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# 大埔桃源洞擬議公營房屋發展

本局得悉於 2021 年 7 月 20 日大埔區議會轄下規劃、房屋及工程委員會(下稱「規房會」)的會議上,規劃署、土木工程拓展署、房屋署及運輸署向議員介紹桃源洞的擬議公營房屋發展計劃,並聆聽議員的意見。當時規房會通過一項臨時動議,反對有關部門在未有充分諮詢大埔居民的情況下,於大埔桃源洞發展公營房屋。此外,本局得悉規劃署於 2021 年 8 月 19 日收到大埔南分區委員會羅曉楓副主席的信件,就桃源洞公營房屋發展對周邊社區帶來影響表示關注。經徵詢相關部門後,本局現回覆如下:

政府一直以多管齊下的策略增加房屋土地供應,以應付本港房屋及其他發展需要。香港土地資源有限,要在較短時間內增加和加快房屋土地的供應,政府必須盡量善用現有市區和新市鎮的已建設土地和周邊鄰近基建設施的地帶。擬議大埔桃源洞的公營房屋發展土地位於大埔新市鎮南面,毗鄰現有基建設施。

我們理解議員及地區人士對擬議發展項目的關注,一如以往,在提出有關發展建議前,政府會進行研究和詳細考慮發展會帶

來的影響,以評估及確立在「綠化地帶」用地發展房屋的可行性。 就擬作公營房屋發展的桃源洞用地,土木工程拓展署委託的顧問已 於 2021 年第二季大致完成可行性研究(下稱「研究」),經考慮包括 交通、基建、環境、景觀、視覺和空氣流通等方面的潛在影響,預 期這幅土地用作房屋發展沒有無法克服的技術問題。

除了諮詢大埔區議會外,政府團隊亦已於 2021 年 7 月 26 日 向大埔鄉事委員會匯報研究結果及諮詢《大埔分區計劃大綱圖》的擬議修訂項目,並聆聽委員的意見,當時桃源洞村的原居民代表亦有派員出席會議。為推展有關房屋發展,政府須根據《城市規劃條例》(下稱《條例》)程序改劃土地用途,當中包括法定的公眾諮詢程序。規劃署將於 2021 年 8 月 27 日就有關擬議房屋發展的修訂項目,連同大埔區議會、大埔鄉事委員會、大埔南分區委員會以及政府部門的意見,一併提交城規會轄下鄉郊及新市鎮規劃小組委員會(下稱「小組委員會」)考慮。如小組委員會同意有關擬議修訂項目,城規會將根據《條例》第 5 條展示圖則及諮詢公眾,為期兩個月。屆時,各議員、委員及公眾人士可對修訂項目作出申述和提出意見。按現時《條例》訂明,申述人和提意見人將獲邀出席城規會會議,直接向城規會委員作口頭陳述和表達意見。

感謝各議員及委員對大埔區發展所提出的寶貴意見及關注。

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### 施女士:

大埔桃源洞發展的工地平整及基礎設施工程-可行性研究及 擬議修訂《大埔分區計劃大網核准圖編號 S/TP/28》

本署及其他相關政府部門的代表出席大埔區議會規劃、房屋及工程委員會在7月20日的會議,就大埔桃源洞發展的工地平整及基礎設施工程一可行性研究及擬議修訂《大埔分區計劃大網核准圖編號 S/TP/28》諮詢委員會的意見。本署代表在席上同意跟進以下事項-

- 提供在可行性研究進行的交通影響評估報告,供委員參考;
   以及
- (2) 進一步闡釋不建議在達運道和馬窩路交界建造行人天橋或隧道的原因。
- 2. 我們現謹回覆如下。
- 3. 有關第(1)點,交通影響評估報告「夾附在附件1,供委員會參考。
- 4. 有關第(2)點,達運道和馬窩路交界路口現時的設計載於交通影響評估報告內的圖則編號 5165339/TIA/6.1。該圖則亦已節錄於附件2以便參考。如圖則所示,該路口在馬窩路,達運道的南北兩面均設有燈控行人過路處。按顧問公司的估算,在2039年,在計算建議的發展及其他現有及已知的發

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展所產生的流量後,預測使用該三個燈控行人過路處過路的行人最多分別 為每小時 250 人次、1,100 人次、以及 100 人次。

5. 過路處的客量按以下公式計算 -

客量 = 過路處闊度 x 單位闊度客量 x 過路處每週期線燈時間 in號週期

6. 按以上公式, 訊號週期 110 秒以及單位闊度客量 1,900 每小時雙向 人次/米計算的結果如下-

|                       | 馬窩路   | 達運道南面 | 達運道北面 |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 闊度(米)                 | 4.0   | 4.0   | 3.6   |
| 綠燈時間(秒)               | 15    | 18    | 23    |
| 行人過路處容量(每小時雙向<br>人次)  | 1,035 | 1,245 | 1,430 |
| 最高過路行人流量(每小時雙<br>向人次) | 250   | 1,100 | 100   |

- 7. 如上表所示,三個行人過路處容量均大於預測最高的過路行人流量, 足以應付估計的人流。所以,就建議的公屋發展而言,並沒有建造行人天 橋或隧道的需要。
- 謹請秘書處向委員轉達以上回覆。如有進一步的問題,可致電 3428
   3627 與本署高級工程師陳振平先生聯絡。

(杜琪维 起 )

