ITEM FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

HEAD 711 – HOUSING

Civil Engineering – Land development 866CL – Site formation and infrastructure works for public housing development at To Yuen Tung, Tai Po

Members are invited to recommend to the Finance Committee the upgrading of **866CL** to Category A at an estimated cost of \$529.0 million in money-of-the-day (MOD) prices.

PROBLEM

We need to carry out **866CL** to support the public housing development (the Development) at To Yuen Tung, Tai Po.

PROPOSAL

2. The Director of Civil Engineering and Development, with the support of the Secretary for Housing, proposes to upgrade **866CL** to Category A at an estimated cost of \$529.0 million in MOD prices for the site formation and infrastructure works.

PROJECT SCOPE AND NATURE

- 3. The scope of proposed works of **866CL** comprises
 - (a) formation of about 2.7 hectares (ha) works site and construction of associated slopes;

- (b) construction of a bus lay-by at Ma Wo Road;
- (c) road improvement works at (i) the junction of Ma Wo Road/Tat Wan Road; (ii) the junction of Tat Wan Road/Nam Wan Road; and (iii) the Kwong Fuk roundabout; and
- (d) ancillary works including drainage, sewerage, water supply and landscaping works.
- 4. The location plan, site plan and sections of the proposed works are at **Enclosure 1**.
- 5. We plan to commence the proposed works upon obtaining approval from the Finance Committee (FC). It is expected that the proposal will be completed in around four and a half years. In order to meet the tight construction programme, we have invited tenders in parallel to enable early commencement of the proposed project. The returned tender prices have been reflected in the estimated cost of the proposed project. We will award the works contract only after FC has approved the funding.

JUSTIFICATION

- 6. **866CL** is aimed at providing formed land and constructing infrastructure for the Development. The key development parameters and the conceptual plan of the Development are at **Enclosure 2** and **Enclosure 3** respectively.
- 7. According to the findings of the traffic impact assessment (TIA), we propose to carry out the road improvement works listed in the above paragraphs 3(b) and (c) to accommodate the traffic and transport needs arising from the Development.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. We estimate the capital cost of the proposed project to be \$529.0 million in MOD prices, broken down as follows –

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(a)	Site formation and associated works ¹		322.7^2	
	(i) Site formation	254.4		
	(ii) Installation of soil nails	68.3		
(b)	Road improvement works		7.5	
(c)	Ancillary works including drainage, sewerage, water supply and landscaping works ³		88.4	
	(i) drainage and sewerage works	70.0		
	(ii) water supply works	3.8		
	(iii) landscaping and other ancillary works	14.6		
(d)	Consultants' fee for		4.4	
	(i) contract administration ⁴	3.5		
	(ii) management of resident site staff (RSS)	0.9		
(e)	Remuneration of RSS		57.9	
(f)	Contingencies		48.1	
	Total	_	529.0	
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Site formation and associated works include removal of existing slopes and retaining walls, construction of slopes and installation of soil nails.

For the proposed site formation works, the unit cost is about \$103 million per ha in September 2023 prices. It falls within the range of about \$86 million to \$136 million per ha in September 2023 prices for projects of similar nature and scale in the past few years.

Landscaping works include tree survey, preservation and protection of trees, tree removal works, tree planting works, etc.

⁴ Contract administration includes administration of site progress, quality, project expenditure, etc.

- 9. We propose to engage consultants to undertake contract administration and site supervision for the proposed project. A breakdown of the estimates for consultants' fees and RSS costs by man-months is at **Enclosure 4**.
- 10. Subject to funding approval, we plan to phase the expenditure as follows –

Year	\$ million (in MOD prices)
2024 – 25	15.9
2025 - 26	95.2
2026 – 27	132.3
2027 - 28	132.3
2028 – 29	111.0
2029 – 30	31.7
2030 – 31	10.6
	529.0

11. We have derived the MOD estimates on the basis of the Government's latest set of assumptions on the trend rate of change in the prices of public sector building and construction output for the period from 2024 to 2031. Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) will deliver the proposed works under New Engineering Contract⁵. The contract will provide clauses for price adjustment.

