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### 1 Background

#### 1.1 General

- 1.1.1 Section 16 (S16) Planning Application No. A/H7/181 of Layout Plan and Proposed Minor Relaxation of Gross Floor Area for Permitted Eating Place, Office, Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture, Public Clinic, Public Transport Terminus or Station, Public Vehicle Park (excluding container vehicle), Shop and Services and Social Welfare Facility in "Commercial (2)" Zone, Inland Lot No. 8945, Caroline Hill Road, Causeway Bay was approved by the Town Planning Board (TPB) on 6 May 2022. Approval condition (b), requires the submission and implementation of a revised Landscape Master Plan (LMP) to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning or of the TPB.
- 1.1.2 Otherland Limited is commissioned by Patchway Holdings (HK) Limited (Applicant), to conduct the Landscape Architectural design based on the Proposed Development scheme provided by Project Architect Ronald Lu & Partners (Hong Kong) Ltd., and to discharge the approval condition.
- 1.1.3 The Application Site is located at the junction of Caroline Hill Road and Leighton Road, south of the commercial area of Causeway Bay on Hong Kong Island (Figure 1.1). The Application Site is bounded by Leighton Road to the northwest, by Caroline Hill Road to the northeast and southwest, and by land designated for the future District Court development and by the South China Athletic Association to its southeast.



Figure 1.1 Site Location Plan

- 1.1.4 The visions of landscape design for the Application Site are included the followings:
  - Respect for and integration with the existing natural and cultural context, in particular the Old
    and Valuable Tree, abutting Leighton Road and the graded heritage walls, as well as the tree
    cluster situated on the masonry wall abutting the corner of Leighton Road and Caroline Hill
    Road East;
  - Provision of sufficient high quality public open space of minimum 6,000m² for the future visitors;

#### 4 Landscape Design

#### 4.1 Landscape Design and Open Space Provision

- 4.1.1 The Landscape Master Plan for the proposed Project is shown at **Appendix C**. Based on the unique character of the Site identified in the urban design analysis, landscape design should embrace on the one hand, this part of Causeway Bay to the north as having a higher-end commercial and retail character, but on the other hand, it should respect the tranquillity of the neighbourhood to its south. The key distinctive features: that is, the OVTs and the masonry wall, as well as the trees situated on the masonry wall will be integrated into the landscape design alongside the functional and aesthetic requirements of the Application Site. In addition, various landscape elements will be strategically placed throughout the area to create a harmonious blend between the building and its surroundings, e.g. landscaping and vertical greening within the POS around T3 G/F, UG/F and 2/F to provide a green wall with climbers to create a welcoming entrance to the Tower upper ground floor lobby; a long section is indicated at **Appendix F1**.
- 4.1.2 In the future post-pandemic era, functional open space will be one of the most valuable assets to public. The Landscape Bridge across the internal access road can increase the external site capacity and provide high-quality and safe open space to the public. In total a minimum public open space provision of at least 6,000m2 will be provided as required by the Remarks of the Notes of the OZP under the "C (2)" zone.

#### 4.2 Banyan Garden at G/F

- The OVT, perched on a masonry wall 2 to 3 meters above road level, is a defining feature of the urban landscape, with its majestic canopy and aerial roots stretching nearly 40 meters along Leighton Road. The proposed Banyan Garden, entrance plaza, and internal street at the G/F level, covering approximately 2,850m², will serve as a vital link for pedestrians, connecting Leighton Road to an interim platform at +8.9mPD and onward to the Landscape Bridge at +18.75mPD (i.e. finished floor level refers).
- 4.2.2 The Banyan Garden is designed to immerse visitors in the presence of this magnificent tree, offering a tranquil retreat from the bustling streets below. By extending the existing 3.5-meter-wide planting area southward to approximately 9 meters, the Amended Scheme provides additional open soil, enhancing conditions for the OVT's future growth.
- 4.2.3 The retained slab acts as an impermeable separation layer between the BRRD-affected soil and new planting areas, mitigating the risk of BRRD spreading to the proposed greenery. The open lawn proposed in the approved scheme will remain, with the adaptation of lightweight planting media. This medium, placed on top of the retained slab, offers an accessible and functional lawn for public enjoyment without compromising the tree's health or the soil's bearing capacity. Balustrades are proposed at locations with level differences to comply with BD's requirements, ensuring public safety.
- 4.2.4 While minimizing obstruction to the TPZ and the OVT, the Amended Scheme provides seamless pedestrian access with a 3-meter-wide circulation path between the proposed open lawn area and the development columns. Please refer to further elaboration in **Annex D**.

#### 4.3 Open Space at 2/F and UG/F

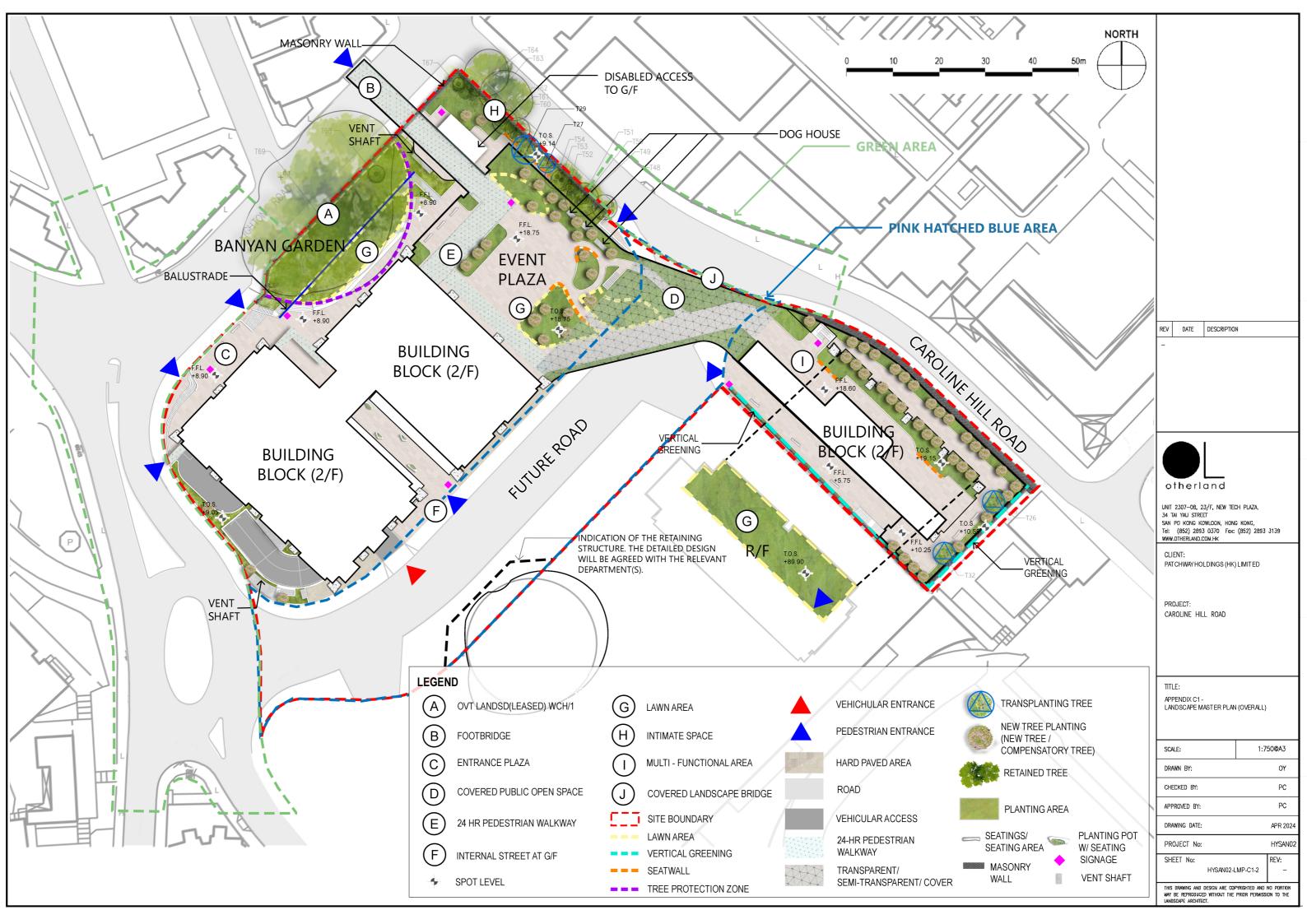
4.3.1 A total area of approximately 3,150m2 comprises the remaining portion of the POS at 2/F and UG/F. The POS at 2/F podium is designed to let visitors escape from the hustle and bustle of Causeway Bay and enjoy a moment of tranquillity. At the same time, this is designed to respect the existing natural and cultural context. A number of existing trees on site will be transplanted and brought back to the POS at 2/F and UG/F. This area will include a number of recreational features of various types including open lawns for multi-use purposes by groups or individuals. Within the 2/F podium, a small area will be designated for non-POS use, namely Event Plaza. The public can still access and use