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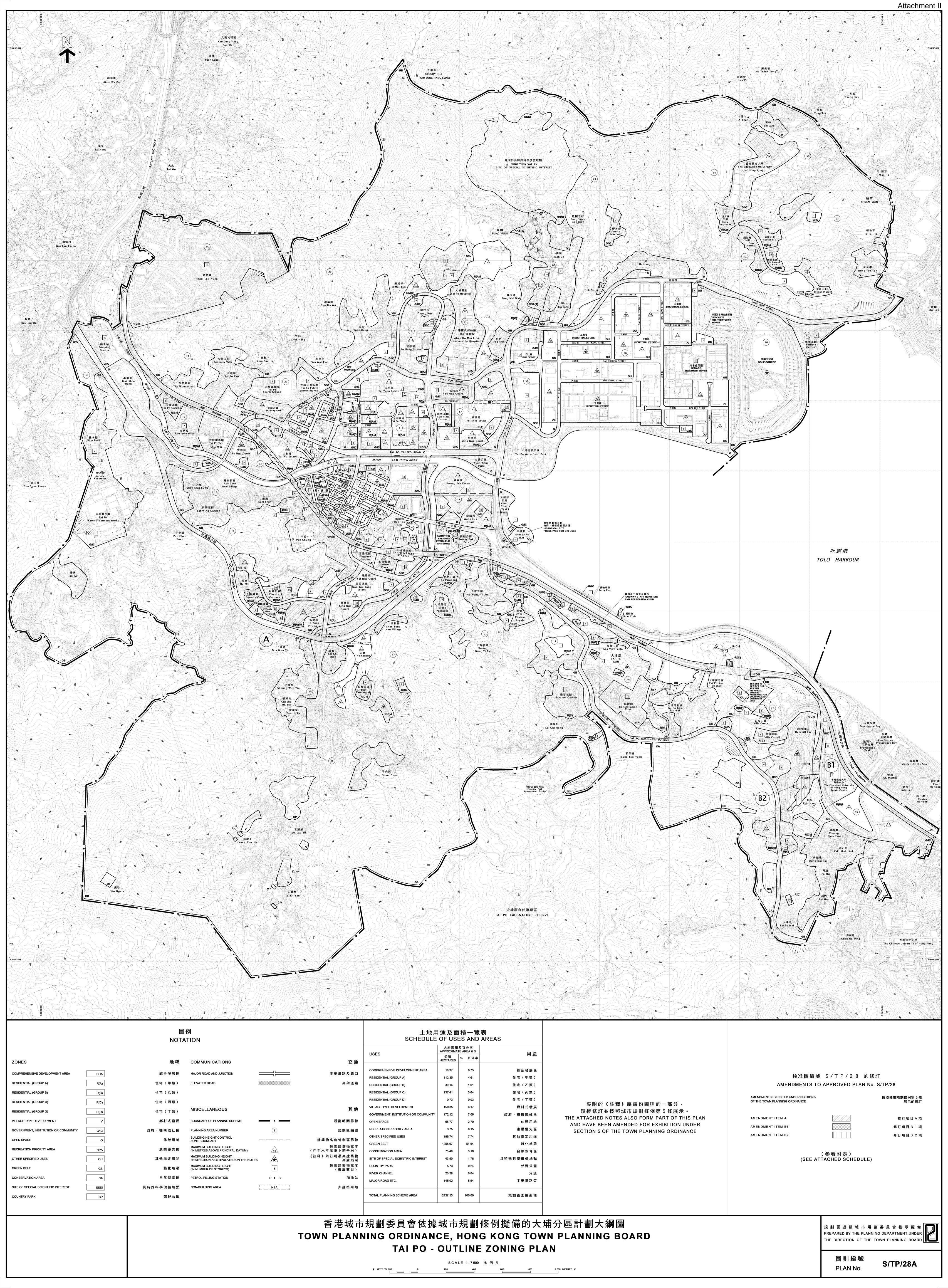
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## APPROVED-DRAFT TAI PO OUTLINE ZONING PLAN NO. S/TP/28A

(Being an Approved a Draft Plan for the Purposes of the Town Planning Ordinance)

#### **NOTES**

(N.B. These form part of the Plan)

- (1) These Notes show the uses or developments on land falling within the boundaries of the Plan which are always permitted and which may be permitted by the Town Planning Board, with or without conditions, on application. Where permission from the Town Planning Board for a use or development is required, the application for such permission should be made in a prescribed form. The application shall be addressed to the Secretary of the Town Planning Board, from whom the prescribed application form may be obtained.
- (2) Any use or development which is always permitted or may be permitted in accordance with these Notes must also conform to any other relevant legislation, the conditions of the Government lease concerned, and any other Government requirements, as may be applicable.
- (3) (a) No action is required to make the existing use of any land or building conform to this Plan until there is a material change of use or the building is redeveloped.
  - (b) Any material change of use or any other development (except minor alteration and/or modification to the development of the land or building in respect of the existing use which is always permitted) or redevelopment must be always permitted in terms of the Plan or, if permission is required, in accordance with the permission granted by the Town Planning Board.
  - (c) For the purposes of subparagraph (a) above, "existing use of any land or building" means -
    - (i) before the publication in the Gazette of the notice of the first statutory plan covering the land or building (hereafter referred as 'the first plan'),
      - a use in existence before the publication of the first plan which has continued since it came into existence; or
      - a use or a change of use approved under the Buildings Ordinance which relates to an existing building; and
    - (ii) after the publication of the first plan,
      - a use permitted under a plan which was effected during the effective period of that plan and has continued since it was effected; or
      - a use or a change of use approved under the Buildings Ordinance which relates to an existing building and permitted under a plan prevailing at the time when the use or change of use was approved.
- (4) Except as otherwise specified by the Town Planning Board, when a use or material change of use is effected or a development or redevelopment is undertaken, as always permitted in terms of the Plan or in accordance with a permission granted by the Town Planning Board, all permissions granted by the Town Planning Board in respect of the site of the use or material change of use or development or redevelopment shall lapse.

- (5) Road junctions, alignments of roads and railway tracks, and boundaries between zones may be subject to minor adjustments as detailed planning proceeds.
- (6) Temporary uses (expected to be 5 years or less) of any land or building are always permitted as long as they comply with any other relevant legislation, the conditions of the Government lease concerned, and any other Government requirements, and there is no need for these to conform to the zoned use or these Notes. For temporary uses expected to be over 5 years, the uses must conform to the zoned use or these Notes.
- (7) The following uses or developments are always permitted on land falling within the boundaries of the Plan except (a) where the uses or developments are specified in Column 2 of the Notes of individual zones or (b) as provided in paragraph (8) in relation to areas zoned "Site of Special Scientific Interest" or "Conservation Area":
  - (a) provision, maintenance or repair of plant nursery, amenity planting, open space, rain shelter, refreshment kiosk, road, bus/public light bus stop or lay-by, cycle track, taxi rank, nullah, public utility pipeline, electricity mast, lamp pole, telephone booth, telecommunications radio base station, automatic teller machine and shrine;
  - (b) geotechnical works, local public works, road works, sewerage works, drainage works, environmental improvement works, marine related facilities, waterworks (excluding works on service reservoir) and such other public works co-ordinated or implemented by Government; and
  - (c) maintenance or repair of watercourse and grave.
- (8) In areas zoned "Site of Special Scientific Interest" or "Conservation Area",
  - (a) the following uses or developments are always permitted:
    - (i) maintenance or repair of plant nursery, amenity planting, sitting out area, rain shelter, refreshment kiosk, road, watercourse, nullah, public utility pipeline, electricity mast, lamp pole, telephone booth, shrine and grave; and
    - (ii) geotechnical works, local public works, road works, sewerage works, drainage works, environmental improvement works, marine related facilities, waterworks (excluding works on service reservoir) and such other public works co-ordinated or implemented by Government; and
  - (b) the following uses or developments require permission from the Town Planning Board:
    - provision of plant nursery, amenity planting, sitting out area, rain shelter, refreshment kiosk, footpath, public utility pipeline, electricity mast, lamp pole, telephone booth and shrine.
- (9) In any area shown as 'Road', all uses or developments except those specified in paragraph (7) above and those specified below require permission from the Town Planning Board:

on-street vehicle park and railway track.