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New Engineering Contract is a suite of contracts developed by the Institution of Civil Engineers, United Kingdom. This contract form emphasises cooperation, mutual trust and collaborative risk management between contracting parties.

- 12. We estimate the annual recurrent expenditure arising from the proposed works to be at about \$740,000.
- 13. As the site of the proposed project is located on the existing hillside to the south of Ma Wo Road, Tai Po, we have to carry out site formation works and construct associated slopes to form platforms for the construction of public housing by the Hong Kong Housing Authority. We have optimised site formation design by adopting stepped platforms along the hillside to reduce generation of inert construction wastes. This measure not only reduces the construction cost, but also shortens the construction period. The site formation works can be completed and the formed land for the Development can be provided as early as possible.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

- 14. CEDD consulted the Planning, Housing and Works Committee (PHWC) of the Tai Po District Council about the proposed works on 17 January 2023. Although PHWC expressed concerns mainly about traffic and transport, tree preservation and removal proposal and future fresh water supply arrangements, they had no objection to the proposed works. In response to the concerns, CEDD responded to the concerns at the meeting and the Government also provided a detailed written explanation to the PHWC on 14 March 2023.
- 15. On 24 March 2023, CEDD gazetted the proposed sewerage works under Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance (Cap. 370) as applied by Section 26 of Water Pollution Control (Sewerage) Regulation (Cap. 358AL). After the gazettal, CEDD did not receive any objection. The notice of authorisation was subsequently gazetted on 30 June 2023.
- 16. We briefed Members of the Legislative Council Panel on Housing on 6 May 2024 on the proposal to upgrade **866CL** to Category A. The Panel supported the submission of the funding proposal for the proposed project to the Public Works Subcommittee for consideration. We provided supplementary information to the Panel on Housing on 7 June 2024.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 17. The proposed project is not a designated project under the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (Cap. 499). CEDD has carried out a Preliminary Environmental Review (PER) for the proposed project. The PER concluded that through the implementation of mitigation measures, the proposed project would not cause any adverse environmental impacts in the long run.
- 18. CEDD has stipulated conditions in the contract to require the contractor to implement appropriate mitigation measures and contain the environmental impacts during the construction period, in order to ensure compliance with established standards and guidelines. These measures include use of low-noise construction equipment and methods, silencers, mufflers, acoustic lining or shields for noisy construction activities to mitigate construction noise; frequent cleaning and watering of the work sites and the provision of sprinklers and wheel-washing facilities to minimise spread of dust. We have included the associated cost in the project estimate for implementing the mitigation measures.
- 19. At the planning and design stages, CEDD has considered different design options so as to reduce generation of construction waste where possible. In addition, CEDD will require the contractor to reuse inert construction waste (e.g. excavated soil and rock fill) on site as far as possible, in order to minimise the disposal of inert construction waste to public fill reception facilities ⁶ (PFRF). CEDD will encourage the contractor to maximise the use of recycled or recyclable inert construction waste, and the use of non-timber formwork to further reduce generation of construction waste.
- 20. At the construction stage, CEDD will require the contractor to submit a plan setting out the waste management measures for approval. The plan is required to include appropriate mitigation measures to avoid, reduce, reuse and recycle inert construction waste. CEDD will ensure that the day-to-day operations on site comply with the approved plan. CEDD will require the contractor to separate the inert portion from non-inert construction waste on site for disposal at appropriate facilities. CEDD will supervise the disposal of inert construction waste and non-inert construction waste at PFRF and landfills respectively through a trip-ticket system.

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PFRF are specified in Schedule 4 of the Waste Disposal (Charges for Disposal of Construction Waste)
Regulation (Cap. 354N). Disposal of inert construction waste at PFRF requires a license issued by
the Director of Civil Engineering and Development.

