

2 Impact Assessment

2.1 Impact on Existing Traffic System

- 2.1.1 The application site as a PBG will only serve the indigenous villager of Nai Wai and Shun Fung Wai¹ and is not for the general public.
- 2.1.2 Based on the record from 1983 to 2023, the average number of annual issuance of Burial Certificates for BURGD22, which currently serves the burial applicant from Nai Wai and Shun Fung Wai, is 1.5. The average number of annual issuance of Burial Certificates for the new PBG of the application site is estimated to be in the same order as the one for the existing BURGD22 as mentioned above.
- Therefore, in terms of number of burials and associated funeral services, the PBG is with a substantial difference with the nature of the public / private cemeteries listed in Fifth Schedule of the Public Health and Municipal Ordinance (Cap. 132)
- 2.1.3 The application site is accessible via the existing Fu Fuk Road by vehicle followed by a 90m-long local pedestrian access. For the villagers of Nai Wai/Shun Fung Wai, the application site is around 13 and 25 minutes walking distance from Nai Wai and Shun Fung Wai respectively. As the PBG application site will only serve the indigenous villager of Nai Wai and Shun Fung Wai, it is anticipated that a significant portion of villagers will access the application site by walking. The existing accesses to the application site are considered adequate and no additional access is required.
- 2.1.4 In view of the small number of burials annually and the fact that the application site as a PBG will only serve the nearby locals within a walking distance, it is anticipated that the traffic flow within the vicinity of the application site will remain the same as the current condition and hence no mitigation / improvement is required for the existing accesses.

2.2 Impact on Environmental Aspects

- 2.2.1 It is anticipated that the overall topography of the application site will not be materially changed. Also, no extensive site formation works such as slope works nor retaining wall will be carried out within the site. Only localised excavation at minimum may be involved in burial practices, hence the environmental impacts during burial activities are considered minimal.
- 2.2.2 Considering the application site is relatively small compared to the adjacent BURGD21, the grave sweeping activities around the area will not be materially changed. Moreover, visitors are anticipated to stay in the application site over a short duration only. As the visitors will not be substantial in number, no facility

¹ When an indigenous villager of Nai Wai/Shun Fung Wai passes away, his/her family members or their agent for burial must obtain a “Certificate for Burial within Permitted Burial Grounds” (Burial Certificate) issued by the local District Office of Home Affairs Department before the deceased can be buried inside the PBG. The application of Burial Certificate requires the verification of indigenous status including a written confirmation of the indigenous status of the deceased from the indigenous inhabitant representative concerned / the Chairman or Vice-Chairmen of Tuen Mun Rural Committee and a declaration made at District Office (in accordance with the Oaths and Declarations Ordinance (Cap.11)) declaring the indigenous inhabitant status of the deceased in order to be eligible for the application.