 3 December 2019 from Hon AU Nok-hin requesting the Government to provide information on the project of “District Library and Residential Care Home for the Elderly in the Joint User Complex at Lei King Road”, our response is at Annex for Members’ reference.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheila Wong', written in a cursive style.

(Sheila WONG)

for Secretary for Home Affairs

Annex

Re: 58RG — District Library and Residential Care Home for the Elderly in the Joint User Complex at Lei King Road

This project does not include car park. There will only be three loading/unloading spaces provided under the project, including two for the library (one loading/unloading space for vans and one pick-up/drop-off space for coaches to facilitate school visits to the library) and one for the residential care home for the elderly (RCHE) (one loading/unloading area for shared use by ambulances and other vehicles (including rehabuses)). Separately, there will be one private light bus parking space available for the exclusive use of the RCHE under the project. All the aforementioned loading/unloading space and the dedicated parking space for the RCHE will not provide charging facilities for electric vehicles (EVs). However, we have reserved sufficient power supply for future installation of four sets of EV charging-enabling infrastructure when necessary.

As the premises under the project have reached the maximum height limit and if a car park is to be added, it can only be built underground. However, the construction of a basement car park requires an alteration to the overall design (including an alteration to the overall structural design and a change to the layout floor design). Moreover, after deducting the areas for vehicular accesses, the remaining space is available for the parking of only 50 private cars. According to a preliminary assessment made by the Architectural Services Department, if there is no further change to the project scope, the overall works schedule will be postponed by at least two years to re-design, implement the relevant procedures (requiring about one extra year) and facilitate the on-site construction (requiring about one extra year). The project cost will also be increased.

Given the reasons set out above, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) considered the proposal of constructing a basement car park undesirable. The LCSD consulted the Planning, Works and Housing Committee of the Eastern District Council on 11 July 2017, and the Committee agreed that there was no need to add a basement car park in the Joint User Complex.

According to the information provided by the Transport Department, there

are already public car parks near the Joint User Complex, including a public car park at Grand Promenade and two temporary public car parks on Hing Man Street, providing about 400 private car parking spaces and 25 light goods vehicle parking spaces in total. Separately, there are parking spaces available for the public in the car park of the Island East Sports Centre near the Joint User Complex.