21. CEDD estimates that the proposed project will generate in total about 879 100 tonnes of construction waste. Of these, CEDD will reuse about 3 000 tonnes (0.3%)of inert construction waste on site deliver 825 700 tonnes (93.9 %) of inert construction waste to PFRF for subsequent reuse. CEDD will dispose of the remaining 50 400 tonnes (5.8 %) of non-inert construction waste at landfills. The total cost for disposal of construction waste at PFRF and landfill sites is estimated at about \$68.70 million for the proposed project (based on a unit charge rate of \$71 per tonne for disposal at PFRF and \$200 per tonne for disposal at landfills as stipulated in the Waste Disposal (Charges for Disposal of Construction Waste) Regulation (Cap. 354N)).

HERITAGE IMPLICATIONS

22. The proposed project will not affect any heritage site, i.e. all the declared monuments. the proposed monuments. the graded historic sites/buildings/structures, the sites of archaeological interest, all sites/buildings/structures in the new list of the proposed grading items, and the Government historic sites identified by the Antiquities and Monuments Office.

TRAFFIC IMPLICATIONS

23. CEDD has conducted the TIA for the Development. According to the findings of the TIA, the road network in the vicinity will generally be able to accommodate the traffic and transport needs arising from the Development after implementation of the proposed road improvement works. During the construction period of the proposed works, CEDD will implement temporary traffic arrangements and appropriate control measures on construction vehicles to minimise the traffic impact of the proposed works on nearby roads.

LAND ACQUISITION

24. To complement the proposed works, we will resume about 0.2 ha of private land and clear about 2.5 ha of Government land. A total of about nine domestic households (involving about 19 persons) will be affected, and about 84 temporary structures, seven graves and 34 urns will be removed on concerned private and Government land. The Government will offer statutory compensation under the relevant ordinances. In accordance with the prevailing general ex-gratia compensation and rehousing arrangements, the Government will offer various prevailing administrative ex-gratia allowances to affected eligible land owners and occupiers and rehousing arrangements to affected eligible domestic households.

25. The land acquisition cost, estimated at about \$28.5 million including payments to eligible land owners and occupiers, will be charged to **Head 701** – **Land Acquisition**. A breakdown of the land clearance cost is at **Enclosure 5**.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 26. CEDD engaged consultants in January 2022 to undertake the detailed design and site investigation for **866CL** at an estimated cost of about \$15.10 million in MOD prices. The cost was charged to the Block Allocation **Subhead B100HX** "Minor housing development related works, studies and investigations for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme". The related detailed design and investigation works can help finalise the project scope and the cost estimate for seeking Legislative Council's funding approval.
- 27. Of the 1 483 trees within the site boundary, 493 trees will be preserved and about 990 trees will be felled. Among the trees to be felled, 15 trees are of particular interest⁷, details of which are summarised at **Enclosure 6**. We will incorporate planting proposals into the proposed works, in which planting about 990 seedlings is included.