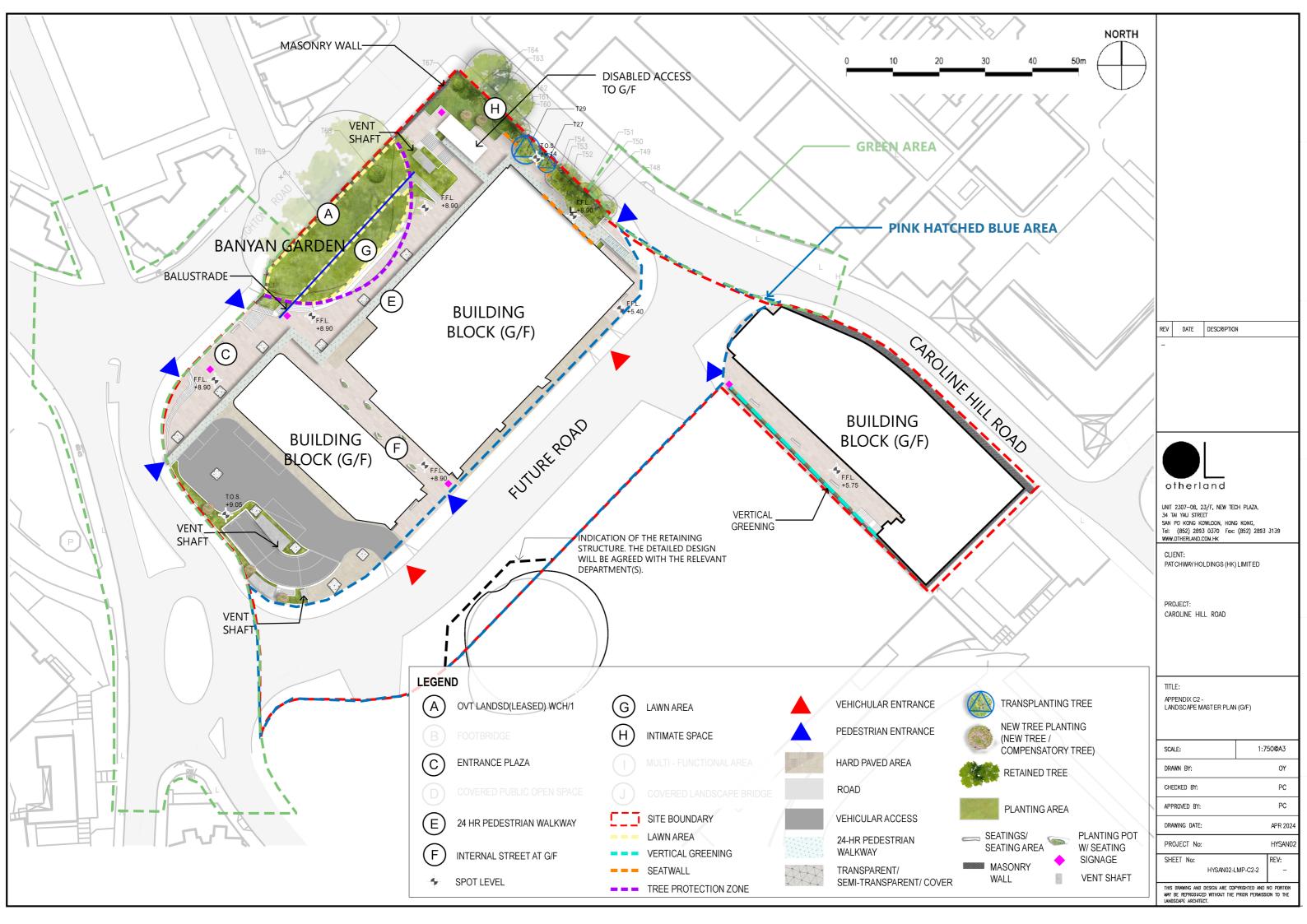
as an internal street to allow a more direct pedestrian access to the District Court to the south. (**Appendix F3** refer).

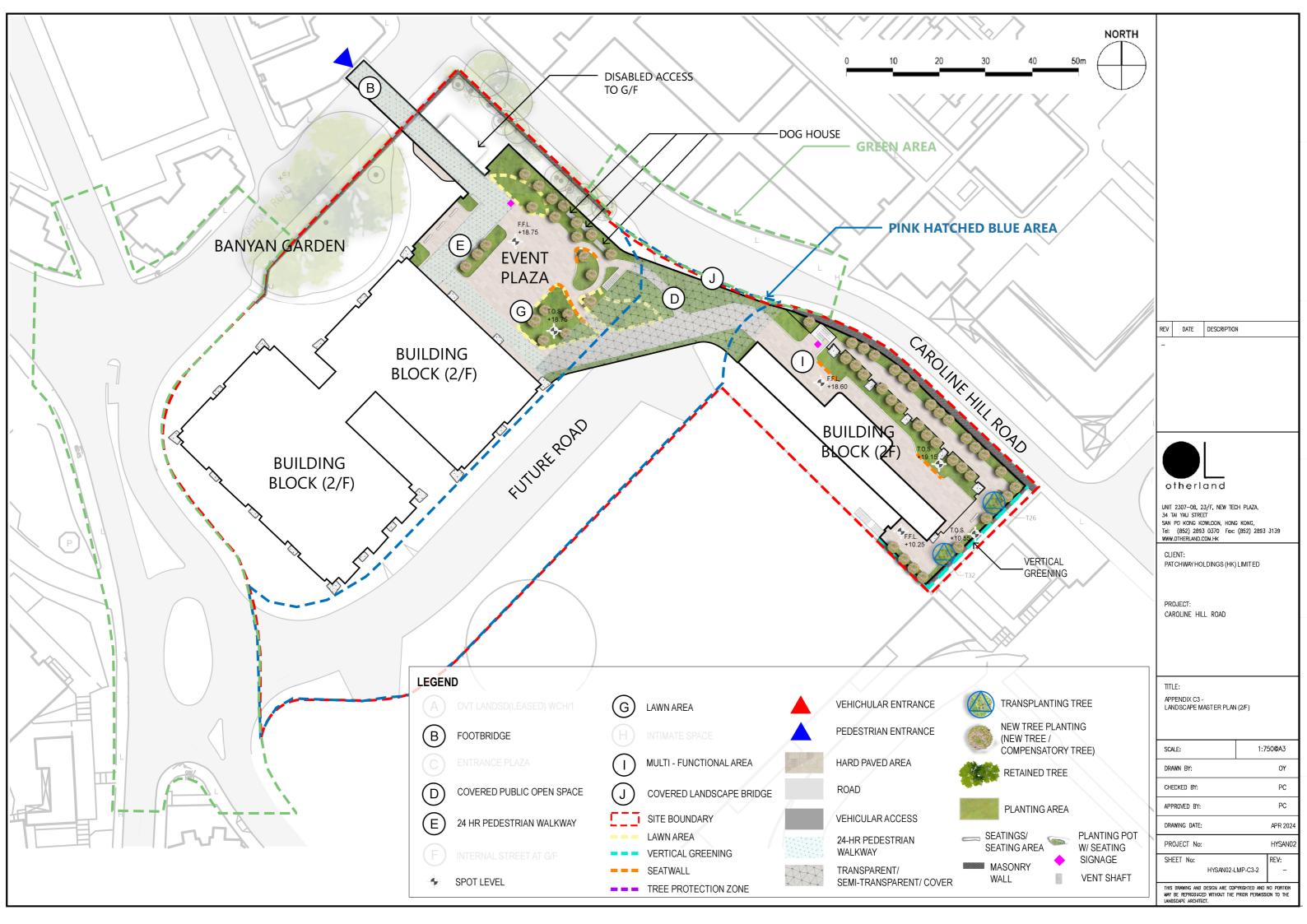
#### 4.6 Soft Landscape Design

- Tree and shrub plantings are proposed along the south-western boundaries to soften the building edge and will be visible from pedestrians;
- Small size trees are proposed to be scattered within the covered landscape bridge with transparent / semi-transparent roof;
- Integrating greenery areas with open space at Banyan Garden, 2/F podium, and along retaining masonry walls for visitors, e.g. open lawn with shrubs provides multi-functional open space for visitors;
- The amenity planting strip along the open space of T3 to maximize opportunities for at-grade greening (refer to Appendix F5);
- Flowering, ornamental species and small size trees are proposed to be planted at the at the Covered Landscape Bridge at 2/F;
- Flowering and groundcover are recommended to be planted at T3 R/F to provide sheltered views at the lower levels to provide buffer the landscape from the adjacent buildings; and
- The plant selection will consider the form, colour and foliage texture and seasonal effect. The
  intended choice of species, size and densities are listed in **Table 4.1**, the quantity of planter
  will be provided in the later design stage.