- (10) Unless otherwise specified, all building, engineering and other operations incidental to and all uses directly related and ancillary to the permitted uses and developments within the same zone are always permitted and no separate permission is required.
- (11) In these Notes,

"Existing building" means a building, including a structure, which is physically existing and is in compliance with any relevant legislation and the conditions of the Government lease concerned.

"New Territories Exempted House" means a domestic building other than a guesthouse or a hotel; or a building primarily used for habitation, other than a guesthouse or a hotel, the ground floor of which may be used as 'Shop and Services' or 'Eating Place', the building works in respect of which are exempted by a certificate of exemption under Part III of the Buildings Ordinance (Application to the New Territories) Ordinance (Cap. 121).

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#### COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AREA (1)

Column 1 Uses always permitted Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

Agricultural Use (Crop Cultivation Only)

**Eating Place** 

Flat

Government Refuse Collection Point

Government Use (not elsewhere specified)

House

Market

Place of Entertainment

Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture

Private Club

Public Clinic

Public Convenience

**Public Transport Terminus or Station** 

Public Utility Installation Residential Institution

Shop and Services

School

Utility Installation for Private Project

#### <u>Planning Intention</u>

This zone is intended for comprehensive development/redevelopment of the area for low-density residential and agricultural uses with the provision of open spaces and other supporting facilities. The zoning is to facilitate appropriate planning control over the development mix, scale, design and layout of development, taking account of various environmental, traffic, infrastructure and other constraints.

- (a) Pursuant to section 4A(2) of the Town Planning Ordinance, and except as otherwise expressly provided that it is not required by the Town Planning Board, an applicant for permission for development on land designated "Comprehensive Development Area (1)" shall prepare a Master Layout Plan for the approval of the Town Planning Board and include therein the following information:
  - (i) the area of the proposed land uses, the nature, position, dimensions and heights of all buildings to be erected in the area;
  - (ii) the proposed total site area and gross floor area for various uses, total number of flats and flat size, where applicable;

## COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AREA (1) (Cont'd)

#### Remarks (Cont'd)

- (iii) the details and extent of Government, institution or community (GIC) and recreational facilities, public transport and parking facilities, and open space to be provided within the area;
- (iv) the alignment, widths and levels of any roads proposed to be constructed leading to or within the area;
- (v) the landscape, tree preservation and urban design proposals within the area;
- (vi) programmes of development in detail;
- (vii) an environmental assessment including an ecological assessment report to examine any possible environmental problems that may be caused to or by the proposed development during and after construction and the proposed mitigation measures to tackle them;
- (viii) a drainage and sewerage impact assessment report to examine any possible drainage and sewerage problems that may be caused by the proposed development and the proposed mitigation measures to tackle them;
- (ix) a traffic impact assessment report to examine any possible traffic problems that may be caused by the proposed development and the proposed mitigation measures to tackle them:
- (x) a visual impact assessment report to examine any possible visual impacts that may be caused by the proposed development and the proposed mitigation measures to tackle them;
- (xi) an air ventilation assessment report to examine any possible air ventilation problems that may be caused by the proposed development and the proposed mitigation measures to tackle them; and
- (xii) such other information as may be required by the Town Planning Board.
- (b) The Master Layout Plan should be supported by an explanatory statement which contains an adequate explanation of the development proposal, including such information as land tenure, relevant lease conditions, existing conditions of the site, the character of the site in relation to the surrounding areas, principles of layout design, major development parameters, design population, types of GIC facilities, and recreational and open space facilities.
- (c) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum domestic plot ratio of 0.64 and a maximum building height in terms of number of storeys as stipulated on the Plan, or the plot ratio and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.

## COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AREA (1) (Cont'd)

### Remarks (Cont'd)

- (d) In determining the maximum plot ratio for the purposes of paragraph (c) above, any floor space that is constructed or intended for use solely as car park, loading/unloading bay, plant room and caretaker's office, or caretaker's quarters and recreational facilities for the use and benefit of all the owners or occupiers of the domestic building or domestic part of the building, provided such uses and facilities are ancillary and directly related to the development or redevelopment, may be disregarded.
- (e) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (c) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (f) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the plot ratio and/or building height restrictions stated in paragraph (c) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.
- (g) Under exceptional circumstances, for developments and/or redevelopments, minor relaxation of the non-building area restrictions as shown on the Plan may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

#### RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A)

## Column 1 Uses always permitted

Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

Ambulance Depot

Flat

Government Use (not elsewhere specified)

House Library Market

Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture

Public Clinic

Public Transport Terminus or Station

(excluding open-air terminus or station)

Public Vehicle Park

(excluding container vehicle) (on land designated "R(A)1" and

*"R(A)10"* only) Residential Institution

School (in free-standing purpose-designed

building only) Social Welfare Facility

Utility Installation for Private Project

Commercial Bathhouse/Massage

Establishment

**Eating Place** 

**Educational Institution** 

**Exhibition or Convention Hall** 

Government Refuse Collection Point

Hospital Hotel

Institutional Use (not elsewhere specified)

Office

Petrol Filling Station

Place of Entertainment

Private Club

**Public Convenience** 

**Public Transport Terminus or Station** 

(not elsewhere specified)
Public Utility Installation

Public Vehicle Park

(excluding container vehicle) (not elsewhere specified)

**Religious Institution** 

School (not elsewhere specified)

Shop and Services (not elsewhere specified)

**Training Centre** 

In addition, the following uses are always permitted (a) on the lowest three floors of a building, taken to include basements; or (b) in the purpose-designed non-residential portion of an existing building, both excluding floors containing wholly or mainly car parking, loading/unloading bays and/or plant room:

**Eating Place** 

**Educational Institution** 

Institutional Use (not elsewhere specified)

Off-course Betting Centre

Office

Place of Entertainment

Private Club

Public Convenience

Recyclable Collection Centre

School

Shop and Services

**Training Centre** 

### **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended primarily for high-density residential developments. Commercial uses are always permitted on the lowest three floors of a building or in the purpose-designed non-residential portion of an existing building. The "Residential (Group A)1" and "Residential (Group A)9" zones are intended for public housing development.

