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Reply to Water Supplies Department Comments

Ms Kathy WONG

Water Supplies Department

Water Science Division

Dear Ms Wong,

Application No. A/NE-LT/793

Lot 690 RP (Part) in D.D. 19, She Shan Tsuen, Tai Po

**Proposed Temporary Private Vehicle Park (Private Cars Only) for a Period of 3
Year**

Response to Departmental Comments

Reference is made to the comments of the Water Supplies Department in respect of the above Section 16 application for a proposed temporary private vehicle park within the Upper Indirect Water Gathering Grounds (WGG). To address the concerns raised, it is confirmed that the proposed development will be operated subject to the following management and control measures, and that no filling or excavation of land is proposed within the site.

1. Effluent / foul water

No discharge of effluent or foul water into adjoining land, stormwater drains, channels, streams or river courses will be allowed. Any foul water or effluent, if generated, will be properly collected and disposed of outside the WGG through appropriate lawful means.

2. Solid waste and sludge

All solid waste, refuse and any sludge arising from the operation of the vehicle park will be properly collected and removed regularly for disposal outside the WGG.

3. Prohibited materials

The use and storage of pesticides, herbicides, toxicants, chemical solvents, larvicidal oil, rodenticide, tar and petroleum oil within the site will be strictly prohibited.

4. Other chemicals

No chemicals including fertilizers and detergents will be used or stored within the site unless prior approval has been obtained from the Water Authority. At present, no such chemicals are proposed for the operation of the vehicle park.

5. Oil leakage / spillage

Oil leakage and spillage will not be allowed within the site at all times. A basic oil and grease clean-up kit, such as absorbent pads, will be kept on site for handling any accidental minor leakage or spillage. In addition, oil tankers will not be permitted to park within the vehicle parking spaces.

6. Distance from watercourses and signage

The vehicle park and its associated activities will be kept away from nearby watercourses as far as practicable. Warning signage will be displayed at suitable locations within the site to remind users not to pollute the WGG.

7. Fencing and litter control

Fencing will be erected on the sides facing the nearest stream course to help trap wind-blown litter within the site. The site will also be inspected regularly and any litter collected promptly.

8. Site surface and contaminated soil

The site surface will be maintained to be as impervious to oil and grease as far as practicable. Should any localised soil contamination caused by fuel leakage be identified, the affected material will be removed off site promptly and replaced with suitable clean material as necessary.

9. Kerbs, drains and simple interception measures

The vehicle park will be provided with perimeter kerbs and surface drains directing runoff to designated drainage outlets within the site. At the drainage outlets, suitable small-scale interception arrangements or equivalent simple measures will be provided to reduce the chance of fuel or oily runoff entering the downstream drainage system. Such arrangements will be inspected regularly and kept in proper working order.

10. Restriction of activities

The site will be used strictly as a temporary private car park only. No on-site vehicle inspection, maintenance, repairing or washing activities will be permitted within the proposed development.

Having regard to the small site area of about 442.38 square metres, the provision of parking spaces for private cars only, the absence of filling or excavation works, and the above control measures, it is considered that the proposed temporary development will not cause material increase in pollution risk to the Upper Indirect WGG. The operator will adopt the above measures as the site management framework throughout the temporary approval period.

It is trusted that the above clarification addresses the departmental comments.

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of

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