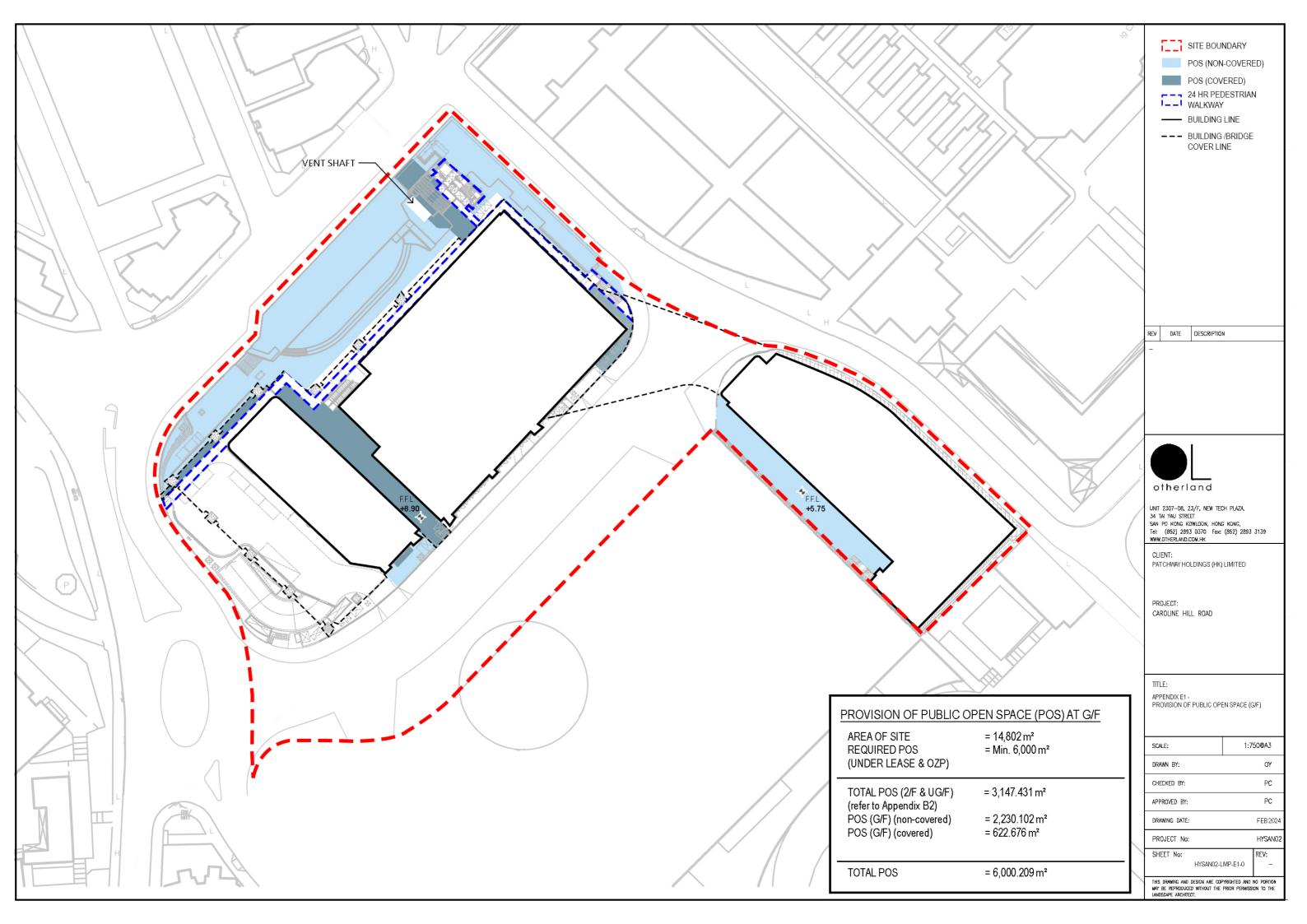
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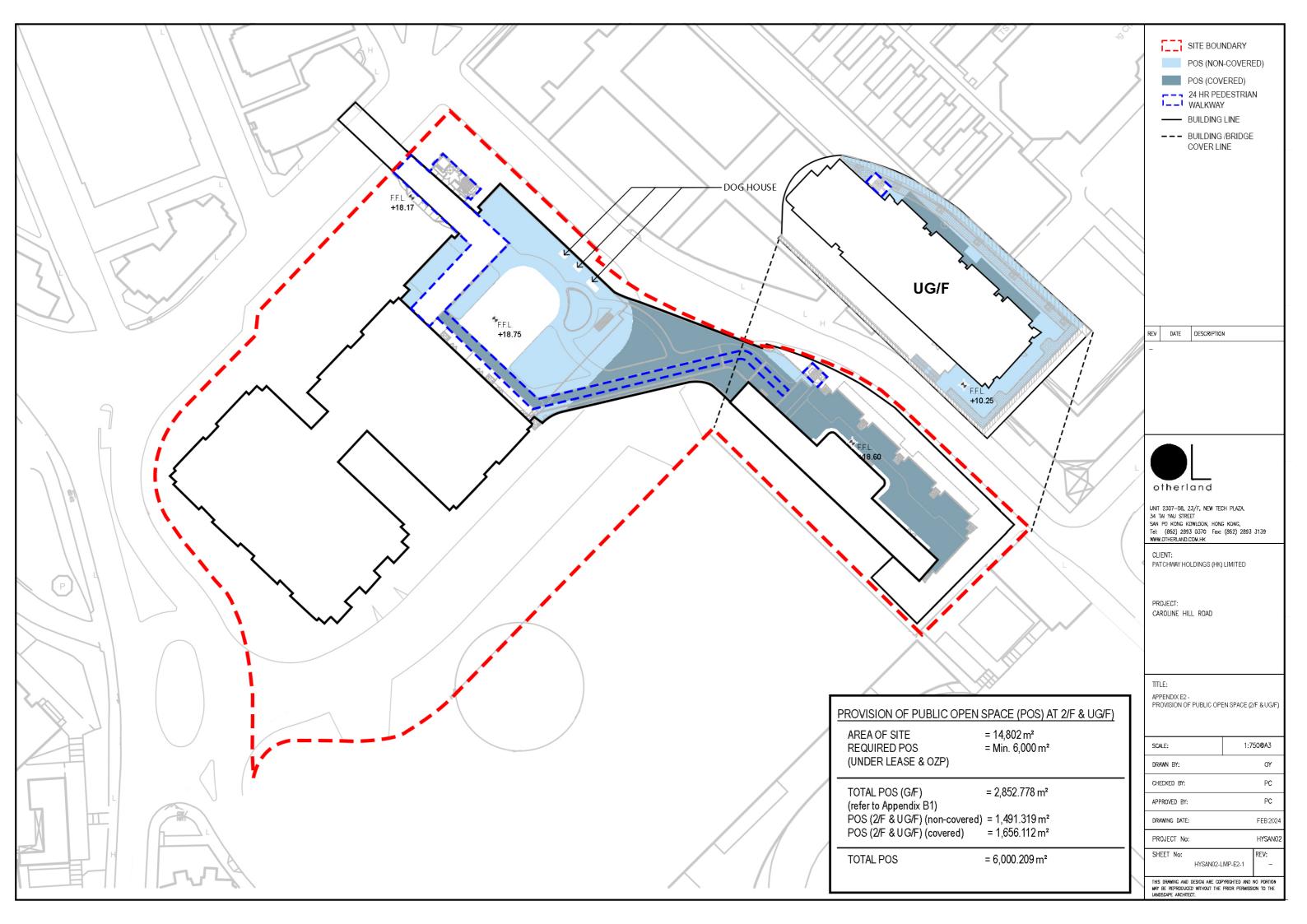




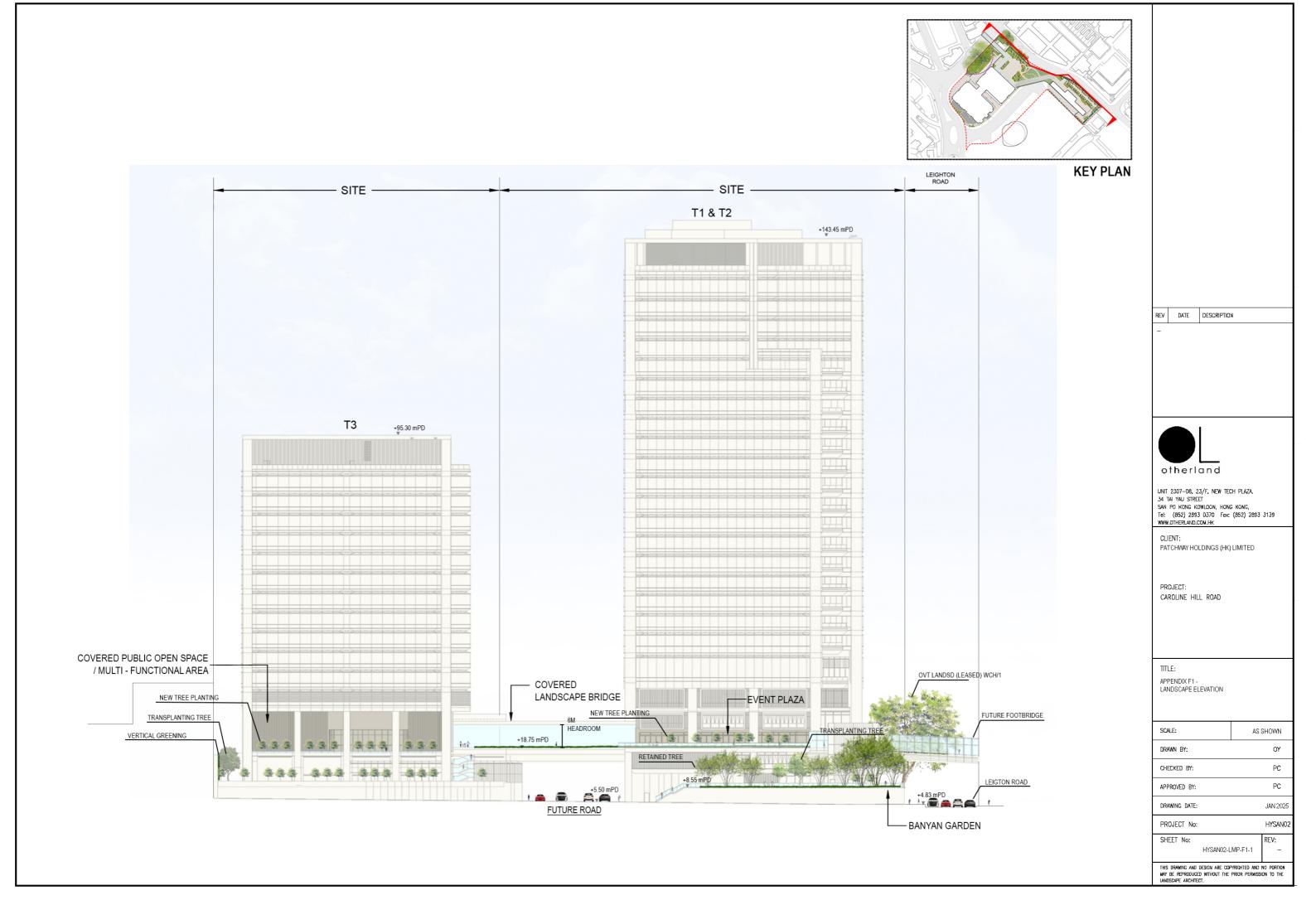


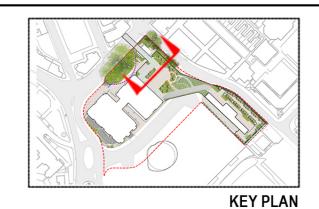
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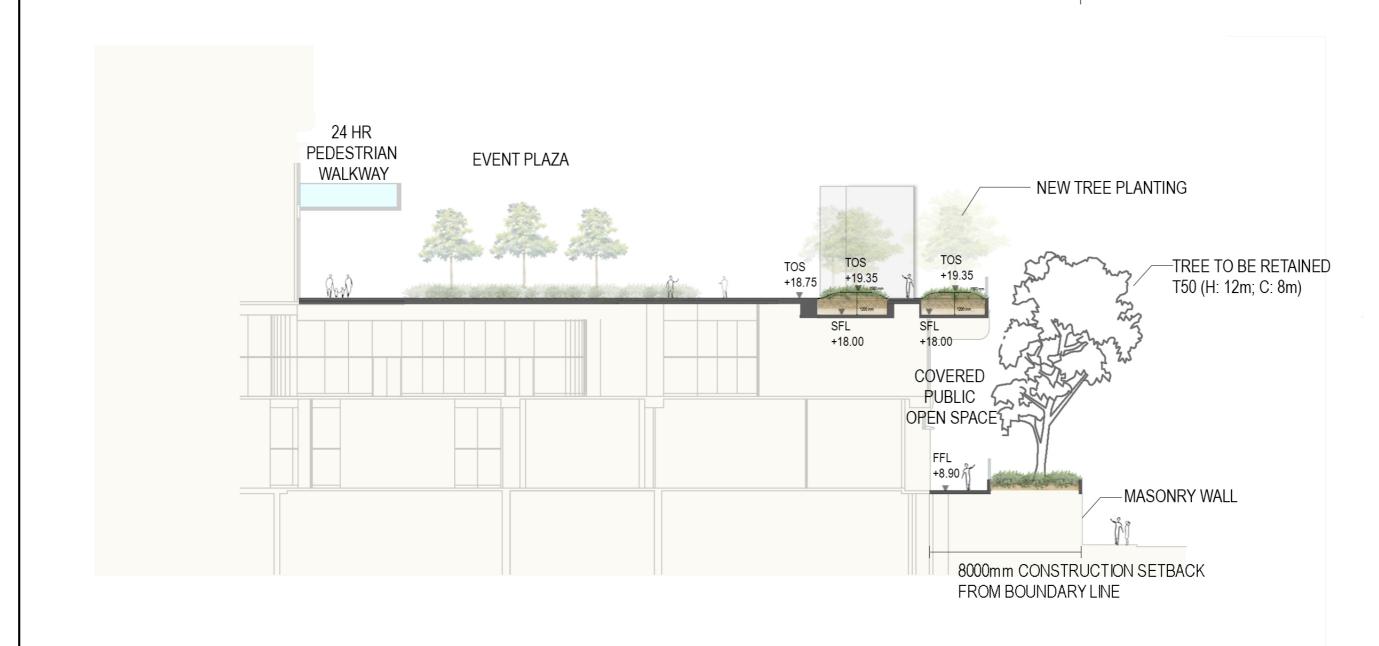
Appendix F Landscape Sections