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#### RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A) (Cont'd)

#### Remarks

- (a) On land designated "Residential (Group A)" ("R(A)"), "Residential (Group A)1" ("R(A)1"), "Residential (Group A)2" ("R(A)2"), "Residential (Group A)3" ("R(A)3"), "Residential (Group A)4" ("R(A)4"), "Residential (Group A)5" ("R(A)5"), "Residential (Group A)6" ("R(A)6"), "Residential (Group A)7" ("R(A)7"), "Residential (Group A)8" ("R(A)8"), and "Residential (Group A)9" ("R(A)9") and "Residential (Group A)10" ("R(A)10"), no new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of the maximum building height in terms of number of storeys or metres above Principal Datum as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) On land designated "R(A)", no new development of or redevelopment to a domestic or non-domestic building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum domestic plot ratio of 5, or a maximum non-domestic plot ratio of 9.5, as the case may be. For new development of or redevelopment to a building that is partly domestic and partly non-domestic, the plot ratio for the domestic part of the building shall not exceed the product of the difference between the maximum non-domestic plot ratio of 9.5 and the actual non-domestic plot ratio proposed for the building and the maximum domestic plot ratio of 5 divided by the maximum non-domestic plot ratio of 9.5.
- (c) On land designated "R(A)", no addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of the relevant maximum domestic and/or non-domestic plot ratio(s) stated in paragraph (b) above, or the domestic and/or non-domestic plot ratio(s) of the existing building, whichever is the greater, subject to, as applicable
  - (i) the plot ratio(s) of the existing building shall apply only if any addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building is for the same type of building as the existing building, i.e. domestic, non-domestic, or partly domestic and partly non-domestic building; or
  - (ii) the maximum domestic and/or non-domestic plot ratio(s) stated in paragraph (b) above shall apply if any addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building is not for the same type of building as the existing building, i.e. domestic, non-domestic, or partly domestic and partly non-domestic building.

(Please see next page)

#### RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A) (Cont'd)

#### Remarks (Cont'd)

(d) On land designated "R(A)1", "R(A)2", "R(A)3", "R(A)4", "R(A)5", "R(A)6", "R(A)7", "R(A)8", and "R(A)9" and "R(A)10", no new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum plot ratio/gross floor area (GFA) specified below, or the plot ratio/GFA of the existing building, whichever is the greater:

| Sub-area | Maximum Plot Ratio/GFA   |
|----------|--|
| R(A)1    | 25,220m <sup>2</sup> for domestic and 8,000m <sup>2</sup> for non-domestic   |
| R(A)2    | plot ratio of 3.8  |
| R(A)3    | plot ratio of 4.7 for domestic and 0.45 for non-domestic                     |
| R(A)4    | plot ratio of 4.2 for domestic and 1.40 for non-domestic                     |
| R(A)5    | plot ratio of 4.8 for domestic and 1.22 for non-domestic                     |
| R(A)6    | plot ratio of 3.8 for domestic and 1.57 for non-domestic                     |
| R(A)7    | plot ratio of 4.1 for domestic and 1.13 for non-domestic                     |
| R(A)8    | plot ratio of 4.4 for domestic and 1.82 for non-domestic                     |
| R(A)9    | total plot ratio of 6.0 (including a maximum non-domestic plot ratio of 0.5) |
| R(A)10   | plot ratio of 6.8  |

- (e) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (f) In determining the maximum plot ratio/GFA for the purposes of paragraphs (b) to (d) above, the area of any part of the site that is occupied or intended to be occupied by free-standing purpose-designed buildings (including both developed on ground and on podium level) solely for accommodating Government, institution or community (GIC) facilities including school(s) as may be required by Government shall be deducted from calculation of the site area.
- (g) In determining the maximum plot ratio/GFA for the purposes of paragraphs (b) to (d) above, any floor space that is constructed or intended for use solely as car park, loading/unloading bay, plant room and caretaker's office, or caretaker's quarters and recreational facilities for the use and benefit of all the owners or occupiers of the domestic building or domestic part of the building, provided such uses and facilities are ancillary and directly related to the development or redevelopment, may be disregarded.
- (h) On land designated "R(A)10", in determining the maximum plot ratio for the purposes of paragraph (d) above, any floor space that is constructed or intended for use solely as GIC facilities, as required by the Government, may be disregarded.

## RESIDENTIAL (GROUP A) (Cont'd)

#### Remarks (Cont'd)

- (h)(i) Where the permitted plot ratio/GFA as defined in Building (Planning) Regulations is permitted to be exceeded in circumstances as set out in Regulation 22(1) or (2) of the said Regulations, the plot ratio/GFA for the building on land to which paragraphs (b) to (d) above applies may be increased by the additional plot ratio by which the permitted plot ratio is permitted to be exceeded under and in accordance with the said Regulation 22(1) or (2), notwithstanding that the relevant maximum plot ratio/GFA specified in paragraphs (b) to (d) above may thereby be exceeded.
- (i)(j) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the building height and/or plot ratio/GFA restrictions stated in paragraphs (a) to (d) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.
- (j)(k) Under exceptional circumstances, for developments and/or redevelopments, minor relaxation of the non-building area restrictions as shown on the Plan may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

#### RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B)

Column 1 Uses always permitted

Column 2 Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

Flat

Government Use (Police Reporting Centre,

Post Office only)

House Library

Public Vehicle Park (excluding container vehicle) (on land designated "R(B)11" Hotel

and "R(B)12" only)

**Residential Institution** School (in free-standing purpose-designed

building only)

Social Welfare Facility (on land designated "R(B)11" and "R(B)12" only)

Utility Installation for Private Project

Ambulance Depot **Eating Place** 

**Educational Institution** 

Government Refuse Collection Point Government Use (not elsewhere specified)

Hospital

Institutional Use (not elsewhere specified)

Off-course Betting Centre

Office

**Petrol Filling Station** Place of Entertainment

Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture

Private Club Public Clinic **Public Convenience** 

**Public Transport Terminus or Station** 

Public Utility Installation

Public Vehicle Park (excluding container vehicle) (not elsewhere specified)

Recyclable Collection Centre

**Religious Institution** 

School (not elsewhere specified)

Shop and Services

Social Welfare Facility (not elsewhere

specified) **Training Centre** 

## **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended primarily for medium-density residential developments where commercial uses serving the residential neighbourhood may be permitted on application to the Town Planning Board.

### Remarks

On land designated "Residential (Group B)" ("R(B)"), "Residential (Group B)1" (a) ("R(B)1"), "Residential (Group B)2" ("R(B)2"), "Residential (Group B)3" ("R(B)3"), "Residential (Group B)4" ("R(B)4"), "Residential (Group B)5" ("R(B)5"), "Residential (Group B)6" ("R(B)6"), "Residential (Group B)7" ("R(B)7"), "Residential (Group B)8" ("R(B)8"), and "Residential (Group B)10" ("R(B)10"), "Residential (Group B)11" ("R(B)11") and "Residential (Group B)12" ("R(B)12"), no new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of the maximum building height in terms of number of storeys or metres above Principal Datum as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.

### RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B) (Cont'd)

#### Remarks (Cont'd)

- (b) On land designated "R(B)", no new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum plot ratio of 3.3 or the plot ratio of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (c) On land designated "R(B)1", "R(B)2", "R(B)3", "R(B)4", "R(B)5", "R(B)6", "R(B)7", "R(B)8", and "R(B)10", "R(B)11" and "R(B)12", no new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum plot ratio/GFA specified below, or the plot ratio/GFA of the existing building, whichever is the greater:

| Sub-area | Maximum Plot Ratio/GFA   |
|----------|--|
| R(B)1    | plot ratio of 1.8  |
| R(B)2    | plot ratio of 2.8  |
| R(B)3    | plot ratio of 2.4  |
| R(B)4    | plot ratio of 2.1  |
| R(B)5    | plot ratio of 1.75   |
| R(B)6    | plot ratio of 1.65   |
| R(B)7    | 21,852m <sup>2</sup> for domestic and 1,304m <sup>2</sup> for non-domestic |
| R(B)8    | $107,100 \mathrm{m}^2$   |
| R(B)10   | $72,640 \text{m}^2$  |
| R(B)11   | $50,981m^2$  |
| R(B)12   | $80,217m^2$  |

- (d) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (e) In determining the maximum plot ratio/GFA for the purposes of paragraphs (b) and (c) above, any floor space that is constructed or intended for use solely as car park, loading/unloading bay, plant room and caretaker's office, or caretaker's quarters and recreational facilities for the use and benefit of all the owners or occupiers of the domestic building or domestic part of the building, provided such uses and facilities are ancillary and directly related to the development or redevelopment, may be disregarded.
- (f) On land designated "R(B)11" and "R(B)12", in determining the maximum GFA for the purposes of paragraph (c) above, any floor space that is constructed or intended for use solely as Government, institution or community facilities, as required by the Government, may be disregarded.

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## <u>RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B)</u> (Cont'd)

## Remarks (Cont'd)

- (f)(g) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the plot ratio/GFA and/or building height restrictions stated in paragraphs (a) to (c) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.
- (g)(h) Under exceptional circumstances, for developments and/or redevelopments, minor relaxation of the non-building area restrictions as shown on the Plan may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

#### RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B) 9

## Column 1 Uses always permitted

Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

Flat

Government Use (Police Reporting Centre,

Post Office only)

House Library

Residential Institution

School (in free-standing purpose-designed

building only)

Utility Installation for Private Project

Ambulance Depot

**Eating Place** 

**Educational Institution** 

Government Refuse Collection Point

Government Use (not elsewhere specified)

Hospital Hotel

Institutional Use (not elsewhere specified)

Market

Off-course Betting Centre

Office

Petrol Filling Station Place of Entertainment

Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture

Private Club Public Clinic Public Convenience

**Public Transport Terminus or Station** 

Public Utility Installation Public Vehicle Park

(excluding container vehicle) Recyclable Collection Centre

**Religious Institution** 

School (not elsewhere specified)

Shop and Services Social Welfare Facility Training Centre

In addition, the following uses are always permitted (a) on the lowest three floors of a building, taken to include basements; or (b) in the purpose-designed non-residential portion of an existing building, both excluding floors containing wholly or mainly car parking, loading/unloading bays and/or plant room:

Eating Place Off-course Betting Centre Office Place of Entertainment School Shop and Services

## **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended primarily for medium-density residential developments. Commercial uses are always permitted on the lowest three floors of a building or in the purpose-designed non-residential portion of an existing building.

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## RESIDENTIAL (GROUP B) 9 (Cont'd)

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum GFA of 88,200m² and a maximum building height in terms of metres above Principal Datum as stipulated on the Plan, or the GFA and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) In determining the maximum GFA for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any floor space that is constructed or intended for use solely as car park, loading/unloading bay, plant room and caretaker's office, or caretaker's quarters and recreational facilities for the use and benefit of all the owners or occupiers of the domestic building or domestic part of the building, provided such uses and facilities are ancillary and directly related to the development or redevelopment, may be disregarded.
- (c) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the GFA and/or building height restriction stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

#### RESIDENTIAL (GROUP C)

Column 1 Uses always permitted Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

Flat

Government Use (Police Reporting Centre, Post Office only)

House

Utility Installation for Private Project

Ambulance Depot

**Eating Place** 

**Educational Institution** 

Flat (on land designated "R(C)1" only) Government Refuse Collection Point

Government Use (not elsewhere specified)

Hospital Hotel

Institutional Use (not elsewhere specified)

Library

Petrol Filling Station

Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture

Private Club Public Clinic Public Convenience

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**Public Transport Terminus or Station** 

Public Utility Installation Public Vehicle Park

(excluding container vehicle) Recyclable Collection Centre

Religious Institution Residential Institution

Rural Committee/Village Office

School

Shop and Services Social Welfare Facility Training Centre

#### **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended primarily for low-rise, low-density residential developments where commercial uses serving the residential neighbourhood may be permitted on application to the Town Planning Board.

#### Remarks

(a) On land designated "Residential (Group C)", no new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum plot ratio of 0.6 and a maximum building height in terms of number of storeys as stipulated on the Plan, or the plot ratio and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.

#### RESIDENTIAL (GROUP C) (Cont'd)

## Remarks (Cont'd)

(b) On land designated "Residential (Group C)1" ("R(C)1"), "Residential (Group C)2" ("R(C)2"), "Residential (Group C)3" ("R(C)3"), "Residential (Group C)4" ("R(C)4"), "Residential (Group C)5" ("R(C)5"), "Residential (Group C)6" ("R(C)6"), "Residential (Group C)7" ("R(C)7"), "Residential (Group C)8" ("R(C)8"), and "Residential (Group C)9" ("R(C)9") and "Residential (Group C)10" ("R(C)10"), no new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum plot ratio/GFA, site coverage, and building height specified below, or the plot ratio/GFA, site coverage and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater: -

| Sub-area | Maximum Plot Ratio/GFA  | Maximum Site <u>Coverage</u> | Number of Storeys/ Metres above Hong Kong <u>Principal Datum</u> |
|----------|---|------------------------------|--|
| R(C)1    | plot ratio of 0.4   | -                            | as stipulated on the Plan  |
| R(C)2    | plot ratio of 1.5   | 50%                          | 3  |
| R(C)3    | plot ratio of 1.2   | 50%                          | 6 storeys above car park   |
| R(C)4    | plot ratio of 0.6   | 25%                          | 3 storeys above car park   |
| R(C)5    | Domestic: 57,500m <sup>2</sup><br>Non-domestic: 1,500m <sup>2</sup> | -                            | 12 residential storeys over 3 storeys of car park                |
| R(C)6    | plot ratio of 0.8   | -                            | as stipulated on the Plan  |
| R(C)7    | $20,000 \text{m}^2$   | -                            | as stipulated on the Plan  |
| R(C)8    | plot ratio of 1.5   | -                            | as stipulated on the Plan  |
| R(C)9    | 46,200m <sup>2</sup>  | -                            | as stipulated on the Plan  |
| R(C)10   | plot ratio of 1.2   | -                            | as stipulated on the Plan  |

- (c) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraphs (a) and (b) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (d) In determining the maximum plot ratio/GFA for the purposes of paragraphs (a) and (b) above, any floor space that is constructed or intended for use solely as car park, loading/unloading bay, plant room and caretaker's office, or caretaker's quarters and recreational facilities for the use and benefit of all the owners or occupiers of the domestic building or domestic part of the building, provided such uses and facilities are ancillary and directly related to the development or redevelopment, may be disregarded.

