


Contract No. IS/2022/01

Improvement Works at Tai O – Phase 2, Stage 2

Proposed Public Utility Installation (Poles, Underground Cables and Overhead Cables) and Associated Excavation of Land at Government Land in D.D. 302L and D.D. 313L, Tai O, Lantau

No.	Comments from District Planning Officer/Sai Kung and Islands, Planning Department as at <u>18/7/2025</u> : <u>Contact Person: Ms. YEUNG Yat-ching, Dates Tel.: 2158 6219</u>	Responses
(i)	Please clarify if the proposed installation is to support normal operation for improvement works at Po Chue Tam Footbridge Project (i.e. support the construction stage of the footbridge), or support normal operation of Po Chue Tam Footbridge Project (i.e. support both the construction stage and operation stage after the completion of the footbridge);	The proposed installation is to support normal operation of Po Chue Tam Footbridge Project (i.e. support both the construction stage and operation stage after the completion of the footbridge).
(ii)	In relation to the above, please advise the functions/uses requiring the electricity provision in construction stage and/or operation stage of the footbridge;	The electricity provision is for the power supply to the lighting system and the moveable component of the Po Chue Tam footbridge in which the mid span of the footbridge can be rotated and opened during operation stage. Besides, the electricity provision is for power supply to perform tests related to the testing and commissioning of the lighting system and the movable part of the footbridge during the construction stage of the project.
(iii)	In view of the nature of the footbridge as a Government project, the Applicant should provide letter of proof/consent issued by the Project Proponent in support of the application;	Please find attached reply slip for the condition letters endorsed by the project proponents (CEDD) regarding the application of electricity provision for your information.
(iv)	The planning intention of the subject “Conservation Area” (“CA”) zone is to “protect and retain the existing natural landscape, ecological or topographical features of the area for conservation, educational and research purposes and to separate sensitive natural environment such as Country Park from the adverse effects of development. There is a general presumption against development in this zone. In general, only developments that are needed to support the conservation of the existing natural landscape or scenic quality of the area or are essential infrastructure projects with overriding public interest may be permitted”. The applicant should elaborate how the application is needed to support the conservation of the existing natural landscape or scenic quality of the area OR is an essential infrastructure project with overriding public interest.	The purpose of the planning application is for the public utility installation works for electricity provision to the operation of the proposed Po Chue Tam footbridge, which is being constructed under Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD)’s Contract No. IS/2022/01 Improvement Works at Tai O – Phase 2, Stage 2 (The Project). The Project is an essential infrastructure project with overriding public interest. The proposed Po Chue Tam footbridge to be constructed under the Project enhances the connectivity of the Tai O riversides particularly between Sun Ki Street and Kat Hing Back Street, which can significantly shorten the walking distance and time and bring convenience to the elderly, pregnant ladies and the disabled. It also serves as an emergency vehicles access, and its mid span can be opened and transform to viewing platforms during traditional Dragon Boat Water Parade, which allows residents and visitors to watch and appreciate the whole process of the parade at a close distance. The application is critical for facilitating the commissioning and operation of the proposed footbridge.