T1 & T2

# CAROLINE HILL ROAD



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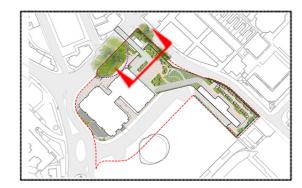
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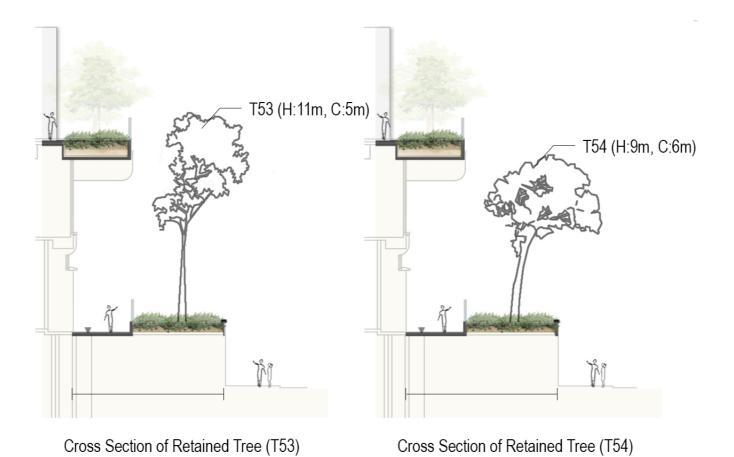
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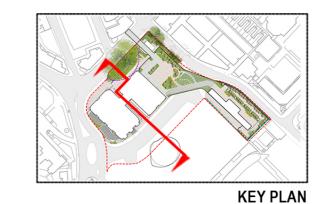
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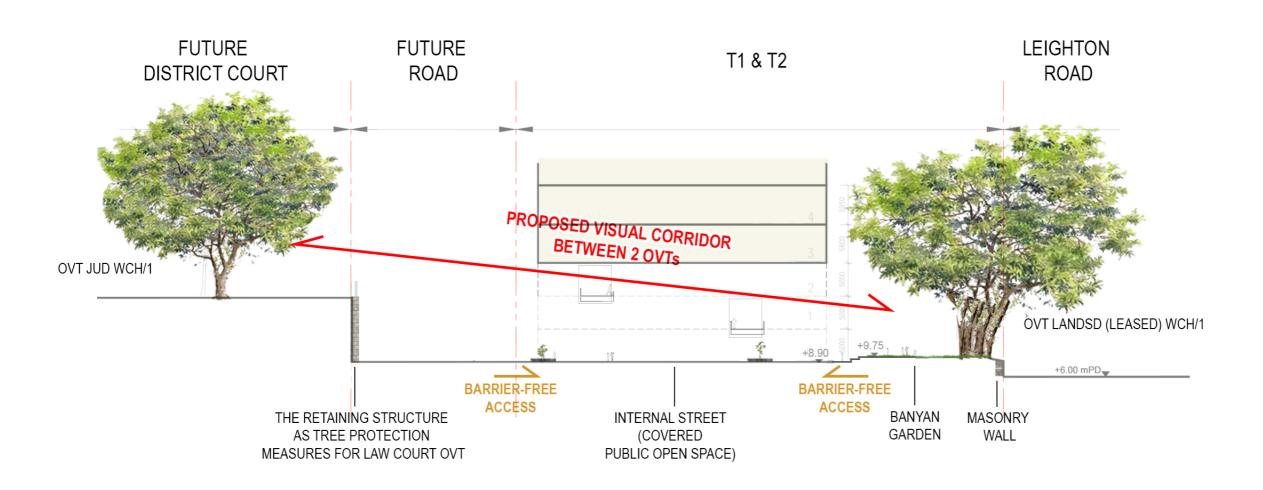
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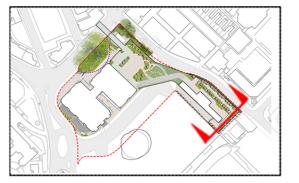
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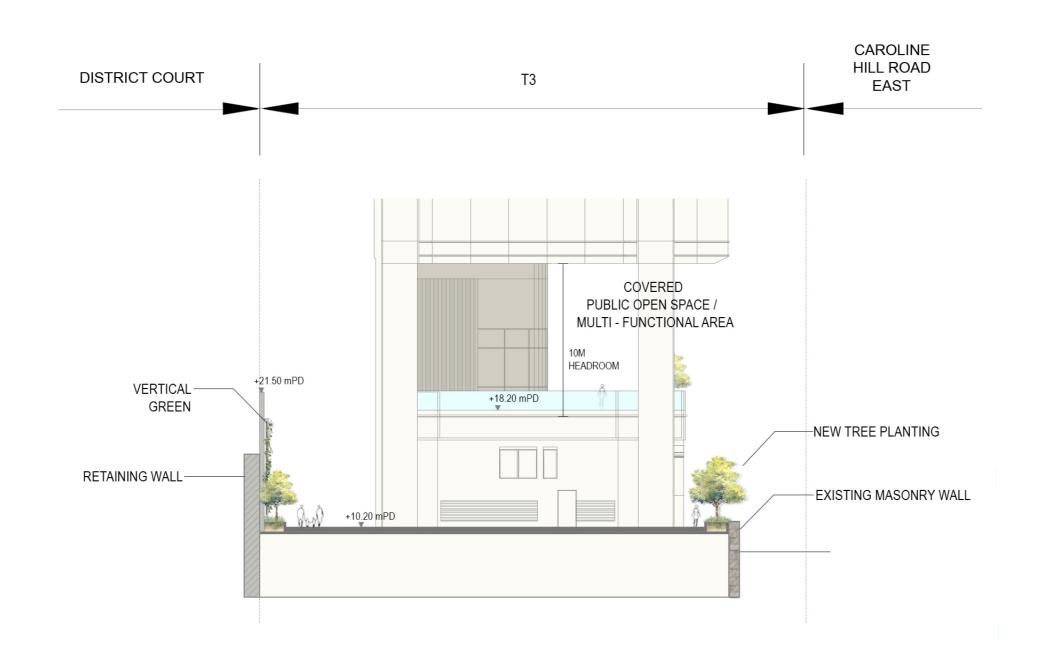
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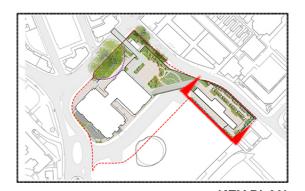
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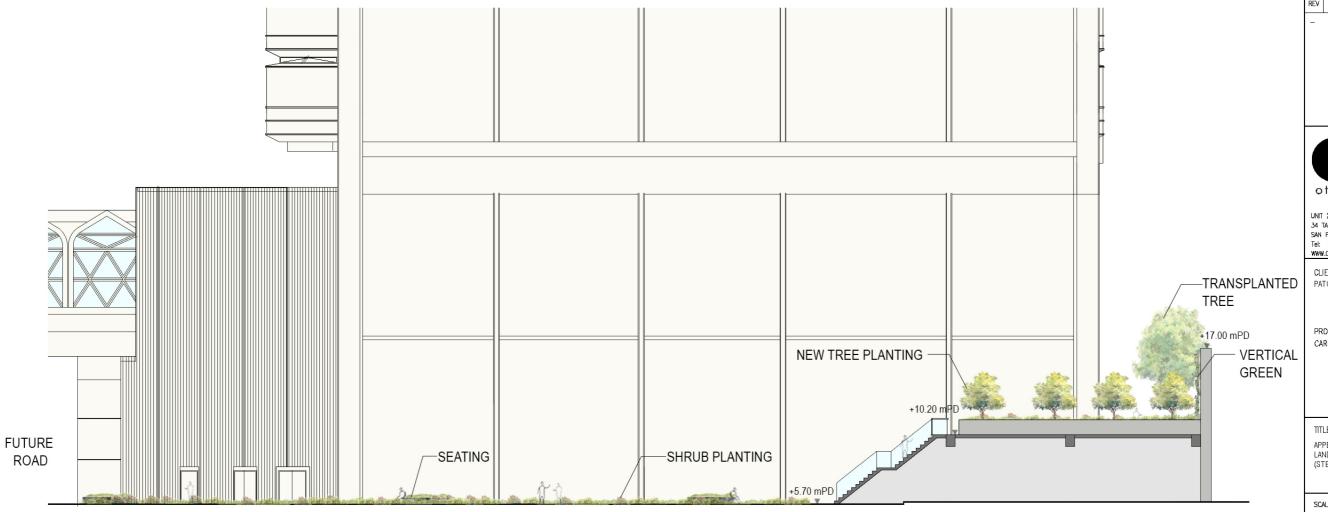
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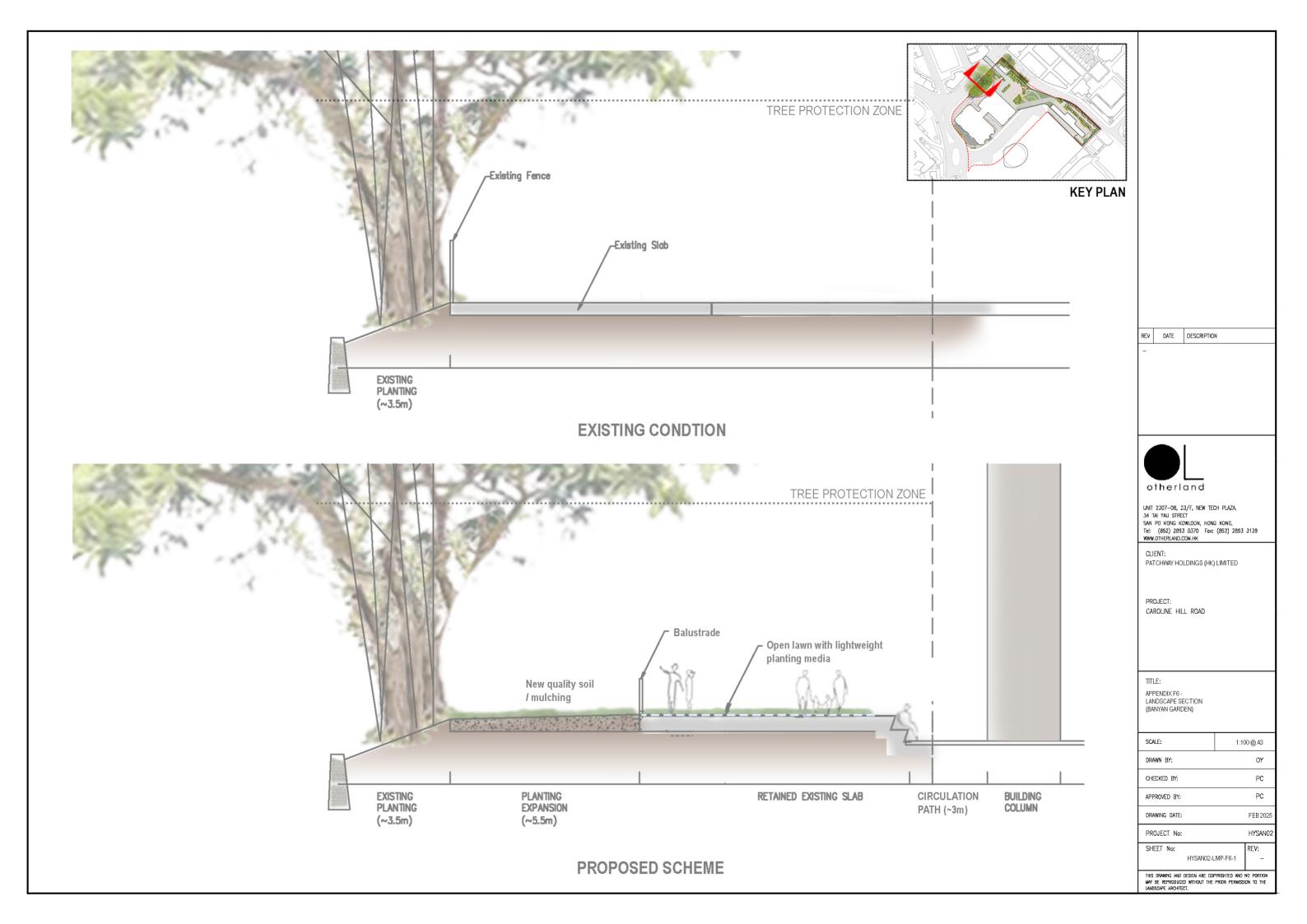
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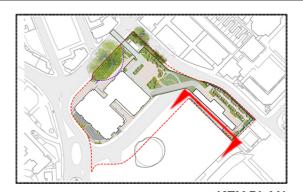
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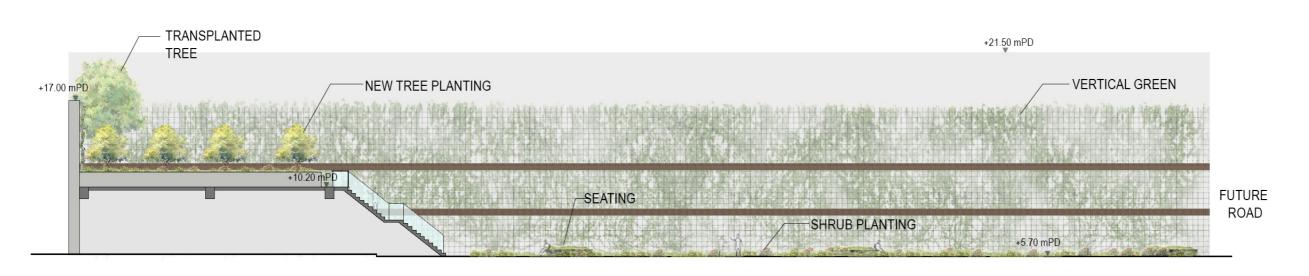
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Appendix H Irrigation Plan



