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# 中華人民共和國香港特別行政區政府總部食物及衞生局

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Clerk to Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene Legislative Council Secretariat Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central, Hong Kong (Attention: Miss Josephine SO)

Dear Miss SO,

# Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene Follow-up on the Meeting of 10 November 2020

Your letter dated 13 November 2020 refers. For the proposal on Construction of a Joint-user Building for Reprovisioning a Refuse Collection Point and Setting Up a Community Recycling Centre at the Junction between Hung Yuen Road and Hung Ping Road, Yuen Long, having consulted the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Architectural Services Department, Environmental Protection Department and Planning Department, we hereby provide supplementary information on the project at **Annex** for Members' information.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

(Gilford LAW) for Secretary for Food and Health

c.c. Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene
Director of Architectural Services
Director of Environmental Protection
Director of Planning

Construction of a Joint-user Building (JUB) for Reprovisioning a Refuse Collection Point (RCP) and Setting Up a Community Recycling Centre (CRC) at the Junction between Hung Yuen Road and Hung Ping Road, Yuen Long (3189GK)

At the meeting of the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene held on 10 November 2020, the Government consulted Members on the captioned project (LC Paper No. CB(2)153/20-21(04)). The supplementary information requested by Members is set out below.

# (1) Responses to local concerns and suggestions

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), in collaboration with the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) and Environmental Protection Department (EPD), briefed the Environmental Improvement Committee of the Yuen Long District Council (YLDC) on the proposed project on 11 March 2019. Members supported the project and its design. Upon request of the Environment, Climate Change, Agriculture and Fisheries Committee (ECCA&FC) of YLDC, FEHD, together with EPD, Planning Department (PlanD) and ArchSD attended the meeting of the ECCA&FC on 9 March 2020 to brief members on the proposed project again and listened to their opinions. Subsequently, representatives of the Food and Health Bureau, FEHD, EPD, PlanD and ArchSD met with the Chairman and relevant members of the ECCA&FC on 25 September 2020 to exchange views on the background of the proposed project, current design proposal, site constraints and operation of the CRC.

With reference to the views garnered from the above three meetings, the design of the JUB has been adjusted. For example, double glazing will be used for the upper part of the partition wall between the CRC and multi-purpose room on the first floor to reduce nuisances generated by the baling machine in operation to users of the multi-purpose room. As long as daily operational needs are met, the multi-purpose room may be

made available for booking by local residents and community organisations for organising educational and promotional activities for environmental protection. Moreover, under the current design, a pantry, toilets, lockers, changing and shower facilities, and a covered and ventilated balcony will be provided on the mezzanine floor of the JUB for use by staff of FEHD and its outsourced contractors. The locations and layout plan of the above facilities are shown in **Appendix 1**.

To tie in with community development and meet public needs, the Government has reserved a piece of land adjacent to the JUB for providing an elderly home and a clinic. Moreover, as illustrated in the approved Hung Shui Kiu and Ha Tsuen Outline Zoning Plan, PlanD has reserved land for constructing Government, Institution or Community facilities, including government joint-user complex, social welfare facilities, etc., in the Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area (NDA), for serving Hung Shui Kiu and surrounding areas. Community facilities near the JUB are shown in **Appendix 2**.

## (2) Catchment area and design capacity of the new RCP

According to PlanD's advice, the site of the proposed JUB is complementary to other development projects in the Hung Shui Kiu NDA. With a designed capacity of 30 tonnes, the new RCP is responsible for receiving household waste\* and refuse collected by street sweeping within its catchment area covering Hung Chi Road, Hung Tin Road, Castle Peak Road – Hung Shui Kiu, Hung Kei Road, part of San Lee Uk Tsuen, part of Tan Kwai Tsuen Road, Hung Tak Road and Hung Shun Road (with the map of catchment area in **Appendix 3**), which completely covers and exceeds the entire catchment area of the existing village-type RCP (YL-96) at Hung Tai Road.

<sup>\*</sup> The catchment area of the new RCP does not include housing estates with their own refuse collection service.