## RESIDENTIAL (GROUP C) (Cont'd)

## Remarks (Cont'd)

(e) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the plot ratio/GFA/site coverage/building height restrictions stated in paragraphs (a) and (b) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

#### RESIDENTIAL (GROUP D)

Column 1 Uses always permitted

Column 2 Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

Agricultural Use

Government Use (Police Reporting Centre,

Post Office only)

House (Redevelopment; Addition, Alteration and/or Modification to existing house only)

**On-Farm Domestic Structure** 

Rural Committee/Village Office

**Eating Place** 

Flat

Government Refuse Collection Point

Government Use (not elsewhere specified)#

House (not elsewhere specified)#

Institutional Use (not elsewhere specified)#

Library **Market** 

Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture

Public Clinic

Public Convenience

**Public Transport Terminus or Station** 

Public Utility Installation#

Public Vehicle Park

(excluding container vehicle) Recyclable Collection Centre

Religious Institution#

Residential Institution#

School#

Shop and Services

Social Welfare Facility#

Utility Installation for Private Project

In addition, the following uses are always permitted on the ground floor of a New Territories Exempted House:

**Eating Place** Library School Shop and Services

#### **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended primarily for improvement and upgrading of existing temporary structures through redevelopment of existing temporary structures into permanent buildings. It is also intended for low-rise, low-density residential developments subject to planning permission from the Town Planning Board.

#### Remarks

No addition, alteration and/or modification to or in-situ redevelopment of an existing (a) temporary structure or an existing building (except to 'New Territories Exempted House' or to those annotated with #) shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum building area of 37.2m<sup>2</sup> and a maximum building height of 2 storeys (6m), or the building area and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.

## RESIDENTIAL (GROUP D) (Cont'd)

### Remarks (Cont'd)

- (b) No development including redevelopment for 'Flat' and 'House' uses, other than those to which paragraph (a) above shall apply, shall result in a development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum plot ratio of 0.4 and a maximum building height of 2 storeys (6m), or the plot ratio and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (c) In determining the maximum plot ratio for the purposes of paragraph (b) above, any floor space that is constructed or intended for use solely as car park, loading/unloading bay, plant room and caretaker's office, or caretaker's quarters and recreational facilities for the use and benefit of all the owners or occupiers of the domestic building or domestic part of the building, provided such uses and facilities are ancillary and directly related to the development or redevelopment, may be disregarded.
- (d) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the plot ratio and/or building height restrictions stated in paragraph (b) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

#### VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT

Eating Place

Social Welfare Facility #

Utility Installation for Private Project

## Column 1 Uses always permitted

Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

Agricultural Use
Government Use (Police Reporting Centre,
Post Office only)
House (New Territories Exempted House
only)
On-Farm Domestic Structure
Religious Institution
(Ancestral Hall only)

Rural Committee/Village Office

Government Refuse Collection Point Government Use (not elsewhere specified) # House (not elsewhere specified) Institutional Use (not elsewhere specified) # Market **Petrol Filling Station** Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture Public Clinic Public Convenience **Public Transport Terminus or Station** Public Utility Installation # Public Vehicle Park (excluding container vehicle) Religious Institution (not elsewhere specified) # Residential Institution # School# Shop and Services

In addition, the following uses are always permitted on the ground floor of a New Territories Exempted House:

Eating Place Library School Shop and Services

#### **Planning Intention**

The planning intention of this zone is to reflect existing recognized and other villages, and to provide land considered suitable for village expansion and reprovisioning of village houses affected by Government projects. Land within this zone is primarily intended for development of Small Houses by indigenous villagers. It is also intended to concentrate village type development within this zone for a more orderly development pattern, efficient use of land and provision of infrastructures and services. Selected commercial and community uses serving the needs of the villagers and in support of the village development are always permitted on the ground floor of a New Territories Exempted House. Other commercial, community and recreational uses may be permitted on application to the Town Planning Board.

### VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT (Cont'd)

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building (except development or redevelopment to those annotated with #) shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum building height of 3 storeys (8.23m) or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the building height restriction stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

#### GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION OR COMMUNITY

Column 1 Column 2
Uses always permitted Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

Ambulance Depot

**Animal Quarantine Centre** 

(in Government building only)

Broadcasting, Television and/or Film Studio Cable Car Route and Terminal Building

Eating Place

(Canteen, Cooked Food Centre only)

**Educational Institution** 

**Exhibition or Convention Hall** 

Field Study/Education/Visitor Centre Government Refuse Collection Point

Government Use (not elsewhere specified)

Hospital

Institutional Use (not elsewhere specified)

Library Market Pier

Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture

Public Clinic

Public Convenience

**Public Transport Terminus or Station** 

Public Utility Installation Public Vehicle Park

(excluding container vehicle)

Recyclable Collection Centre

**Religious Institution** 

Research, Design and Development Centre

Rural Committee/Village Office

School

Service Reservoir Social Welfare Facility

Training Centre

Wholesale Trade

Animal Boarding Establishment Animal Quarantine Centre

(not elsewhere specified)

Columbarium

**Correctional Institution** 

Crematorium Driving School

Eating Place (not elsewhere specified)

Flat

Funeral Facility

Holiday Camp

Hotel House

Marine Fuelling Station

Off-course Betting Centre

Office

Petrol Filling Station

Place of Entertainment

Private Club

Radar, Telecommunications Electronic

Microwave Repeater, Television and/or

Radio Transmitter Installation

Refuse Disposal Installation

(Refuse Transfer Station only)

**Residential Institution** 

Sewage Treatment/Screening Plant

Shop and Services (not elsewhere specified)

Utility Installation for Private Project

Zoo

## **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended primarily for the provision of Government, institution or community facilities serving the needs of the local residents and/or a wider district, region or the territory. It is also intended to provide land for uses directly related to or in support of the work of the Government, organizations providing social services to meet community needs, and other institutional establishments.