Appendix I Levelling Plan (2/F)





Annex B Tree Treatment Schedule

Annex B - Tree Treatment Schedule Commerical Development on IL8945, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong Date of survey: 21 August 2021

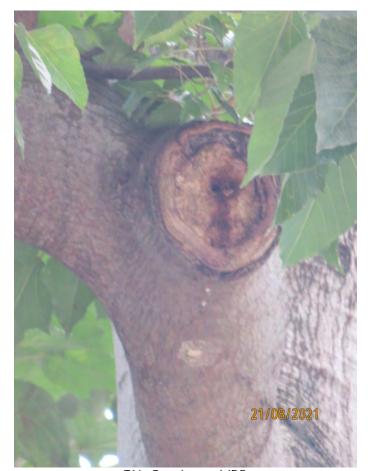
|            | Species   |                |                  |            |            |                  |   |
|------------|---|----------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------------|---|
| Tree No.   | Scientific Name                                   | Chinese Name   | Diameter<br>(mm) | Height (m) | Spread (m) | Treatment        | Remarks   |
| T16        | Aleurites moluccana                               | 石栗             | 500              | 16         | 8          | Fell             |   |
| T17        | Ficus hispida                                     | 對葉榕            | 150              | 5          | 6          | Fell             |   |
| T18        | Ficus microcarpa                                  | 細葉榕            | 150              | 3          | 2          | Fell             |   |
| T19        | Broussonetia papyrifera                           | 構樹             | 250              | 13         | 6          | Fell             |   |
| T20        | Broussonetia papyrifera                           | 構樹             | 300              | 13         | 10         | Fell             |   |
| T20A       | Broussonetia papyrifera                           | 構樹             | 110              | 8          | 3          | Fell             |   |
| T21        | Ficus variegata                                   | 青果榕            | 500              | 17         | 8          | Fell             |   |
| T22        | Ficus hispida                                     | 對葉榕            | 210              | 4          | 5          | Fell             |   |
| T23        | Macaranga tanarius var. tomentosa Celtis sinensis | 血桐<br>朴樹       | 350<br>300       | 8          | 4<br>10    | Fell<br>Fell     |   |
| T24<br>T25 | Ficus microcarpa                                  | 細葉榕            | 3000             | 23         | 20         | Fell             |   |
| T26        | Litsea glutinosa                                  | 潺槁樹            | 150              | 11         | 5          | Transplant       |   |
| T27        | Plumeria rubra                                    | 雞蛋花            | 500              | 10         | 6          | Transplant       |   |
| T28        | Aleurites moluccana                               | 石栗             | 750              | 19         | 10         | Fell             |   |
| T29        | Dimocarpus longan                                 | 龍眼             | 200              | 10         | 8          | Transplant       |   |
| T30        | Morus alba  | 桑              | 180              | 9          | 3          | Fell             | emergent tree felling due to natural causes on 7 Nov 2022   |
| T31        | Michelia x alba                                   | 白蘭             | 995              | 28         | 10         | Fell             |   |
| T32        | Dimocarpus longan                                 | 龍眼             | 230              | 11         | 5          | Transplant       |   |
| T33        | Michelia x alba                                   | 白蘭             | 600              | 25         | 14         | Fell             |   |
| T34        | Dimocarpus longan                                 | 龍眼             | 600              | 13         | 11         | Fell             |   |
| T35        | Mangifera indica                                  | 忙果<br>++=      | 650              | 15         | 12         | Fell             |   |
| T36        | Mangifera indica                                  | 忙果<br>事用物      | 220              | 11         | 6          | Fell             |   |
| T37<br>T38 | Ficus variegata Mangifera indica                  | 青果榕<br>杧果      | 450<br>220       | 17<br>11   | 12<br>7    | Fell<br>Fell     | emergent tree felling due to natural causes on 27 Oct 2023  |
| T39        | Dimocarpus longan                                 | 龍眼             | 600              | 13         | 10         | Fell             | emergent tree leiling due to flatural causes on 27 Oct 2023 |
| T40        | Dimocarpus longan                                 | 龍眼             | 400              | 11         | 10         | Fell             |   |
| T41        | Casuarina equisetifolia                           | 木麻黃            | 650              | 25         | 12         | Fell             |   |
| T42        | Mangifera indica                                  | 杧果             | 550              | 12         | 9          | Fell             |   |
| T43        | Mangifera indica                                  | 杧果             | 800              | 15         | 13         | Fell             |   |
| T44        | Mangifera indica                                  | 杧果             | 450              | 11         | 7          | Fell             | emergent tree felling due to natural causes on 17 May 2023  |
| T45        | Litsea monopetala                                 | 假柿木薑子          | 300              | 17         | 7          | Fell             | emergent tree felling due to natural causes on 6 Sep 2022   |
| T46        | Mangifera indica                                  | 杧果             | 380              | 12         | 8          | Fell             |   |
| T47        | Clausena lansium                                  | 黃皮             | 450              | 9          | 5          | Fell             | emergent tree felling due to natural causes on 7 Nov 2022   |
| T48        | Ficus virens                                      | 黃葛樹            | 380              | 15         | 6          | Retain           |   |
| T49        | Murraya paniculata                                | 九里香            | 160              | 4          | 2          | Retain           |   |
| T50<br>T51 | Bauhinia purpurea<br>Bauhinia purpurea            | 紅花羊蹄甲<br>紅花羊蹄甲 | 420<br>150       | 12<br>6    | 8          | Retain<br>Retain |   |
| T52        | Bauhinia purpurea                                 | 紅花羊蹄甲          | 120              | 9          | 4          | Retain           |   |
| T53        | Bauhinia purpurea                                 | 紅花羊蹄甲          | 150              | 11         | 5          | Retain           |   |
| T54        | Macaranga tanarius var. tomentosa                 | 血桐             | 200              | 9          | 6          | Retain           |   |
| T56        | Cinnamomum burmannii                              | 陰香             | 200              | 10         | 5          | Fell             | emergent tree felling due to natural causes on 8 Nov 2024   |
| T57        | Cinnamomum burmannii                              | 陰香             | 100              | 4          | 3          | Fell             | emergent tree felling due to natural causes on 7 May 2024   |
| T58        | Dead Tree   | 死樹             | 250              | 9          | 6          | Fell             | emergent tree felling due to natural causes on 11 Jan 2024  |
| T59        | Dead Tree   | 死樹             | 150              | 8          | 2          | Fell             | emergent tree felling due to natural causes on 30 Oct 2023  |
| T60        | Macaranga tanarius var. tomentosa                 | 血桐             | 290              | 8          | 6          | Retain           |   |
| T61        | Ficus hispida                                     | 對葉榕            | 250              | 7          | 6          | Retain           |   |
| T62        | Ligustrum sinense                                 | 山指甲            | 100              | 5          | 3          | Retain           |   |
| T63        | Ficus variegata                                   | 青果榕            | 500              | 18         | 10         | Retain           |   |
| T64        | Litsea monopetala                                 | 假柿木薑子          | 570              | 17         | 11         | Retain           |   |
| T65        | Alangium chinense                                 | 八角楓            | 200              | 12         | 5          | Fell             | emergent tree felling due to natural causes on 30 May 2024  |
| T66        | Alangium chinense                                 | 八角楓            | 270              | 10         | 6          | Fell             | emergent tree felling due to natural causes on 30 May 2024  |
| T67        | Ficus hispida                                     | 對葉榕<br>左漆莊     | 150              | 9<br>7     | 3          | Retain           |   |
| T68<br>T69 | Microcos nervosa<br>Ficus elastica                | 布渣葉<br>印度橡樹    | 120<br>4000      | 29         | 4<br>50    | Retain<br>Retain | OVT (confirmed positive of brown root rot disease (BRRD) )  |
| T75        | Dimocarpus longan                                 | 印度像倒<br>龍眼     | 300              | 10         | 6          | Fell             | OV 1 (committee positive of brown root for disease (BRRD))  |
| T76        | Plumeria rubra                                    | 雞蛋花            | 350              | 7          | 4          | Fell             |   |
| T77        | Ficus microcarpa                                  | 細葉榕            | 3000             | 20         | 17         | Fell             |   |
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#### Summary Table

