Application No. A/YL-TYST/1331 for Proposed 'Social Welfare Facility' (Residential Care Home for Persons with Disabilities) ("RCHD") and Associated Excavation of Land, Government Land in D.D.120, Lam Hau Tsuen, Yuen Long, New Territories (Former Wa Fung School (Part))

Response to Comments ("R-to-C")

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No.	Departmental Comments	Response
Α.	From: Environmental Protection Department ("EPD") (via Plannin	g Department ("PlanD") in Email dated 17.9.2025)
A1.	Noise	
A1.1.	1. Please document TD's agreement on the traffic forecast data in the report. In case TD has no comment on the methodology for traffic	For streamline the approval, a qualitative road traffic noise assessment is now being adopted in this revised EA report.
	forecast only, the consultant should provide written confirmation from the respective competent party (e.g. traffic consultant) that TD's endorsed methodology has been strictly adopted in preparing the traffic forecast data, and hence the validity of traffic data can be confirmed.	Given that a 3m high boundary wall with a surface density of at least 10kg/m ² is erected around the site to effectively screen the line of sight between the proposed RCHD and surrounding road links, including the major traffic noise sources at Yuen Long Highway, no adverse road traffic noise impact is anticipated.
		Please refer to the revised Section 2.3 for qualitative road traffic noise assessment.
A1.2.	2. S2.2.1.1 – Nearby road network is mentioned to be shown in "Figure 3.1". However, "Figure 3.1" is about the location of fixed noise source. Please clarify and revise as necessary.	The nearby road network within 300m has been indicated in Appendix B.
A1.3.	3. Table 2.2 – The maximum predicted road traffic noise level at NSR is 63 dB(A) according to Appendix C. Please review and revise as necessary.	Refer to response in this R-to-C A1.1.
A1.4.	4. S3.4 – The impact of the planned fixed noise source to the planned noise sensitive receiver should also be assessed. Please include the planned NSR (e.g. the office or the bedroom of the proposed	Planned fixed noise sources have been supplemented in Table 3.3 and S3.2.1.9 and S3.2.1.10. The evaluation of noise impacts from planned fixed noise sources can be referred to S3.3.2.
	development) in the fixed noise assessment. Although the potential fixed noise is considered to be minimal with the implementation of appropriate design and mitigation measures, the fixed noise impact on planned NSRs should still be assessed and mentioned in the assessment for proper record.	As relevant noise data is not available during the planning stage, noise mitigation measures such as silencer and acoustic louvres are proposed to be installed in the planned fixed noise sources to minimize the fixed noise impact from planned noise sources on the planned NSRs.
	assessment for proper record.	In view of the above, the paragraphs in S1.2.1.2, S3.4 and S8.2.1.2 have all been revised accordingly.
		The representative planned NSRs are supplemented in revised Figure 3.2.

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A1.5.	5. S3.2 – Noted that on-site visit to the identified fixed noise source	Noted and supplemented in Appendix G and revised in S3.2.1.1.
	was conducted on 19 march 2025. Please provide the relevant	
	record and photos in the appendix for proper record.	
A1.6.	Noise Model	
	6. The 3m boundary wall in the model does not tally with the layout	For streamline the approval, qualitative road traffic noise assessment is now
	plan. Please review and revise as necessary.	being adopted in this revised EA report. Therefore, no noise model is required.
A2.	Air Quality	
A2.1.	7. Executive Summary (Chinese)	
	(a) The Chinese version is inconsistent with the English version,	
	please update based on the English version.	there it has been deleted.
A2.2.	8. <u>Section 4.2.4.2</u>	
	(a) Please delete "recommended" in line 1.	(a) "recommended" in line 1 in S4.2.4.2 has been deleted.
A2.3.	9. <u>Section 4.4.2.3</u>	
	(a) Please provide TD's endorsement once available.	(a) Noted and TD Endorsement on the road types has been supplemented in Appendix H.
A2.4.	10. <u>Section 4.4.2.6</u>	
	(a) Please delete "Yuen Long Highway" in line 3.	(a) "Yuen Long Highway" in line 3 in S4.4.2.6 has been deleted.
A2.5.	11. <u>Section 4.4.2.7</u>	
	(a) Please add "within the proposed development" after "proposed" in	(a) Noted and revised.
	line 4.	
A2.6.	12. <u>Section 4.4.3.1</u>	
	(a) In addition to site visit, please carry out desktop review to confirm	(a) Noted and the result of the desktop review has confirmed the chimney
	the chimney findings. Please supplement.	findings are in order.
A2.7.	13. <u>Section 4.4.4.1</u>	
	(a) Please confirm if the odour survey for identification of odour	(a) Yes, it covers 500m assessment area. S4.4.4.1 has been revised
	sources covers 500m assessment area of the site boundary. Please	accordingly.
	supplement.	