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## GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION OR COMMUNITY (Cont'd)

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of the maximum building height in terms of number of storeys or metres above Principal Datum as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (c) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the building height restriction stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

### **GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION OR COMMUNITY (1)**

Column 1 Uses always permitted Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

Government Use (not elsewhere specified) Library Public Convenience Public Utility Installation Religious Institution Rural Committee/Village Office

Utility Installation for Private Project

## **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended primarily for the provision of Government, institution or community facilities serving the needs of the local residents.

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum building height of 2 storeys or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (c) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the building height restriction stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

## GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION OR COMMUNITY (2)

Column 1 Uses always permitted Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

Eating Place
(Canteen only)
Educational Institution
Field Study/Education/Visitor Centre
Government Use
Library
Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture
Residential Institution
(Hostel and Dormitory only)
School
Social Welfare Facility
Training Centre

Eating Place (not elsewhere specified)
Exhibition or Convention Hall
Institutional Use (not elsewhere specified)
Public Utility Installation
Religious Institution
Residential Institution (not elsewhere specified)
Shop and Services
Utility Installation for Private Project

## **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended primarily for the provision of Government, institution or community facilities serving the needs of the local residents and/or a wider district, region or the territory. It is also intended to provide land for uses directly related to or in support of the work of the Government, organizations providing social services to meet community needs for such uses as hostel cum youth centre, and other institutional establishments.

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum domestic GFA of 2,412m<sup>2</sup> and a maximum non-domestic GFA of 1,040m<sup>2</sup>, or the GFA of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of the maximum building height in terms of metres above Principal Datum as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (c) In determining the maximum GFA for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any floor space that is constructed or intended for use solely as car park, loading/unloading bay, plant room and caretaker's office, provided such uses and facilities are ancillary and directly related to the development or redevelopment, may be disregarded.
- (d) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the GFA and/or building height restrictions stated in paragraphs (a) and (b) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

#### **OPEN SPACE**

Column 1 Uses always permitted

Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

**Aviary** 

Barbecue Spot

Field Study/Education/Visitor Centre

Park and Garden

Pavilion

Pedestrian Area Picnic Area

Playground/Playing Field

Promenade

Public Convenience Sitting Out Area

Zoo

Cable Car Route and Terminal Building

**Eating Place** 

**Exhibition or Convention Hall** 

Government Refuse Collection Point

Government Use (not elsewhere specified)

Holiday Camp

Pier

Place of Entertainment

Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture

Private Club

**Public Transport Terminus or Station** 

Public Utility Installation

Public Vehicle Park

(excluding container vehicle)

Religious Institution Service Reservoir Shop and Services Tent Camping Ground

Utility Installation for Private Project

# **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended primarily for the provision of outdoor open-air public space for active and/or passive recreational uses serving the needs of local residents as well as the general public.

# RECREATION PRIORITY AREA

# Column 1 Uses always permitted

Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

Agricultural Use (not elsewhere specified)

**Aviary** 

Barbecue Spot

Field Study/Education/Visitor Centre

Government Use (Police Reporting

Centre only) Holiday Camp

On-Farm Domestic Structure

Picnic Area

Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture

Public Convenience

Rural Committee/Village Office

**Tent Camping Ground** 

Agricultural Use

(Intensive Livestock Rearing only)

Animal Boarding Establishment

**Boat Repairing Yard** 

Broadcasting, Television and/or Film Studio

**Eating Place** 

Flat

Golf Course

Government Refuse Collection Point

Government Use (not elsewhere specified)

Hotel House Marina

Pier

Place of Entertainment

Private Club

Public Utility Installation

Public Vehicle Park

(excluding container vehicle)

Religious Institution Residential Institution Shop and Services Social Welfare Facility

Theme Park

Utility Installation for Private Project

Zoo

#### **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended primarily for recreational developments for the use of general public. It encourages the development of active and/or passive recreation and tourism/eco-tourism. Uses in support of the recreational developments may be permitted subject to planning permission.

#### Remarks

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum GFA of 3,300m<sup>2</sup> and a maximum building height in terms of number of storeys as stipulated on the Plan, or the GFA and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) In determining the maximum GFA for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any floor space that is constructed or intended for use solely as car park, loading/unloading bay, plant room, caretaker's office, provided such uses and facilities are ancillary and directly related to the development or redevelopment, may be disregarded.

# RECREATION PRIORITY AREA (Cont'd)

# Remarks (Cont'd)

- (c) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (d) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the GFA and/or building height restrictions stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.
- (e) Under exceptional circumstances, for developments and/or redevelopments, minor relaxation of the non-building area restrictions as shown on the Plan may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

#### **OTHER SPECIFIED USES**

Column 1 Uses always permitted Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

### For "Bus Depot" Only

**Bus Depot** 

Government Use Public Utility Installation Utility Installation for Private Project

#### **Planning Intention**

This zone is primarily to provide land for the use of bus depot.

# Remarks

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of the maximum building height in terms of number of storeys as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (c) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the building height restriction stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

# Column 1 Uses always permitted

# Column 2 Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

# For "Business" Only

Schedule I: for open-air development or for building other than industrial or industrial-office building<sup>@</sup>

Ambulance Depot

Commercial Bathhouse/Massage

Establishment

**Eating Place** 

**Educational Institution** 

**Exhibition or Convention Hall** 

Government Use (Police Reporting Centre,

Post Office only)

Information Technology and

**Telecommunications Industries** 

Institutional Use (not elsewhere specified)

Library

Non-polluting Industrial Use (excluding

industrial undertakings involving the use/storage of Dangerous Goods<sup>△</sup>)

Off-course Betting Centre

Office

Place of Entertainment

Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture

Private Club

Public Clinic

Public Convenience

**Public Transport Terminus or Station** 

**Public Utility Installation** 

Public Vehicle Park

(excluding container vehicle)

Radar, Telecommunications Electronic

Microwave Repeater, Television and/or

Radio Transmitter Installation

Recyclable Collection Centre

**Religious Institution** 

Research, Design and Development Centre

School (excluding free-standing purpose-

designed school building and kindergarten)

Shop and Services

**Training Centre** 

Utility Installation for Private Project

Broadcasting, Television and/or

Film Studio

Cargo Handling and Forwarding Facility

Government Refuse Collection Point

Government Use (not elsewhere specified)

Non-polluting Industrial Use

(not elsewhere specified)

**Petrol Filling Station** 

School (not elsewhere specified)

Social Welfare Facility (excluding

those involving residential care)

Warehouse (excluding Dangerous

Goods Godown)