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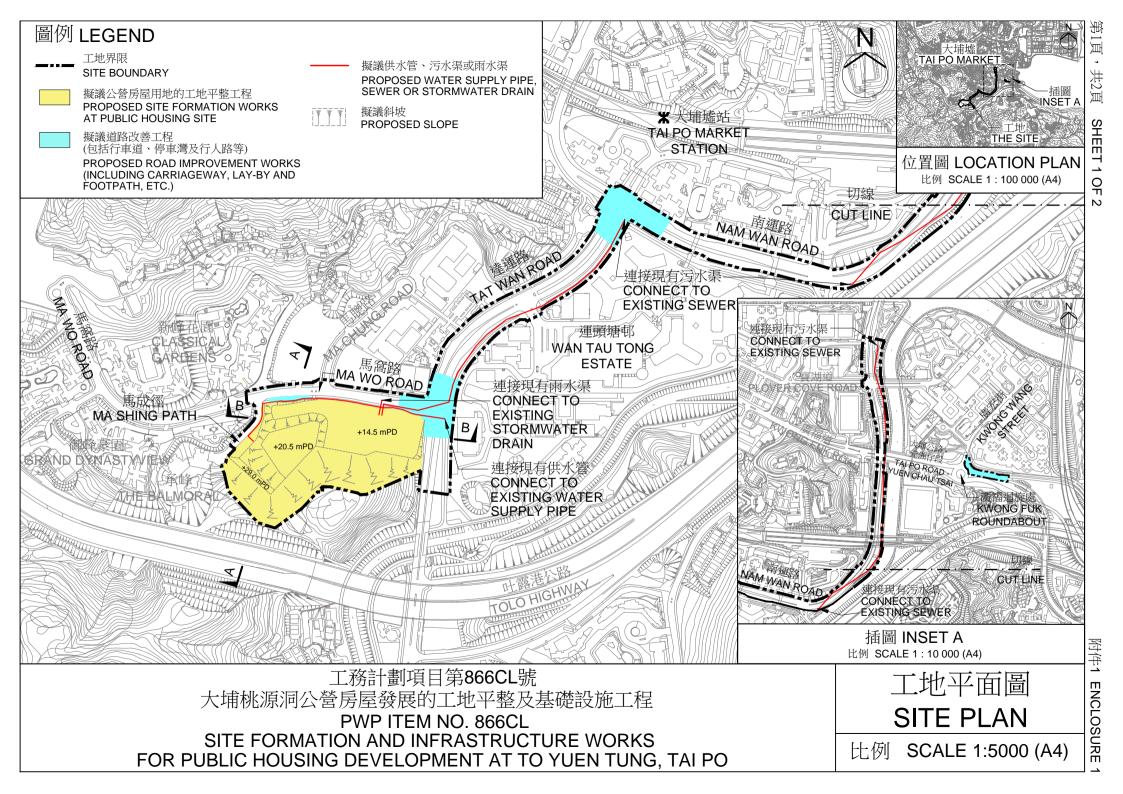
- (a) Old and Valuable Trees (OVTs) and trees that are potentially registerable in the Register of OVTs;
- (b) Trees of 100 years old or above;
- (c) Trees with trunk diameter equal to or exceeding 1.0 m (measured at 1.3 m above ground level), or with height/canopy spread equal to or exceeding 25 m;
- (d) Stonewall trees or trees of outstanding form (taking account of overall tree sizes, shape and any special features);
- (e) Rare tree species listed in "Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong"

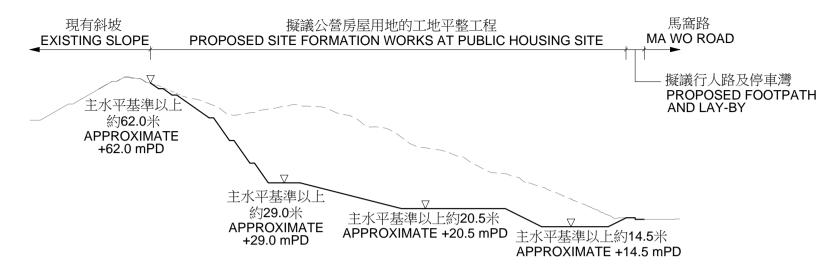
 (https://www.herbarium.gov.hk/en/publications/books/book2/index.html) published by Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department;
- (f) Endangered plant species protected under the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (Cap. 586);
- (g) Tree species listed in the Forestry Regulations (Cap. 96A) under the Forests and Countryside Ordinance (Cap. 96);
- (h) Well-known Fung Shui trees;
- (i) Landmark trees with evidential records to support the historical or cultural significance of the trees:
- (j) Trees which may arouse widespread public concerns; and
- (k) Trees which may be subject to strong local objections on removal.

Tress of particular interest are defined in paragraph 3.3.1 of the Guidelines for Tree Risk Assessment and Management Arrangement promulgated by the Development Bureau. Examples of tress of particular interest are listed as follows –

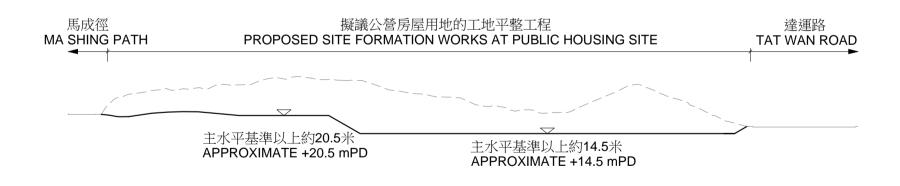
28.	We estimate that 866CL will create about 130 jobs (100 for labourers
and another 3	30 for professional or technical staff) providing a total employment of
about 4 500 1	man-months.