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A2.8.	14. <u>Section 4.4.4.4</u>	(a) The original S4.4.4.3 and S4.4.4.4 have been revised and renumbered to
	 (a) Please advise if the proposed septic tank/soakaway pit system is enclosed with reinforced concrete. If so, please add "and enclosed with reinforced concrete" after "underground" in line 2. In addition, please advise if negative pressure will be maintained inside the proposed septic tank/soakaway pit system. (b) Please explore if higher removal efficiency (e.g. 99% or above) of the deodorizer is available. (c) Please compare the odour impact assessment results of other similar system with similar capacity, odour removal efficiency, 	S4.4.4.3. Please note that vent pipe instead of negative pressure will be provided for the proposed septic tank/soakaway pit system. However, highefficiency deodorizer will be installed to ensure that any emissions will be deodorized before entering the atmosphere. (Please also see s4.5.4.2 for details) (b) High-efficiency deodorizer of at least 99% has been proposed. Please refer S4.5.4.2.
	exhaust height and separation distance from the nearest ASRs as the proposed septic tank/soakaway pit system to justify it would not impose adverse odour impact to any nearby ASRs. (d) Also please provide a figure to indicate the location of the proposed septic tank/soakaway pit system and the potential location and direction of exhaust with the separation distances with the nearby ASRs.	(c) Please refer to the revised S4.5.4.2 to S4.5.4.3. (d) Noted and supplemented Figure 4.2.
A2.9.	15. Section 4.4.4.7(a) Please advise the meaning of "Cooker hoods wit" in line 2, and correct the typo "cooling" in the 2nd last line.	(a) The original S4.4.4.7 has been revised and is now renumbered to S4.4.4.6.
A2.10.	 16. Section 4.5.1.2 (a) Please revise the last sentence as "Given that the construction works are small in scale and only expected to generate small amounts of excavated materials, with the implementation of the air quality control measures stipulated under the Air Pollution Control (Construction Dust) Regulation and adoption of good site practices, the associated air quality impacts during the construction phase will be controlled." 	

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A2.11.	17. <u>Section 4.5.1.3</u>	
	(a) Please add "'or dusty" after "heavy" in line 5.	(a) Noted and revised accordingly in S4.5.1.3.
	(b) Please add "adverse" before "cumulative " in the 2"" last line, and	
	revise "are expected to be minimal with a long separation distance	(b) Noted and revised accordingly in S4.5.1.3.
	in between" in the last line as "and the concurrent project are not anticipated.".	
	(c) Same amendments for Section 4.5.1.4 by incorporating Comments	(c) Noted and revised accordingly. The conclusion of air quality impacts in
	#11(a) and I(b) above. Alternatively, the consultant may consider	two sections (S4.5.1.3 and S4.5.1.4) have been combined into S4.5.1.4 to
	to combine two sections for presentation to avoid repeated content	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	and for clarity.	
A2.12.	18. <u>Section 4.5.1.4</u>	
	(a) Please check if "due to potential delays in the programme" in line	(a) Noted and deleted accordingly in S4.5.1.4.
10.10	6 could be deleted.	
A2.13.	19. <u>Table 4.4</u>	
	(a) In the column "Buffer Distance", please revise as "5m" for both Shan Ha Road and Local Access Road.	(a) Noted and revised accordingly in Table 4.4.
A2.14.	20. Sections 4.4.2, 4.4.3, 4.4.4 and 4.5.2	
112.11.	(a) For the operational phase, the evaluation of some air quality	(a) Noted and revised accordingly in S4.5.2.4, S4.5.3 and S4.5.4.
	impacts are presented in Sections 4.4.2 to 4.4.4 which should be	(a) Treated and Terrison detectainings in a new 1, a new and a new 1.
	the identification of emission sources. Please review if they should	
	be presented under Section 4.5.2 and update the report structure as	
10.15	appropriate.	
A2.15.	21. <u>Section 4.6.1.1</u>	
	(a) Please revise "(Non-road vehicles) Regulations" in line 2 to "Air	(a) Noted and revised.
	Pollution Control (Non-road Mobile Machinery) (Emission) Regulation".	
A2.16.	22. Section 4.7.1.1	
	(a) Please delete "if not properly managed" in line 5.	(a) Noted and deleted in S4.7.1.1.
A2.17.	23. Section 4.7.1.2	
	(a) Please update the summary for operational phase by incorporating	(a) Noted and updated in S1.3.1.2, S4.7.1.2 and S8.3.1.2.
	the odour impact from the proposed septic tank/soakaway pit	_
	system. Same comment for Sections 1.3.1.2 and 8.3.1.2.	

