

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 (Planning Application No. A/I-TOF/7)

Comments from District Planning Officer/Sai Kung and Islands, Planning Department (13 Jan 2026): Contact Person: Mr. CHAN Yik Fung, Dicky Tel.: [REDACTED]	CLP Response (22 Jan 2026) Contact Person : Mr. SC Lam Tel : [REDACTED]
(i) According to the planning intention of “Conservation Area” zone, 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 project with overriding public interest may be permitted. The applicant shall demonstrate to the Town Planning Board that the proposed public utility installation (PU) and associated excavation and filling of land are in line with the abovementioned planning intention.	This proposed work is to provide the new power supply of Yim Tin Footbridge Project (i.e. support both the construction stage and operation stage after the completion of the footbridge). The electricity provision is for the power supply to the lighting system and the moveable component of the Yim Tin 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. This is essential infrastructure project with overriding public interest.
(ii) Furthermore, as the alignments shown in the application are not linking up existing cables only, but also introducing new overhead cables and poles (please supplement the alignment and length of new overhead cables), as well as additional underground cables extending to the north of existing underground cables. In particular, one of the proposed poles is situated near the edge of the existing pond. The applicant shall advise whether other alternative alignments/ approaches have been explored to minimize the impacts of the proposed public utility installation to the surrounding areas, and provide justifications for the alignment/ approach	The purpose of the proposed public utility installation is to provide a new power supply for the Yim Tin Footbridge project, which is being constructed under CEDD Contract No. IS/2022/01 and is an essential infrastructure project serving an overriding public interest. The proposed CLP installations are planned to be extended from the nearby existing supply network in Yim Tin. The proposed works are required to adjust the voltage level in order to supply an appropriate

adopted under the subject planning application, which should be related to the applicant's claims of forming ring circuit and voltage levels changing in the application form.	voltage to the client for operation of the Yim Tin footbridge and to form a ring circuit serving the Yim Tin area. To provide the required power supply, it is necessary to install new cables and associated poles, together with associated excavation works for laying of cables and supports for the poles. Following a thorough review, it has been confirmed that there is insufficient land along Sun Ki Street or in the immediate vicinity of the Yim Tin Footbridge for the installation of the required cables and poles. Only the vacant land located to the north of the footbridge (i.e. the proposed site under this planning application) has been identified as suitable and feasible for the proposed power supply installation. Accordingly, additional underground cables extending northward from the existing underground cables are required. The proposed installation alignment is the best viable option to minimize impact to the public and the environment with the shortest technically feasible cabling route for the supply to the new footbridge. No overhead power line shall be emanated from the new poles, the supply network extension and the new supply to the new bridge are by underground cables.
(iii) The applicant shall also clarify the information of filling of land. In the plans of "Excavation of Land Drawing" and "Filling of Land Drawing", the depth of excavated land and land filling are same as 1.8m. However, the section diagram of "WELT2024-0537-02" showed that the two overhead cable poles would have their own concrete platforms with dimensions of 3m (Length) x 1.5m (Width) x 1m (Height); 0.8m	Excavation of Land Drawing and Filling of Land Drawing is updated. Replacement page 6 is provided.

above ground and 0.2m under the ground) which should be specified in the “Filling of Land Drawing” and application form where applicable.	
(iv) Please provide information on completion time of the proposed Yim Tin footbridge, and the Programme of the construction works for the proposed public utility installation and associated excavation and filling of land.	Per requested by CEDD, the supply is expected be provided by end March 2026. Upon receipt of the site work permits by the relevant parties, about two months construction time are required for the installation and associated excavation and filling of land.
(v) In view of the nature of the proposed Yim Tin footbridge as a government project, the Applicant should demonstrate the Government’s support for the application.	In our joint site meeting between CEDD and CLP held on 21 Jan 2026, CLP was urged to provide the bridge supply urgently. CEDD issued CLP a supporting mail to substantiate the necessity and urgency of this project as shown on the Attachment (I).

Attachment (I)

From: PATSY PUI YAN CHEUNG/CEDD [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 14:57
To: Lam, Siu Cheong [REDACTED]; Yeung, Stanley Tze Fung [REDACTED] Chan, Raymond Yiu Nung [REDACTED] leong, Johnson Zi Feng [REDACTED]
Cc: BENNY JI CHIAN HAN/CEDD [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Planning Application No. A/I-TOF/7 - Departmental Comments

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Dear Mr. Lam,

I am writing to express my support for the subject planning application, as it concerns public utility installation works for providing electricity to the Yim Tin Footbridge, which is currently under construction under the 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 initiative of overriding public interest. The Yim Tin Footbridge, being constructed under the Project, will significantly enhance connectivity along the Tai O riversides, particularly between Sun Ki Street and Lung Shing Street. This improvement will greatly reduce walking distance and travel time, bringing convenience to the elderly, pregnant women, and persons with disabilities. The footbridge will also serve as an emergency vehicular access and features a mid-span section that can be opened and transformed into viewing platforms during the traditional Dragon Boat Water Parade, enabling residents and visitors to enjoy the event at a close distance. The proposed public utility installation under the subject planning application is therefore critical in facilitating the commissioning and operation of the new footbridge.

As the local community has expressed strong anticipation for the commissioning of the footbridge, which is scheduled for March 2026, timely provision of electricity is vital to ensure its successful completion and operation. I would be most grateful if you could follow up closely on the subject planning application and inform us should any further input or assistance from our side be required.

Regards,
Patsy CHEUNG
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South Development and Sustainable Lantau Office
Civil Engineering and Development Department
Tel. [REDACTED]

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Comments from Director of Environmental Protection Contact (21 Jan 2026) Contact Person: Ms. CHEUNG Hiu-wai, Tiffany Tel.: [REDACTED]	CLP Response (22 Jan 2026) Contact Person : Mr. SC Lam Tel : [REDACTED]
As the excavation works will be conducted at the areas zoned "CA" on the approved Tai O Fringe Outline Zoning Plan No. S/I-TOF/2, please confirm on the voltage level for the proposed power cable and if there is any additional pollution source arising from the proposed works during the operational phase. According to the figure provided, we noted that proposed works do not cross any streams, but there are some ponds nearby. Please confirm if the applicant will implement appropriate mitigation measures to avoid, prevent and minimise 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.	The proposed CLP facilities and cables to be installed are at the voltage of 11 kV and 380V. In construction stage, the potential impact of the proposed work is general refuse & mud only with no wastewater and surface run-off generated from work. If foreseeable rainstorms situation coming, DEP ProECC PN 2/24, Appendix A2, Precautions/Actions relating to Rainstorms, will be implemented. Indeed, we targeted to commence the work in January to March, non-rainy season, to minimize the impact of the rainstorm situation. All the time, tarpaulin, sandbags barriers and fibre decking will be provided to prevent surface run-off for work. When work:- (1) covering exposed slope/soil surfaces and open stockpiles by a tarpaulin or other means. (2) Adequately cover and temporarily seal manholes to prevent silt and debris getting into the drainage system or foul sewers. (3) The debris and rubbish such as packaging refuse will remove from site every day. (4) Earthwork final surfaces to be well compacted and subsequent permanent work or surface protection to be immediately performed. (5) Supervisory staff will be signed to station on site to closely supervise and monitor during construction stage. (6) If any small-scale wastewater (e.g. hand washing water) from workforce will be discharged into nearby public toilet. (7) Supervisory team will practice the DEP ProECC PN 2/24 and ETWB TC (Works) No.5/2005 in construction stage. In operation stage, no impact to the environment.