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|----------------------------------|-------------------|--|--|--|
|                                  | Number of Tree(s) |  |  |  |
| Tree be to Retained              | 15                |  |  |  |
| Tree to be Transplanted          | 4                 |  |  |  |
| Tree to be Felled                | 38                |  |  |  |
| Total Number of Existing Tree(s) | 57                |  |  |  |

Annex C Tree Photo Records of Individual Tree





T16 - Branch wound.JPG



T17 - 1 Overview.JPG



T18 - 1 Overview.JPG





T20 - 1 Overview.JPG

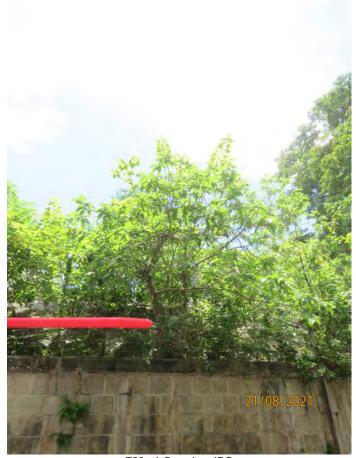


T20 - Dead branches.JPG



T20A - Overview.jpg





T22 - 1 Overview.JPG



T23 - 1 Overview.JPG



T23 - Exposed root.JPG





T25 - 1 Overview.JPG



T24 - Trunk wound with sap flow.JPG



T26 - 0 Tag.JPG



T26 - 1 Overview.JPG



T26 - 2 Overview.jpg



T27 - 0 Tag.JPG



T27 - 1 Overview.JPG



T27 - 2 Overview.jpg





T28 - 1 Overview.JPG



T29 - 0 Tag.JPG



T29 - 1 Overview.JPG



T29 - 2 Overview.jpg



T30 - 0 Tag.JPG



T30 - 1 Overview.JPG



T31 - 0 Tag.JPG



T31 - 1 Overview.JPG



T31 - Branch wound.JPG



T32 - 0 Tag.JPG



T32 - 1 Overview.JPG



T32 - 2 Overview.jpg



T33 - 0 Tag.JPG



T33 - 1 Overview.JPG



T33 - Branch wound.JPG



T34 - 0 Tag.JPG



T34 - 1 Overview.JPG



T34 - Dead branches.JPG



T35 - 0 Tag.JPG





T35 - Dead branches.JPG



T36 - 0 Tag.JPG



T36 - 1 Overview.JPG



T36 - Trunk wound.JPG



T37 - 0 Tag.JPG



T37 - 1 Overview.JPG



T38 - 0 Tag.JPG



T38 - 1 Overview.JPG



T38 - Trunk wound.JPG



T39 - 0 Tag.JPG



T39 - 1 Overview.JPG



T39 - Epicormcis and climbers.JPG



T40 - 0 Tag.JPG



T40 - 1 Overview.JPG

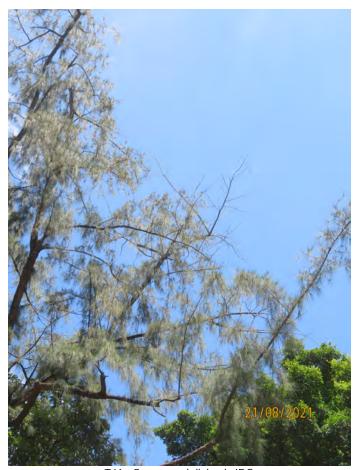




T41 - 1 Overview.JPG



T41 - Severe basal cavity.JPG



T41 - Sparse and dieback.JPG



T42 - 0 Tag.JPG



T42 - 1 Overview.JPG



T43 - 0 Tag.JPG



T43 - 1 Overview.JPG





T44 - 0 Tag.JPG



T44 - 1 Overview.JPG



T44 - Broken branch.JPG





T45 - 0 Tag.JPG



T45 - 1 Overview.JPG

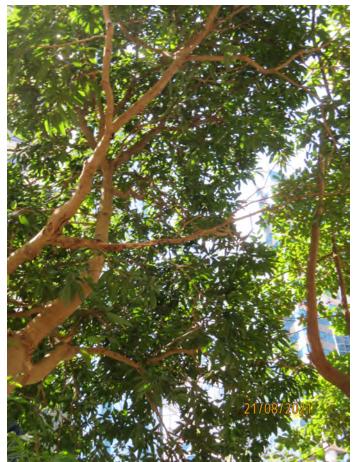


T45 - Dead branches.JPG



T46 - 0 Tag.JPG





T46 - Dead branches.JPG



T46 - Trunk cavity.JPG



T47 - 0 Tag.JPG



T47 - 1 Overview.JPG



T48 - 0 Tag.JPG



T48 - 1 Overview.JPG



T48 - 2 Overview.jpg



T49 - 0 Tag.JPG



T49 - 1 Overview.JPG

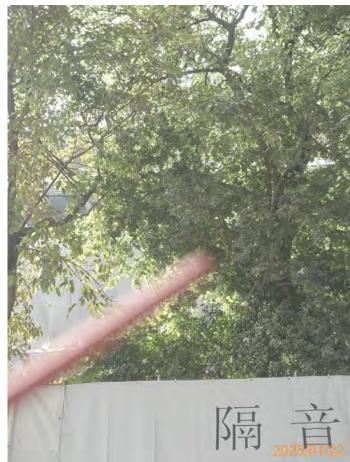


T49 - 2 Overview.jpeg





T50 - 1 Overview.JPG



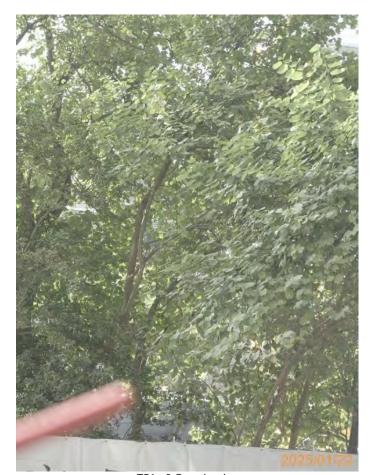
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T51 - 0 Tag.JPG