#### (3) Rationale for reprovisioning of the RCP

The existing village-type RCP (YL-96) at Hung Tai Road has been completed and used since before 1992. The current intake of 3.8 tonnes of refuse per day has, however, far exceeded its design capacity of 1.5 tonnes. A number of residential buildings were successively built in the vicinity, leading to an increasing demand for refuse collection services. To cater for the actual need arising from developments in the area, and taking into account the anticipated population growth of the area, there is an actual need to build a permanent off-street RCP up to the current standard to serve the local community. Besides, the new RCP which will be located at the centre of its catchment area will be more evenly distanced from various sites within the catchment area in general.

Although there are refuse collection facilities managed by estate management agencies / the Housing Department in housing estates in Hung Shui Kiu, they only serve the residents of respective estates. Since the RCP proposed by FEHD will receive household waste from other members of the public in Hung Shui Kiu, as well as refuse collected by street sweeping operations, its functions cannot be replaced by refuse collection facilities in other housing estates.

# (4) Environmental mitigation arrangements of the new RCP

EPD has approved the preliminary environmental review of the project, based on the results of which mitigation measures will be implemented. Specifically, the new RCP will be located at the ground and the mezzanine floors of an enclosed building and installed with negative pressure system and facilities for odour abatement, noise reduction and sewage and vehicle exhaust treatment. The RCP will also be equipped with an enclosed compaction trailer for refuse collection, which can effectively reduce any nuisances caused to its vicinity during operation. As the design of the RCP to be reprovisioned is based on negative pressure, with odour treatment and air purification by means of a water scrubber system and air purifiers, the exhaust quality will meet the requirements of

EPD without any impacts to the surrounding environment. Besides, the location of the exhaust air outlet has been carefully calculated with a height of approximately 10 metres from the pavement surface to minimise potential nuisances to pedestrians.

As for the proposed dedicated rehousing estate to be located at Hung Ping Road, its peripheral developments (including the new RCP) will be considered and incorporated at the detailed design stage in order to reduce potential impacts.

# (5) Traffic arrangements of the new RCP

The traffic impact assessment of the project has been approved by the Transport Department. The vehicular ingress/egress of the new RCP will be at Hung Ping Road where the traffic is not busy. A refuse collection vehicle (RCV) operational area of 60 square metres inside will provide sufficient space for RCVs to completely enter the RCP for waste collection and turnaround. The impact on the traffic flows on Hung Yuen Road and Hung Ping Road is therefore insignificant. A diagram showing the vehicular routes of RCVs entering the RCP and turning around is in **Appendix 1**. In drawing up work plans for RCVs, FEHD and refuse collection contractors will refrain from scheduling collection service during higher traffic flow hours to avoid impact on road users. Normally, there will not be more than one vehicle collecting refuse each time.

# (6) Operational hours of the CRC

The latest service hours of Recycling Stores (formerly known as CRCs), which have been phased in since mid-November 2020, are from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. from Monday to Sunday with night-time self-service recycling. The stores are open all year round except for Christmas and Lunar New Year holidays. In drafting operation contracts for new CRCs/Recycling Stores, EPD will adjust and extend the operational hours as appropriate in the light of public demand to provide more customised service for the community.