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剖面圖 SECTION A-A



剖面圖 SECTION B-B

工務計劃項目第866CL號

大埔桃源洞公營房屋發展的工地平整及基礎設施工程

PWP ITEM NO. 866CL

SITE FORMATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT TO YUEN TUNG, TAI PO

剖面圖 SECTIONS

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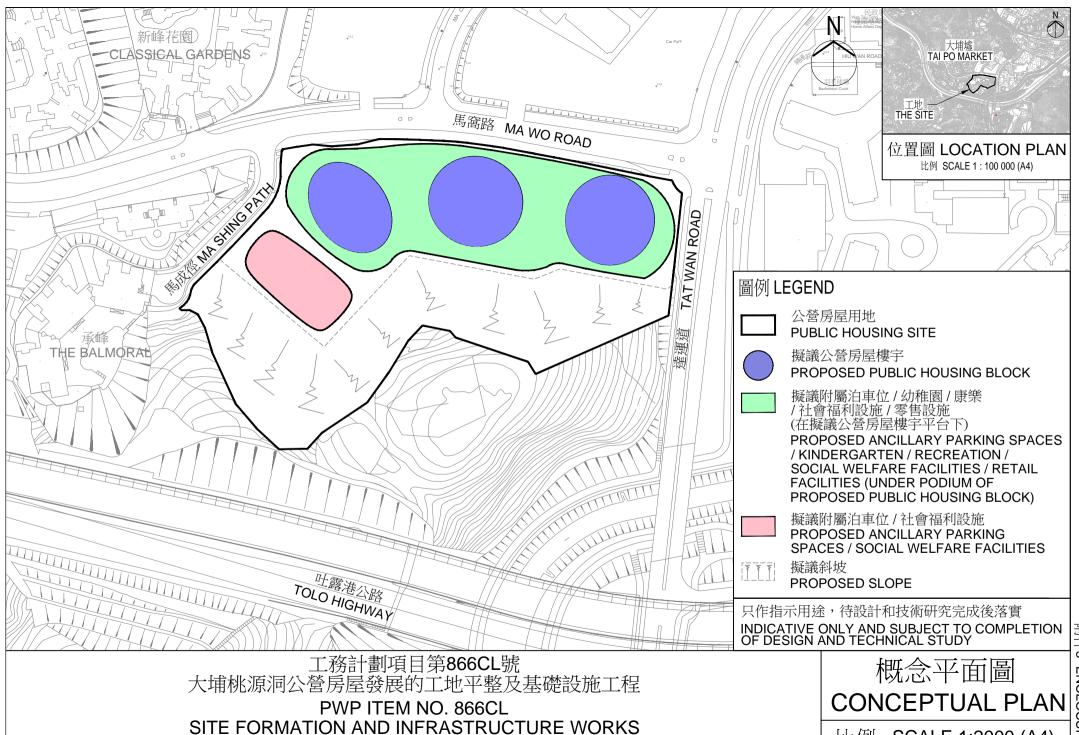
附件1 ENCLOSURE

Enclosure 2 to PWSC(2024-25)10

Key development parameters of the public housing development at To Yuen Tung, Tai Po

Site area	About 2.7 ha
Permitted Plot ratio	6.8
Building height restriction	135 metres above Principal Datum
No. of domestic blocks	3 (Note 1)
No. of flats	About 2 300
Projected population	About 6 200
Completion date	2032/33
Non-domestic facilities	Ancillary parking spaces, local open spaces, children's playgrounds, kindergarten, social welfare facilities (Note 2), retail facilities, etc.