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A2.18.	24. Please highlight all the changes/amendments in the next	Noted and highlighted.
	submission.	
A3.	Waste Management	
A3.1.	25. Section 1.2.1.1 – Please include waste management assessment.	Waste management section already incorporated in S1.6.
A3.2.	26. Tables 5.1 & 5.2 – It is suggested to merge these tables for better	Noted and merged in Table 5.1.
	presentation.	
A3.3.	27. Table 7.1 – Please clarify the difference between "0" and "_"	Noted and typo errors in Table 7.1 have been revised.
A3.4.	28. Table 7.2 – For consistency, please either include the frequency of	Noted and removed the frequency of trips for general refuse and chemical
	trips for inert and non-inert C&D materials or remove the	waste in Table 7.2.
	frequency of trips for general refuse and chemical waste.	
A3.5.	29. Section 7.4.1.6 – Please review if recycling arrangement will be	Noted and revised in S7.4.1.6.
	included for non-inert C&D materials.	
A3.6.	30. Section 7.4.1.8 –	
	(a) As lines 1-7 of the sections are not relevant to mitigation measures,	(a) Noted and revised in S7.3.1.7.
	please review if these sentences should be relocated under Section	
	7.3.1.6.	(b) Noted and revised to few dozen litres per month in S7.3.1.7.
	(b) Please clarify the discrepancy on estimates quantity of chemical	
	waste to be generated between Table 7.1 and this section (i.e. a few	
	dozen litre per month vs few hundred litres per month).	
A3.7.	31. Section 7.4.2.3 – Please supplement CWP registration and the	Additional information has been added in S7.4.2.3 accordingly.
	Code of Practice on the Packaging, Labelling, and Storage of	
A 4	Chemical Wastes in the section.	
A4.	Water Quality	N . 1 . 1 1 1 . 1
A4.1.	32. S.6.2.1.1 – Please review if "Water Supplies Department (WSD)	Noted and deleted accordingly in S6.2.1.1.
	Water Quality Criteria" is applicable to this project. If yes, please	
1.1.2	provide more details in Section 6.3.	
A4.2.	33. S.6.8.2.1 last sentence – Please review if it should be read as "no	Noted and revised accordingly.
	adverse water quality impact is anticipated."	

No.	Public Comments	Response
1.	Contact: Ms. CHAN Y Y	
a.	此計劃能善用及活化空置的政府校舍又能提供宿位予有需要的弱勢人士,最近跟精神病患者相關的新聞令人關注,確實是一個雙贏的計劃。	知悉。
	此外,計劃地點跟民居有一定距離,能讓患者和民眾互相留有空間,自成一角,對院友精神病復康也有利。	
2	加上,申請人服務精神病患者有多年經驗,希望能通過此計劃,可多一個地方容納精神病患者。謝謝。	
2.	Contact: 喜悅居(復康宿舍)	
a.	本院希望是次申請能獲 貴局通過,好為精神病患者提供一個安穩的環境,從而讓他們逐步踏出社會及使大眾認知、理解精神病人並非洪水猛獸,只要得到適當的應對及照顧,他們都有空間大放異彩。懇請城規會能盡快批准這申請,本院承諾定當秉持一如暨往的熱誠與關懷繼續服務更多有需要的弱勢人士。謝謝!	Noted.
3.	Contact: Mary Mulvihill	
a.	Hopefully this applicant is more reliable than Banyan Services Association 10 June 2022: After deliberation, the Committee decided to approve the application on a temporary basis for a period of 10 years until 10.6.2032	Background of the Applicant has already been provided in the Planning Statement. The scale of development under application is intended to meet the long-term operation and community needs. The application site has been left vacant for a long period of time
	15 Mar 2024	
	Section 16A Application No. A/YL-TYST/1132-4 Application for Extension of Time for Compliance with Planning Conditions	
	NOT TO CONSIDER	
	Fully support a genuine operation.	

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	However, maintain objection to elimination of basketball court.	
	Community recreational facilities should be retained. It would also	
	provide exercise space for mobile residents of the RCHE.	
	No approval time indicated on the gist?	
4.	Contact: 屏山鄉欖口村村代表 及屏山鄉山廈村村代表	
a.	(a) 就有關前華封學校(部分)有團體向 貴委員會申請改變用	(a) 擬議社會福利設施是社區嚴重需求及短缺的設施,更是善用土地資
	途,屏山鄉山廈村及欖口村提出反對。	(a) 擬議社會福利設施是社區嚴重需求及短缺的設施,更是善用土地資源,優化地區環境,體現社區共融,同心協力,建築和諧社區。是次申請主因是受到元朗南新發展區收地影響,而申請人最殷切達成的目標,是希望儘快安置受影響的院友,讓院友們回復「家」的照顧。申請人無論規劃申請或相關重置院舍安排上一直積極地聯繫政
		人中胡土凶定文判儿的用机贫成些收地影響,叫中胡人取放り连风 的日棰,是希望焦快安置受影趣的院方,讓院方們同復「家」的昭
	(b) 前華封學校是屏山鄉山廈村及欖口村興建兩村早前支持「榕	顧。申請人無論規劃申請或相關重置院舍安排上一直積極地聯繫政
	光社」建辦老人院舍,經過幾年時間申請,最終未能得到政	府部門將新院舍儘快落實。
	府支持,擱置有關申請。現在另一間團體申請相同設施,兩	(b) 同上。
	村提出反對,希望 貴委員會否決有關申請。有勞之處,不勝	
	感銘。	