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<p>(v)</p>	<p>Please advise the height of four overhead line poles, with inclusion of a section drawing demonstrating the height of poles and excavation depth.</p>	<p>The height of the Pole is 10.5 meters.</p> 
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No.	Comments from Director of Environmental Protection Department: <u>Contact Person: Ms. CHEUNG Hiu-wai, Tiffany Tel.: 2835 1836</u>	Responses
(i)	<p>Based on the information provided, we noted that one underground power cable and four overhead line poles will be installed. As the excavation works will be conducted at the areas zoned "CA", "O" and "G/IC", please advise the voltage level for the proposed power cable. Please also provide the site/aerial photo to better illustrate the location of the proposed works.</p> <p>In view of the proximity of the proposed installation works to the water sensitive receiver, please elaborate on the potential impacts of the proposed construction works to WSRs nearby and advise if any mitigation measures will be taken to minimize the environmental impacts arising from the construction works.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The voltage level for the cables is 380V and 11kV respectively.2. The locations of the proposed works are in the attached drawing No. 4 & drawing No. 9 respectively.3. In construction stage, the potential impact of the proposed work to WSR is general refuse only. The debris and rubbish such as packaging refuse will remove from site every day. When in operation, no potential impact produced.
(ii)	<p>Based on the information provided, we noted that the proposed public utility installation is to provide electricity for supporting normal operation of Po Chue Tam Footbridge Project in Tai O. Please seek the confirmation from the project proponent if there is no additional pollution source arising from the proposed works during the operational phase. The project proponent should also be reminded to implement appropriate mitigation measures to avoid, prevent and minimize the potential water quality impact arising from the Project, including but not limited to wastewater generated from the construction works, wastewater from the workforce and surface runoff. ProPECC PN 2/24 and the Best Management Practices should be referred for the handling of the stormwater discharges. In view of the proximity to watercourses, relevant mitigation measure from the ETWB TC (Works) No. 5/2005 should be incorporated as well.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The locations of the proposed works are in the attached drawing No. 4 & drawing No. 9 respectively.2. In construction stage, the potential impact of the proposed work to WSR is general refuse only. The debris and rubbish such as packaging refuse will remove from site every day. When in operation, no additional pollution source arising from the proposed works during the operational phase.

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No.	Comments from Chief Town Planner of Urban Design & Landscape, Planning Department: <u>Contact Person: Ms. TSUI Hiu-wai, Isabella Tel.: 3565 3951</u>	Responses
(i)	<p><u>Advisory Comment</u></p> <p>According to site photos taken by DPO dated 27.06.2025, tree groups are found within or in close vicinity of the Sites. The proposed erection of four overhead poles might be in conflict with the existing trees. However Part 9 of the Application Form indicated that no “Tree Felling”. Please provide information such as site photos showing the existing conditions to demonstrate no tree felling is required, in particular for maintaining clearance, if any, between existing trees and new overhead poles and lines.</p> <p><u>Advisory Remarks</u></p> <p>The Applicant should note that approval of the s.16 application by the TBP does not imply approval of the trees works such as pruning, transplanting and/or felling under lease. The Applicant is reminded to approach relevant authority/government department(s) direct to obtain necessary approval on tree works (if any).</p>	<p>Noted, the poles will locate in Poles Zone in below photo.</p> 

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No.	Comments from Chief Heritage Executive (Antiquities & Monuments), Antiquities and Monuments Office, Development Bureau: <u>Contact Person: Ms. LEE Wing-tung, Connie Tel.: 2208 4459</u>	Responses
(i)	<p><u>Archaeology</u></p> <p>AMO has no objection in principle to the captioned application from the archaeological conservation perspective. If the application is approved, please remind the applicant that pursuant to the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53), the applicant is required to inform AMO (Tsang Chi-Hung, tel: 2208 4402 and email: chtsang@amo.gov.hk and Connie Lee, tel: 2208 4459 and email: conniewtlee@amo.gov.hk) immediately when any antiquities or supposed antiquities under the Ordinance are discovered in the course of works. Please also inform AMO the works schedule for AMO to conduct site inspection, if necessary.</p> <p><u>Built Heritage</u></p> <p>The application site is located in the vicinity of No. 95 Kat Hing Back Street, a Grade 2 historic building, and Wing Hing Petrol Station, a Grade 3 historic building (the “Graded Buildings”). You may wish to visit the website of the Antiquities Advisory Board for the location, grading boundary and historic building appraisal of the two Graded Buildings (https://www.aab.gov.hk/en/historic-buildings/search-for-information-on-individual-buildings/index.html).</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>When AMO required, CLP will contact AMO 2-week before the work carries out. During the work, if required, CLP will remove the concrete surface first and then continue work after AMO inspection.</p>