- Note 1: The number of domestic blocks is only preliminary information and will be finalised after the completion of the design and technical studies.
- Note 2: The Hong Kong Housing Authority is discussing with the Social Welfare Department about the details of the social welfare facilities. According to the preliminary concept, the following facilities will be provided, e.g. Residential Care Home for the Elderly, Neighbourhood Elderly Centre, Day Care Centre for the Elderly, On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services Office, Special Child Care Centre and Long Stay Care Home.



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比例 SCALE 1:2000 (A4)

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Breakdown of the estimates for consultants' fees and resident site staff costs (in September 2023 prices)

	` .	,	Estimated man- months	Average MPS* salary point	Multiplier (Note 1)	Estimated fee (\$ million)
(a)	Consultants' fees for	Professional	-	-	-	2.6
	contract administration (Note 2)	Technical	-	-	-	0.4
					Sub-total	3.0#
(b)	Resident site staff	Professional	188	38	1.6	27.2
()	(RSS) (Note 3)	Technical	522	14	1.6	27.1
					Sub-total	54.3
	Comprising -					
	(i) Consultants' fees for management of RSS				0.8#	
	(ii) Remuneration of RSS				53.5#	
					Total	57.3

*MPS = Master Pay Scale

Notes

- 1. A multiplier of 1.6 is applied to the average MPS salary point to estimate the staff cost of RSS supplied by the consultants (as at now, MPS salary point 38 = \$90,540 per month and MPS salary point 14 = \$32,430 per month).
- 2. The consultants' staff cost for contract administration is calculated in accordance with the existing consultancy agreement. The construction phase of the assignment will only be executed upon Finance Committee's approval to upgrade **866CL** to Category A.
- 3. We will only know the actual man-months and actual costs after completion of the construction works.

Remarks

The figures in this Enclosure are shown in constant prices to correlate with the MPS salary point of the same year. The figures marked with # are shown in MOD prices in paragraph 8 of the main paper.

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Breakdown of land acquisition cost

brear	Ruown of fand acquisition cost		\$ million
(I)	Estimated cost for land acquisition		21.5
(II)	Estimated cost for land clearance		4.4
	(a) Ex-gratia allowances (EGAs) for domestic occupiers (e.g. EGA for permitted occupiers of licensed structures and surveyed squatters affected by clearance and domestic removal allowance, etc.)	0.5	
	(b) Other EGAs (e.g. crop compensation, disturbance allowance for cultivators, EGA for miscellaneous permanent improvements to farms, EGA for shops, workshops, godowns, slipways, schools, churches and ornamental fish breeding undertakings, EGA for open-air/outdoor business undertakings, EGA for clearance of graves, urns ("Kam Taps") and shrines and EGA for "Tun Fu" ceremonial fees, etc.)	3.9	
(III)	Interest and contingency payment		2.6
		Total	28.5

Note

The above estimated land acquisition cost is based on the prevailing rates and the valuation as at April 2024.

866CL - Site formation and infrastructure works for public housing development at To Yuen Tung, Tai Po Summary of "trees of particular interest" affected

Tree ref.	Specie	s	М	leasuren	nents	Amenity Value ³	Form	Health condition	Structural condition	on Suitability for Transplanting*		Conservation Status ⁵	Recommendation	Maintenance department to provide comments on TPRP		Additional Remarks
	Scientific Name	Name	Height (m)	DBH ² (mm)	Crown Spread (m)	(High / Medium / Low)	(Good	l / Average /	Poor)	(High / Medium / Low)	Remarks		(Retain / transplant / remove)	Before	After	1000000
AT-0080	Ixonanthes reticulata	黏木	15	226	5	Low	Poor	Average	Poor	Low	The tree of particular interest has low ornamental value, and its form and structure are poor. Additionally, it is located on a slope, making it technically difficult to dig up a suitable root ball for transplanting.	RPPHK	Remove	LandsD	-	On slope, unbalance canopy, leaning
T1142	Ixonanthes reticulata	黏木	12	334	10	Low	Poor	Average	Poor	Low	The tree of particular interest has low ornamental value, and its form and structure are poor. Additionally, it is located on a slope, making it technically difficult to dig up a suitable root ball for transplanting.	RPPHK	Remove	LandsD	-	On slope, crooked trunk, unbalanced canopy