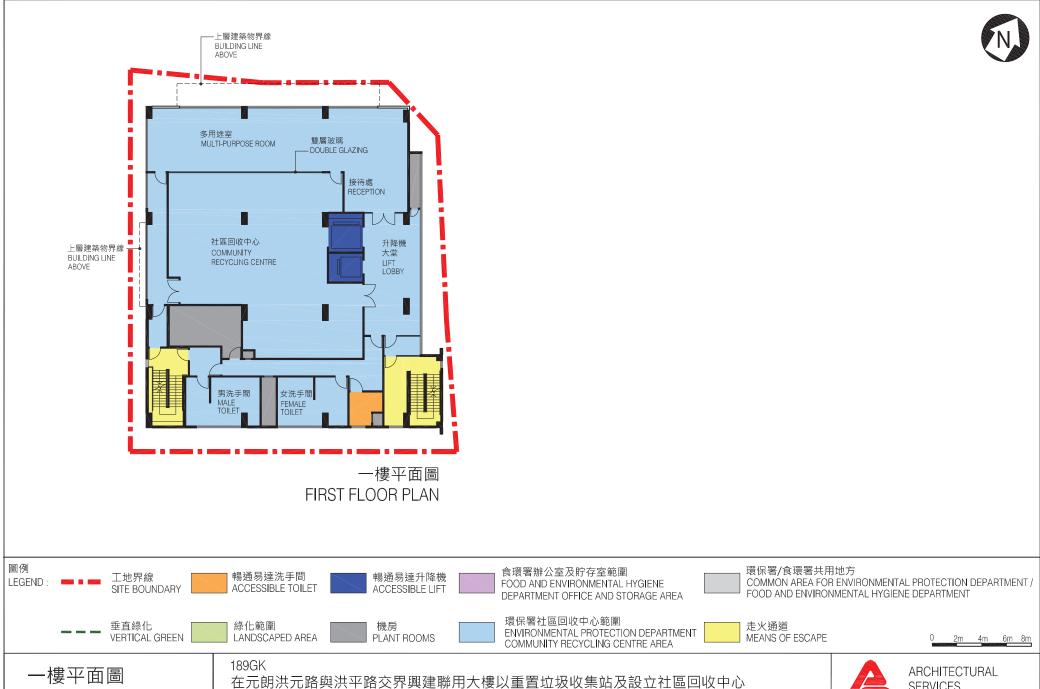


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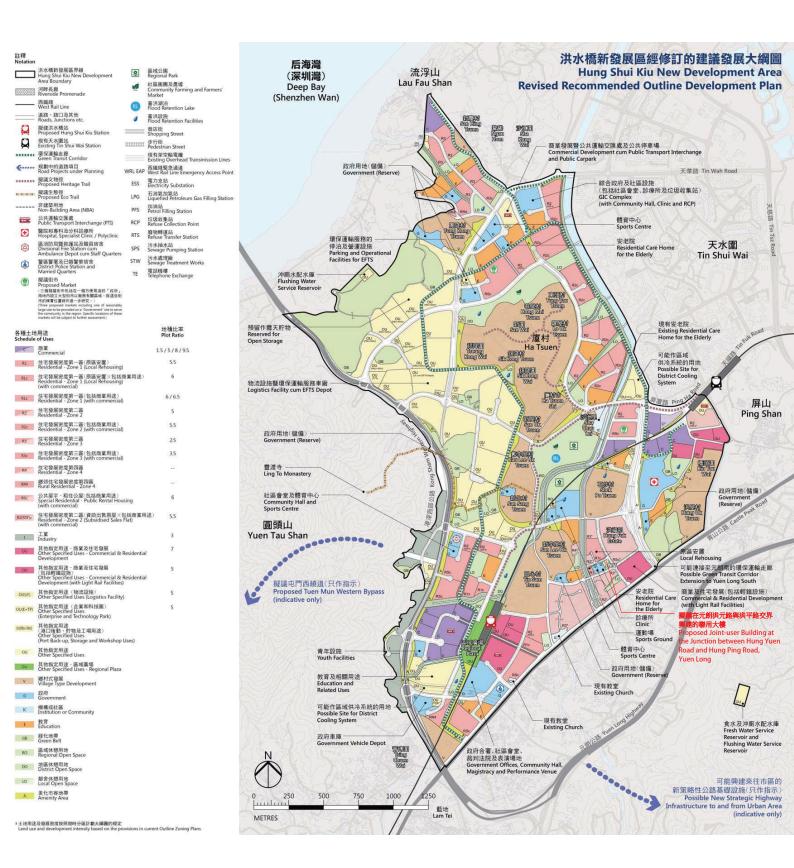


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## Catchment Area of the Refuse Collection Point (RCP) under the Proposed Project

