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Dear Miss SO,

**Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene  
Follow-up Issues Arising from the Meeting on 20 April 2021**

I refer to your letter dated 22 April 2021. Regarding the proposal on site formation and associated infrastructural works for development of columbarium at Siu Ho Wan, Lantau Island, having consulted Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Civil Engineering and Development Department, Architectural Services Department and Transport Department, we provide supplementary information on the project at the **Annex** for Members' information.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

(Gilford LAW)  
for Secretary for Food and Health

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              Director of Civil Engineering and Development  
              Director of Architectural Services  
              Commissioner for Transport

**Site Formation and Associated Infrastructural Works  
for Development of Columbarium at Siu Ho Wan on Lantau Island  
(5841CL)**

At the meeting of the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene held on 20 April 2021, Members were consulted on the captioned project (LC Paper No. CB(2)972/20-21(05)). The supplementary information requested by Members is as follows:

**(1) Traffic and transport arrangement**

Traffic and transport arrangement during festive periods

2. To cope with the expected visitor volume during festive periods, we will arrange special bus service at Sunny Bay MTR station for carrying grave sweepers from the proposed pick-up/drop-off points at Sunny Bay Road to and from the columbarium via Sunny Bay Road, Cheung Tung Road and Sham Shui Kok Drive. Moreover, to facilitate grave sweepers from Tung Chung direction, we will also arrange special bus service from Tung Chung MTR station to and from the columbarium via Cheung Tung Road and Sham Shui Kok Drive.

3. During festive periods, there will be vehicle control measures at Sham Shui Kok Drive. Sham Shui Kok Drive will be closed to all vehicles, except special buses, taxis, emergency vehicles and refuse collection vehicles going to North Lantau Transfer Station. Grave sweepers may take special buses or taxis for direct access to the columbaria facilities. Grave sweepers going to the columbarium by private cars should alight at the proposed pick-up/drop-off points at Cheung Tung Road, and walk along Cheung Tung Road and Sham Shui Kok Drive to the proposed columbarium<sup>1</sup>.

Traffic and transport arrangement on ordinary days

4. On ordinary days, families of the deceased who go to the columbarium to deposit ashes in niches or visitors may take New Lantao Bus No. 36 at Tat Tung Road Bus Terminus in Tung Chung. After alighting near Siu Ho Wan,

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<sup>1</sup> The distance is about 600 m (i.e. about 10 minutes' walk).

they can walk along Cheung Tung Road and Sham Shui Kok Drive to the columbarium<sup>1</sup>. Alternatively, they may go to the columbarium by private cars or taxis.

**(2) Metered parking space arrangement**

5. There will be a total of 23 metered parking spaces at the pick-up/drop-off points at Cheung Tung Road and Sham Shui Kok Drive. In response to the views expressed by Members at the meeting of the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene held on 20 April 2021, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) and Transport Department have re-examined the space near the proposed columbarium. It is preliminarily estimated that more than 10 additional metered parking spaces can be provided, i.e. a total of more than 33 metered parking spaces can be provided outside the columbarium. Private car drivers may use these metered parking spaces on normal days. During festive periods, these parking spaces will be closed to serve as pick-up/drop-off points.

**(3) Parking space arrangement in the columbarium**

6. According to the completed technical feasibility study, 10 parking spaces can be provided in the columbarium to cater for operational needs. The parking spaces will be able to accommodate 5 private cars (including 1 accessible pick-up/drop-off space), 2 light buses, 2 emergency vehicles and 1 refuse collection vehicle. Such parking spaces inside the site is expected to be sufficient to meet the operational needs. As for the views of providing public parking spaces inside the columbarium, the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) will study the feasibility of the proposal at the design stage of the columbarium.

**(4) Project timetable**

7. If funding approval is obtained in mid-2021, the CEDD plans to complete the proposed works in 4 years, during which CEDD will complete the site formation in around 2.5 years in order to enable ArchSD to begin the building works for the columbarium development as early as possible.

8. Based on the above commencement date, the ArchSD plans to call

tender simultaneously and use the design and build contract mode so that the works can be carried out as soon as possible after funding approval is obtained. The target completion date of the construction works of the columbarium is 2026, i.e. earlier than the original target in 2027.

(5) **Modular Integrated Construction method**

9. The ArchSD is actively promoting the use of Modular Integrated Construction (MIC) method, and will apply it in the construction of columbaria, such as constructing niches and storeys. As regards the savings of cost and time through the MIC method, given that the columbarium project will be designed and constructed by the design and build contractor and the columbarium building just comprises several storeys, the ArchSD will need to further examine the extent where the MIC method can be applied during the design stage. More information will be provided in the funding applications for the building works of the columbarium development.