Tree ref.	Chinasa L		М	Measurements		Amenity Value ³ Form Health condition		Structural condition	Suitability for Transplanting ⁴		Conservation Status ⁵	Recommendation	Maintenance department to provide comments on TPRP		Additional Remarks	
	Scientific Name	Chinese Name	Height (m)	DBH ² (mm)	Crown Spread (m)	(High / Medium / Low)	(Good	d / Average /	Poor)	(High / Medium / Low)	Remarks		(Retain / transplant / remove)	Before	After	
T1164	Ixonanthes reticulata	黏木	8	210	5	Low	Poor	Average	Poor	Low	The tree of particular interest has low ornamental value, and its form and structure are poor. Additionally, it is located on a slope, making it technically difficult to dig up a suitable root ball for transplanting.	RPPHK	Remove	LandsD	-	On slope, unbalanced canopy, small cavity at root flare
T1168	Ixonanthes reticulata	黏木	12	200	8	Low	Poor	Average	Poor	Low	The tree of particular interest has low ornamental value, and its form and structure are poor. Additionally, it is located on a slope, making it technically difficult to dig up a suitable root ball for transplanting.	RPPHK	Remove	LandsD	-	On slope, unbalanced canopy
T1177	Ixonanthes reticulata	黏木	12	170	4	Low	Poor	Average	Average	Low	The tree of particular interest has low ornamental value, and its form is poor. Additionally, it is located on a slope, making it technically difficult to dig up a suitable root ball for transplanting.	RPPHK	Remove	LandsD	-	On slope, unbalanced canopy

Tree ref.	Chinese H		М	Measurements		Amenity Value ³ Form Health condition		Structural condition	Suitability for Transplanting ⁴		Conservation Status ⁵	Recommendation	Maintenance department to provide comments on TPRP		Additional Remarks	
	Scientific Name	Chinese Name	Height (m)	DBH ² (mm)	Crown Spread (m)	(High / Medium / Low)	(Good	l / Average /	Poor)	(High / Medium / Low)	Remarks		(Retain / transplant / remove)	Before	After	1.011
T1195	Ixonanthes reticulata	黏木	11	230	5	Low	Poor	Poor	Poor	Low	The tree of particular interest has low ornamental value, and its form, health and structure are poor. Additionally, it is located on a slope, making it technically difficult to dig up a suitable root ball for transplanting.	RPPHK	Remove	LandsD	-	On slope, crooked trunk, unbalanced canopy, codominant branches
T1203	Ixonanthes reticulata	黏木	12	320	7	Low	Poor	Average	Poor	Low	The tree of particular interest has low ornamental value, and its form and structure are poor. Additionally, it is located on a slope, making it technically difficult to dig up a suitable root ball for transplanting.	RPPHK	Remove	LandsD	-	On slope, unbalanced canopy, co- dominant trunks, included bark
T1228	Ixonanthes reticulata	黏木	11	161	6	Low	Poor	Average	Poor	Low	The tree of particular interest has low ornamental value, and its form and structure are poor. Additionally, it is located on a slope, making it technically difficult to dig up a suitable root ball for transplanting.	RPPHK	Remove	LandsD	-	On slope, unbalanced canopy, multi trunks