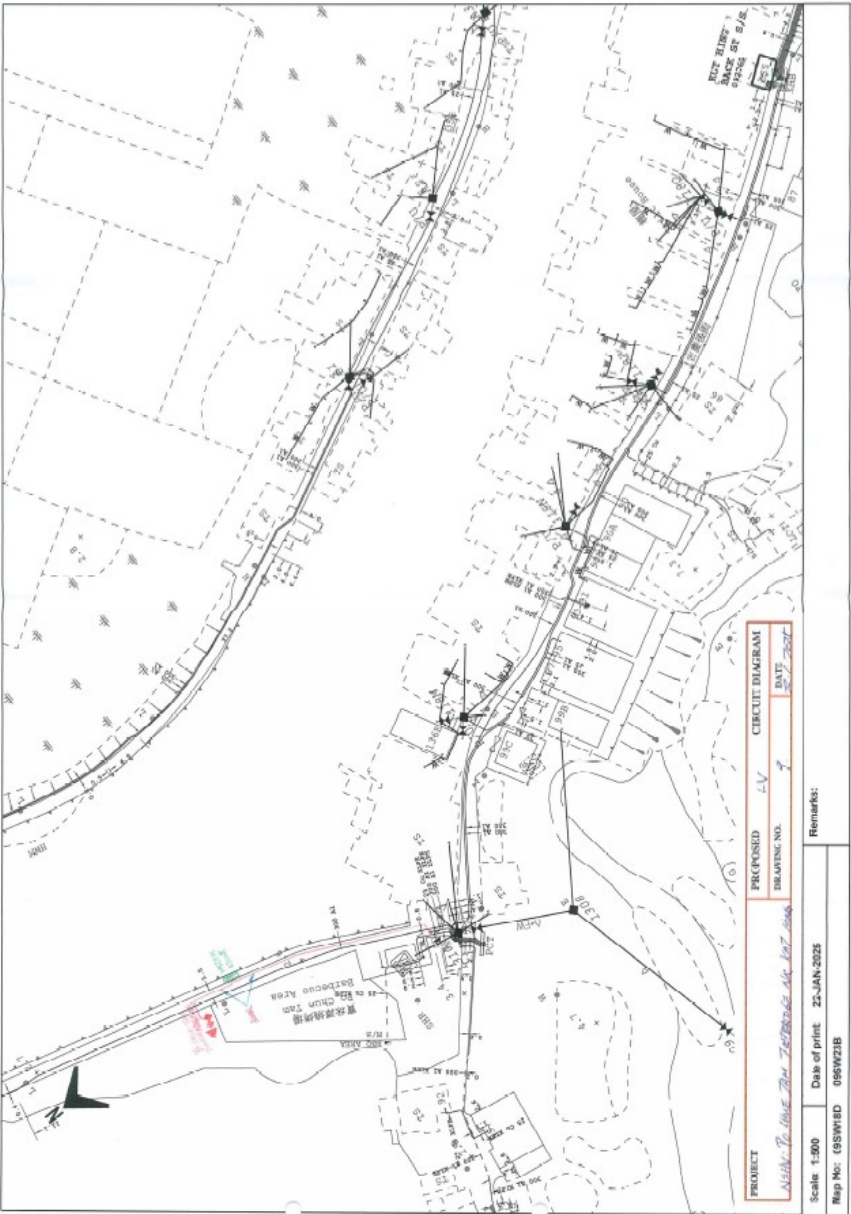
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No.	Comments from Chief Engineer/Hong Kong & Islands, Drainage Services Department: Contact Person: Mr. WAN Chi-kin, Vincent Tel.: 3101 2897	Responses
(i)	Please be advised that I have no objection to the application from a drainage point of view. However, since the proposed works are adjacent to the sea and a pond, appropriate environmental measures should be implemented to prevent the discharge of muddy water.	Noted. Excavation work will not produce any muddy water.

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