T51 - 1 Overview.JPG



T51 - 2 Overview.jpg



T52 - 0 Tag.JPG



T52 - 1 Overview.JPG



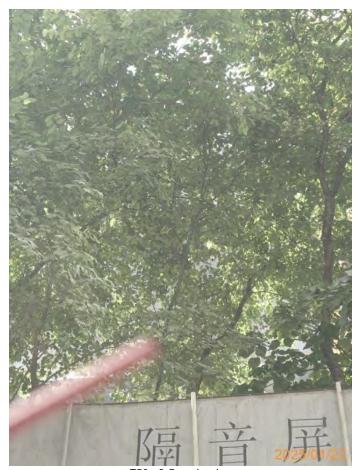
T52 - 2 Overview.jpg



T53 - 0 Tag.JPG



T53 - 1 Overview.JPG



T53 - 2 Overview.jpg



T54 - 0 Tag.JPG



T54 - 1 Overview.JPG



T54 - 2 Overview.jpg



T54 - Trunk embedded.JPG



T55 - 0 Tag.JPG



T55 - 1 Overview.JPG



T56 - 0 Tag.JPG



T56 - 1 Overview.JPG



T57 - 0 Tag.JPG



T57 - 1 Overview.JPG



T58 - 0 Tag.JPG



T58 - 1 Overview.JPG





T60 - 0 Tag.JPG



T59 - 1 Overview.JPG



T60 - 1 Overview.JPG



T60 - 2 Overview.jpg



T60 - Cut on trunk.JPG



T60 - Dead branches.JPG



T61 - 0 Tag.JPG



T61 - 1 Overview.JPG





T62 - 0 Tag.JPG



T62 - 1 Overview.JPG



T62 - 2 Overview.jpg



T63 - 1 Overview.JPG





T63 - 2 Overview.jpg



T64 - 0 Tag.JPG



T64 - 1 Overview.JPG



T64 - 2 Overview.jpg



T65 - 0 Tag.JPG





T66 - 0 Tag.JPG



T66 - 1 Overview.JPG



T67 - 0 Tag.JPG





T67 - 2 Overview.jpg



T67 - Trunk cavity.JPG



T68 - 0 Overview.JPG







T68 - 2 Overview.jpg



T69 - 0 Tag.JPG



T69 - 1 Overview.JPG





T69 - 2 Overview.jpg



T69 - Branch wound (1).JPG



T69 - Branch wound (2).JPG





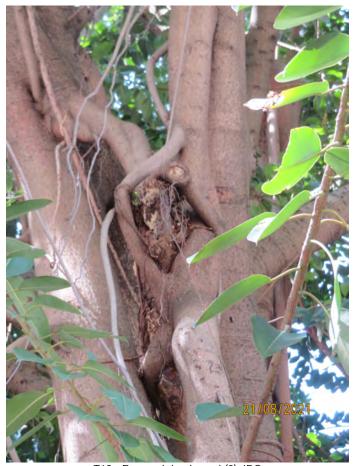
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T69 - Dead branches (2).JPG



T69 - Exposed dead wood (1).JPG



T69 - Exposed dead wood (2).JPG



T69 - Exposed dead wood (3).JPG



T75 - 0 Tag.JPG



T75 - 1 Overview.JPG



T76 - 0 Tag.JPG



T76 - 1 Overview.JPG



T77 - 0 Tag.JPG



T77 - 1 Overview.JPG



T77 - Trunk embedded.JPG

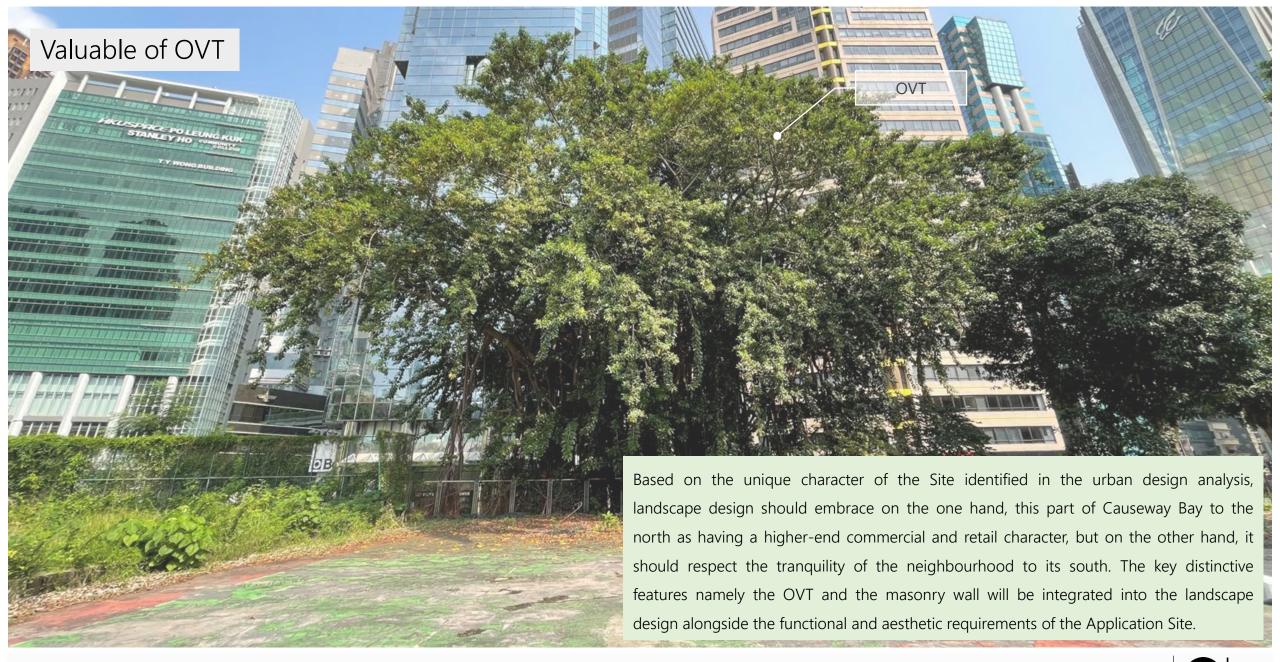
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Annex D Banyan Garden Proposal

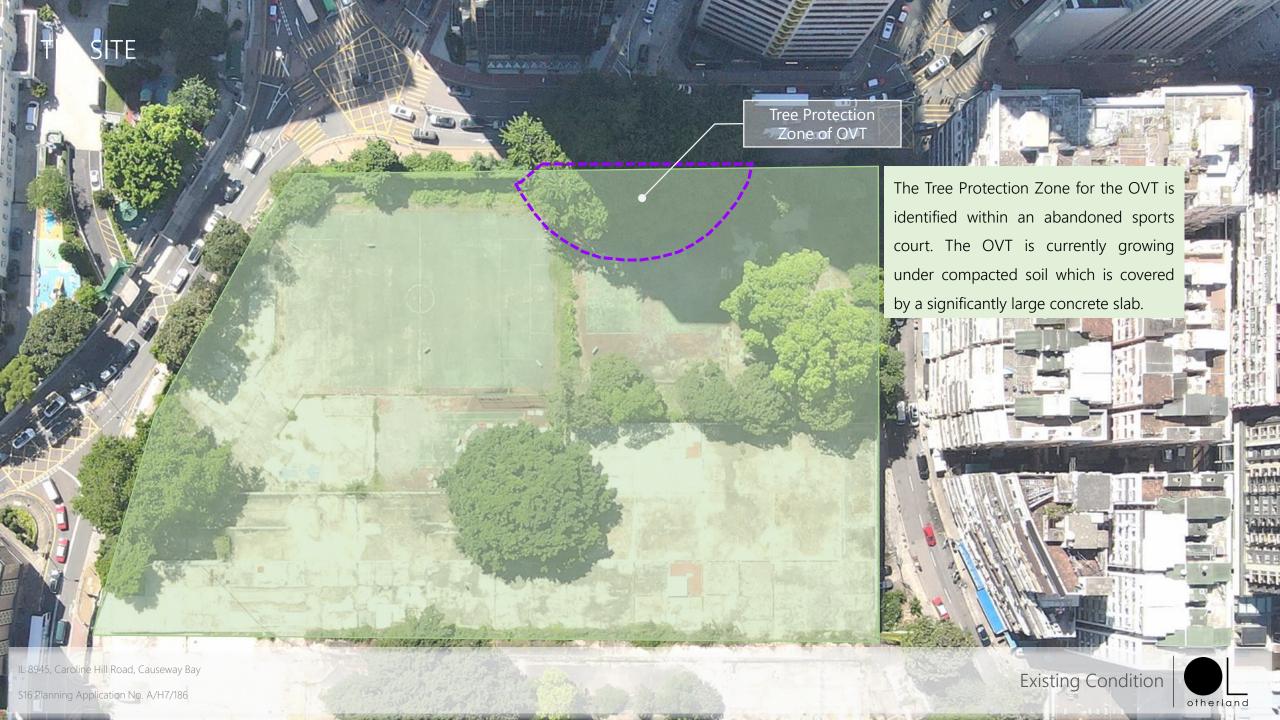
## BANYAN GARDEN PROPOSAL

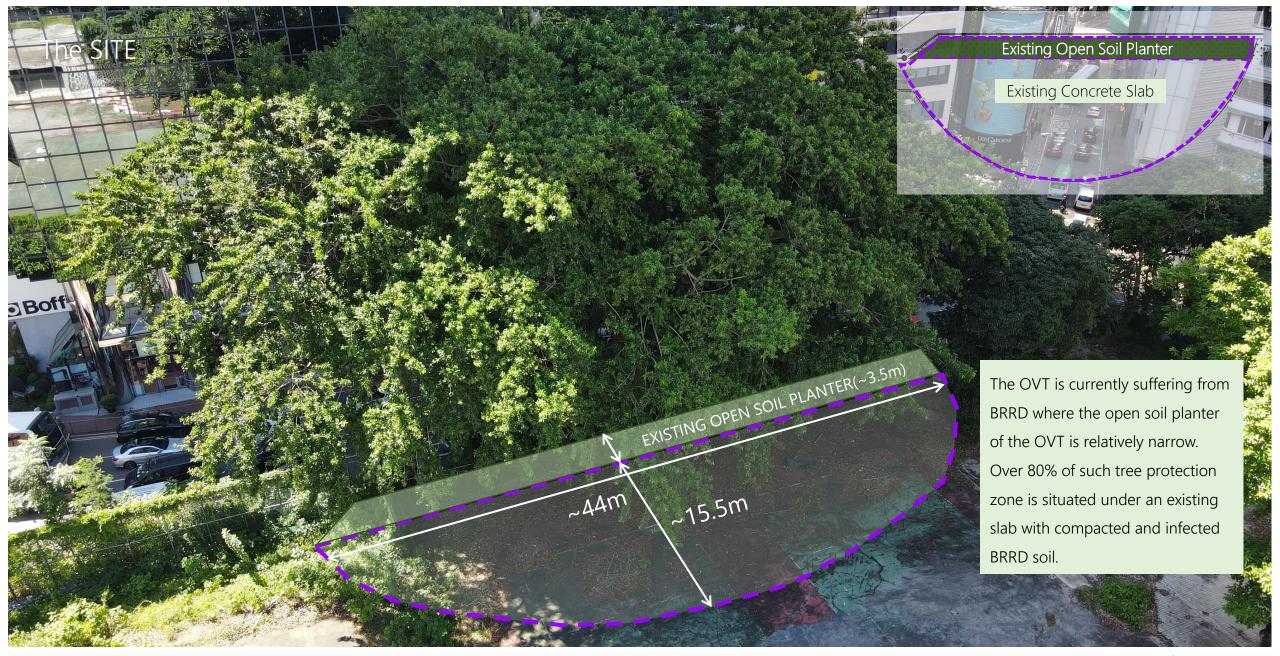
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# Key Consideration Factor

- The OVT is infected with BRRD, an incurable disease prevalent in tropical and subtropical regions. As outlined in *DEVB*'s *Manual on Management of BRRD*, the disease could spread through root contact or contaminated soil. Public access near infected OVT shall be restricted to prevent soil contamination on footwear.
- Hence, installation of physical barrier to restrict people from encroaching to the OVT soil surfaces to avoid the spread of BRRD to adjacent plants in the development.