Tree ref.	Chinese I		М	Measurements		Amenity Value ³ Form Health condition		Structural condition	Suitability for Transplanting ⁴		Conservation Status ⁵	Recommendation	Maintenance department to provide comments on TPRP		Additional Remarks	
	Scientific Name	Chinese Name	Height (m)	DBH ² (mm)	Crown Spread (m)	(High / Medium / Low)	(Good	d / Average /	Poor)	(High / Medium / Low)	Remarks		(Retain / transplant / remove)	Before	After	110111111111111111111111111111111111111
T1329	Ixonanthes reticulata	黏木	15	300	9	Low	Poor	Average	Poor	Low	The tree of particular interest has low ornamental value, and its form and structure are poor. Additionally, it is located on a slope, making it technically difficult to dig up a suitable root ball for transplanting.	RPPHK	Remove	LandsD	-	On slope, unbalanced canopy
T1330	Ixonanthes reticulata	黏木	13	185	6	Low	Poor	Average	Poor	Low	The tree of particular interest has low ornamental value, and its form and structure are poor. Additionally, it is located on a slope, making it technically difficult to dig up a suitable root ball for transplanting.	RPPHK	Remove	LandsD	-	On slope, unbalanced canopy
T1381	Ixonanthes reticulata	黏木	8	120	4	Low	Poor	Average	Poor	Low	The tree of particular interest has low ornamental value, and its form and structure are poor. Additionally, it is located on a slope, making it technically difficult to dig up a suitable root ball for transplanting.	RPPHK	Remove	LandsD	-	On slope, crooked trunk, unbalanced canopy

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	Scientific Name	Chinese Name	Height (m)	(mm)	Crown Spread (m)	(High / Medium / Low)	(Good	d / Average /	Í	(High / Medium / Low)	Remarks		(Retain / transplant / remove)	Before	After	remarks
T1	Celtis sinensis	朴樹	13	1002	11	Low	Poor	Average	Poor	Low	The tree of particular interest has low ornamental value, and its form and structure are poor. Additionally, it has already matured, but the development of its root is limited, making it technically difficult to transplant.	-	Remove	LandsD	-	Crooked trunk, unbalanced crown, root flare near structure / hard structure, cavity on branch
T2	Machilus gamblei	黃心樹	15	1002	12	Low	Average	Average	Poor	Low	The tree of particular interest has low ornamental value, and its structure are poor. Additionally, it has already matured, but the development of its root is limited, making it technically difficult to transplant.	-	Remove	LandsD	-	On slope, root flare near structure / hard structure, decayed root flare
T3	Ficus microcarpa	榕樹	17	1337	24	Low	Poor	Average	Average	Low	The tree of particular interest has low ornamental value, and its form is poor. Additionally, it is located on a slope, making it technically difficult to dig up a suitable root ball for transplanting.	-	Remove	LandsD	-	On slope, bending trunk, close to structure, leaning

Tree ref.			Measurements		nents	Amenity Value ³	Form	Health condition	Structural condition	Suitabili	ty for Transplanting ⁴	Conservation Status ⁵	Recommendation	Maintenance department to provide comments on TPRP		Additional Remarks
	Scientific Name	Name	Height (m)	DBH ² (mm)	Crown Spread (m)	(High / Medium / Low)	(Good	l / Average /	Poor)	(High / Medium / Low)	Remarks		(Retain / transplant / remove)	Before	After	Temarks
T4	Machilus gamblei	黃心樹	17	1002	12	Low	Poor	Average	Average	Low	The tree of particular interest has low ornamental value, and its form is poor. Additionally, it is located on a slope, making it technically difficult to dig up a suitable root ball for transplanting.	-	Remove	LandsD	-	On slope, crooked trunk, codominant trunk, codominant branches, included bark

Note

- There are no trees within site boundary in the Register of Old and Valuable Trees. 1.
- 2. DBH of a tree refers to its diameter at breast height (i.e. measured at 1.3 m above ground level).
- Amenity value of a tree should be assessed by its functional values for shade, seasonal interest, screening, reduction of pollution and noise and also its func shui significance, 3.

and classified into the following categories.

High (H): important trees which should be retained by adjusting the design layout accordingly.

Medium (M): trees that are desirable to be retained in order to create a pleasant environment, which includes healthy specimens of lesser importance than "High" trees. Low(L): trees that are dead, dying or potentially hazardous and should be removed.

Assessment shall take into account conditions of an individual tree at the time of survey (including health, structure, age and root conditions), site conditions (including

- 4. topography and accessibility), and intrinsic characters of tree species (survival rate after transplanting).
- Conservation status is based on the rarity and protection status of the species under relevant ordinances in Hong Kong, such as RPPHK Species included in AFCD publication "*Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong* (2003)". 5.