Management of Brown Root Rot Disease (BRRD)

**Public Safety** 

- With a major level difference between the periphery of the development, abutting the OVT and the existing pavement at Leighton Road, a protective barrier is considered necessary to be installed within the Tree Protection Zone (but not on top of the masonry wall due to its heritage value) to prevent persons from passing through or toppling over onto an adjacent lower level to secure public safety.
- Such protective barrier is necessary in compliance with Buildings Department (BD) safety requirements

- The OVT has thrived for years under harsh condition, growing under a substantially large concrete slab with no significant health deterioration. While only a portion of its trunk remains within the open soil planter which is fully exposed beyond the slab's coverage, the tree has adapted to survive with severely limited access to air and water at its root zone.
- Recognizing that proper air/water is critical for sustainable root development, given the opportunities of the development, proposal of planter expansion is targeted with 2 major initiatives:
- 1. Expansion of open soil Planting Area: Increasing the extent of exposed soil area to improve air/water exchange for root growth with non-compacted soil; and
- 2. Minimize disturbance from slab removal: While removing the slab benefits the growth of the OVT, the removal works would have implication to the existing tree condition and cause disturbance to the established subsurface roots. A balanced approach shall be adopted in striking the maximum benefit for the future OVT growth.

Tree Preservation

#### Provision of Enjoyable Public Open Space

- The development is committed in delivering ≥500 sqm of accessible POS per Public Open Space in respect of the *Private Developments Design and Management Guidelines*.
- The creation of this public open space under the OVT fosters public interaction with the OVT within a safe and enjoyable context.
- The tree's big canopy will provide a natural shade to public to enjoy.
- The hard and soft landscape ratio of the area needs to be balanced for barrier free access/ proper circulation and array of activities opportunities to be held for public enjoyment.



## Design Intention

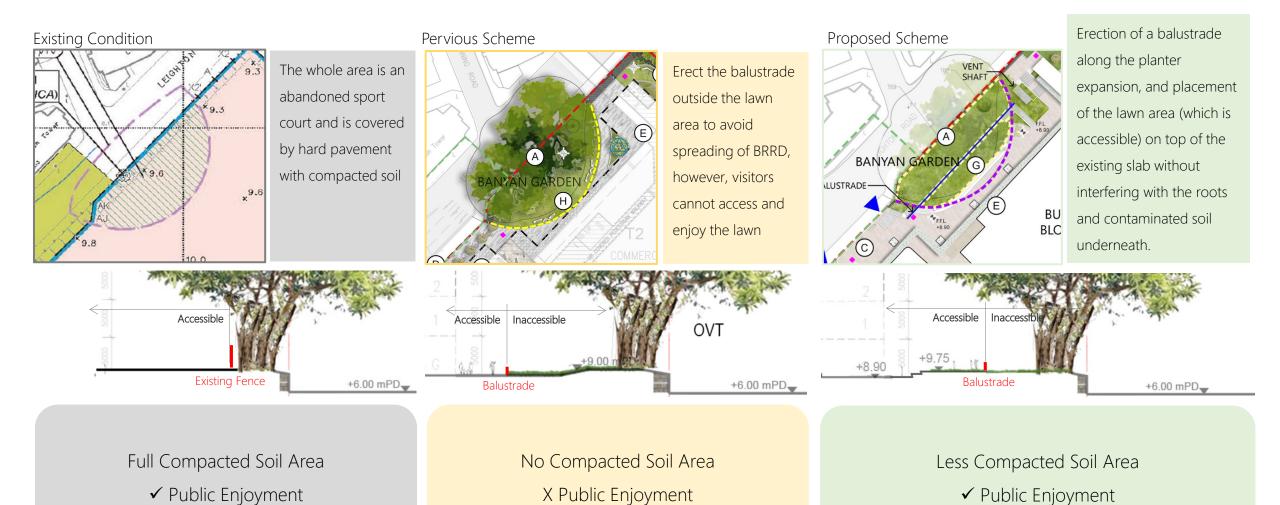
Through collaboration with independent tree expert, landscape architect, architect, and structural engineer, an enhanced scheme has been developed to ensure both the preservation of the OVT and the creation of a vibrant and accessible POS. The proposed amendments include:

- **Enlarging the Open-air planting area** Enlarge the planting area from about 3.5m to about 9m width for significantly improving OVT's growing environment.
- **Minimizing impact on the OVT** A portion of the existing slab is proposed to be maintained to reduce construction works within the Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) in order to minimize interference with subsurface roots for maintaining the tree's health.
- **Reduced disturbance within the TPZ** Minimal excavation is proposed only at the far periphery of the TPZ to create a functional and comfortable circulation space between the TPZ and the building structure at Ground Floor level. This can reduce adverse impact on the OVT and create a holistic and usable POS.
- **Mitigation of BRRD** The retained slab acts as an impermeable separation layer within the TPZ, mitigating the spread of BRRD. This allows for the creation of new landscape and planting areas using lightweight planting media for public enjoyment with enhanced greening.
- **Balustrade for safety** To comply with Buildings Department (BD) requirement and ensure a safe POS environment, a new balustrade is proposed along the edge of the proposed lawn area where the public can access. This provides a safety barrier to address the level difference between the development and the surrounding natural slope atop the masonry wall.

These thoughtful adjustments aim to harmonize the preservation of this natural landmark and the community's need for accessible, high-quality POS.



## Banyan Garden Scheme Comparison





# **Technical Study**

To achieve a constructible design while preserving key design intentions, we have conducted extensive studies with independent tree expert, landscape architect, architect, and structural engineer on the below proposals:

- a) Strip footing proposal
- b) Ring beam proposal
- c) Individual footing proposal
- d) Mini pile proposal

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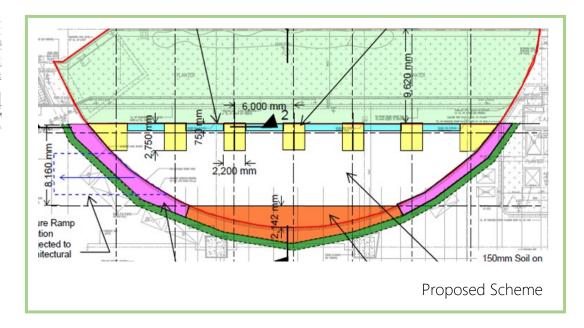
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However, these proposals require substantial construction works within the TPZ, potentially causing significant adverse impacts to the OVT. Therefore, we finally propose the below scheme in order to:

- Enhance the OVT's growth with extended open soil for additional air and water exchange
- · Minimize the impact to the OVT with portion of existing slab retained
- · Allow accessible POS for public's enjoyment without the risk of spread of BRRD
- Comply with building safety regulation



#### Note:

- · Coordinated with Structural Engineer.
- The full implementation works and tree preservation measures will be submitted to relevant departments, such as GLMTS, DevB and LandsD at the later stage.



## Layout of Banyan Garden

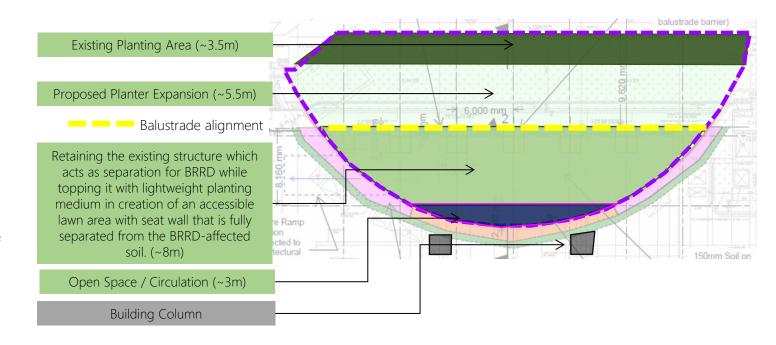
The Banyan Garden is designed to immerse visitors in the presence of this magnificent tree, offering a tranquil retreat from the bustling streets below. By extending the existing 3.5-meter-wide planting area southward to approximately 9 meters, the Amended Scheme provides additional open soil to enhance the OVT's future growth.

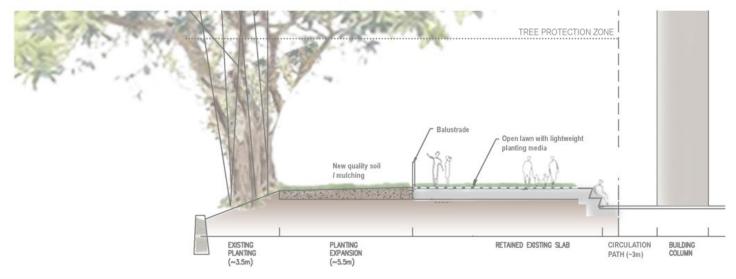
The retained slab acts as an impermeable separation layer between the BRRD-affected soil and new planting soil, which can prevent the spread of BRRD to the proposed greenery. The lawn area proposed in the approved scheme will remain, with adaptation of lightweight planting media. This medium, placed on top of the retained slab, offers an accessible and functional lawn for public enjoyment without compromising the tree's health or the soil's bearing capacity. Balustrade is proposed at location with significant level difference to comply with BD safety requirement.

In addition, the Amended Scheme proposes an approximate 3-meter-wide circulation path between the proposed raised lawn area and the development columns for public free access of the POS at Ground Floor.

#### Note:

 The current scheme has been reviewed by Individual Tree Expert James Ian Robinson, who confirmed no significant adverse impact on the OVT. The detailed design will be further developed and coordinated with relevant professionals and government departments in subsequent stages.















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