Wholesale Trade

# Column 1 Uses always permitted

# Column 2 Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

# For "Business" Only (Cont'd)

Schedule II: for industrial or industrial-office building @

Ambulance Depot

Art Studio (excluding those involving direct provision of services or goods)

Eating Place (Canteen only)

Government Refuse Collection Point

Government Use (not elsewhere specified)

Information Technology and

**Telecommunications Industries** 

Non-polluting Industrial Use (excluding industrial undertakings involving the use/storage of Dangerous Goods<sup>△</sup>)

Office (excluding those involving direct provision of customer services or goods)

**Public Convenience** 

**Public Transport Terminus or Station** 

**Public Utility Installation** 

Public Vehicle Park (excluding container vehicle)

Radar, Telecommunications Electronic

Microwave Repeater, Television and/or

Radio Transmitter Installation

Recyclable Collection Centre

Research, Design and Development Centre

Shop and Services

(Motor-vehicle Showroom on

ground floor, Service Trades only)

Utility Installation for Private Project

Warehouse (excluding Dangerous Goods

Godown)

In addition, for building without industrial undertakings involving offensive trades or the use/storage of Dangerous Goods<sup>\(\triangle)</sup>, the following use is always permitted:

Office

Broadcasting, Television and/or Film Studio

Cargo Handling and Forwarding Facility

(Container Freight Station,

free-standing purpose-designed

Logistics Centre only)

Industrial Use (not elsewhere specified)

Off-course Betting Centre

Office (not elsewhere specified)

**Petrol Filling Station** 

Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture (not

elsewhere specified)

Private Club Shop and Services

(not elsewhere specified)

(ground floor only except Ancillary

Showroom# which may be permitted on

any floor)

Vehicle Repair Workshop

Wholesale Trade

# Column 1 Uses always permitted

# Column 2 Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

# For "Business" Only (Cont'd)

In addition, the following uses are always permitted in the purpose-designed non-industrial portion on the lower floors (except basements and floors containing wholly mainly car parking, loading/unloading bays and/or plant room) of an existing building, provided that the uses are separated from the industrial uses located above by a buffer floor or floors and no industrial uses are located within the non-industrial portion:

In addition, the following use may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board in the purpose-designed non-industrial portion on the lower floors (except basements and floors containing wholly or mainly car parking, loading/unloading bays and/or plant room) of an existing building, provided that the use is separated from the industrial uses located above by a buffer floor or floors and no industrial uses are located within the non-industrial portion:

Commercial Bathhouse/
Massage Establishment
Eating Place
Educational Institution
Exhibition or Convention Hall
Institutional Use (not elsewhere specified)

Library
Off-course Betting Centre

Office

Place of Entertainment

Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture

Private Club

Public Clinic

**Religious Institution** 

School (excluding kindergarten)

Shop and Services

**Training Centre** 

Social Welfare Facility (excluding those involving residential care)

- <sup>®</sup> An industrial or industrial-office building means a building which is constructed for or intended to be used by industrial or industrial-office purpose respectively as approved by the Building Authority.
- <sup>\textsup}</sup> Dangerous Goods refer to substances classified as Dangerous Goods and requiring a licence for their use/storage under the Dangerous Goods Ordinance (Cap. 295).
- # Ancillary Showroom requiring planning permission refers to showroom use of greater than 20% of the total usable floor area of an industrial firm in the same premises or building.

#### <u>Planning Intention</u>

This zone is intended primarily for general business uses. A mix of information technology and telecommunications industries, non-polluting industrial, office and other commercial uses are always permitted in new "business" buildings. Less fire hazard-prone office use that would not involve direct provision of customer services or goods to the general public is always permitted in existing industrial or industrial-office buildings.

## For "Business" Only (Cont'd)

#### Remarks

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum plot ratio of 9.5 and a maximum building height in terms of metres above Principal Datum as stipulated on the Plan, or the plot ratio and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) In determining the maximum plot ratio for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any floor space that is constructed or intended for use solely as car park, loading/unloading bay, plant room, caretaker's office, provided such uses and facilities are ancillary and directly related to the development or redevelopment, may be disregarded.
- (c) Where the permitted plot ratio as defined in Building (Planning) Regulations is permitted to be exceeded in circumstances as set out in Regulation 22(1) or (2) of the said Regulations, the plot ratio for the building on land to which paragraph (a) above applies may be increased by the additional plot ratio by which the permitted plot ratio is permitted to be exceeded under and in accordance with the said Regulation 22(1) or (2), notwithstanding that the relevant maximum plot ratio specified in paragraph (a) above may thereby be exceeded.
- (d) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the plot ratio and/or building height restrictions stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

Column 1 Uses always permitted Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

# For "Golf Course" Only

Golf Course
Golf Driving Range
Utility Installation ancillary to
Golf Course/Golf Driving Range/
Landfill Restoration Use

Government Use Public Utility Installation

# **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended primarily for the provision of a golf course.

### Remarks

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building (including structure), except floodlight post and protective fencing, shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum building height of 9 metres above ground level or the height of the existing building (including structure), whichever is the higher.
- (b) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the building height restriction stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

Column 1 Uses always permitted Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

# For "Historical Building Preserved for Cultural and Community Uses" Only

Exhibition or Convention Hall Field Study/Education/Visitor Centre Government Use (Police Reporting Centre, Post Office Only) Library Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture

Eating Place Educational Institution House Private Club Religious Institution Social Welfare Facility

#### **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended to preserve, restore and convert the Tai Po Lookout building(s) of heritage interest on the site into a local heritage attraction with the provision of cultural and community facilities for the enjoyment of the public.

# Remarks

- (a) Any demolition of, or any addition, alteration and/or modification to the existing Tai Po Lookout building(s) of heritage interest on the site requires planning permission from the Town Planning Board.
- (b) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to an existing building shall result in a total development in excess of the maximum building height in terms of number of storeys as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (c) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (b) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (d) Based on the individual merits of a development proposal, minor relaxation of the building height restriction stated in paragraph (b) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

Column 1 Uses always permitted Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

# For "Historical Site Preserved for GIC Uses" Only

Education Centre/Visitor Centre Government Use

Institutional Use (not elsewhere specified)
Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture

Private Club
Public Utility Installation
Residential Institution
Utility Installation for Private Project

# **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended to preserve the site for adaptive reuse for government, institution or community and related uses.

#### Remarks

- (a) Any new development, or major addition, alteration and/or modification to the existing building requires permission from the Town Planning Board under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.
- (b) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to the existing building shall result in a total development in excess of the maximum building height in terms of number of storeys as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (c) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (b) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (d) Based on the individual merits of a development proposal, minor relaxation of the building height restriction stated in paragraph (b) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

Column 1 Uses always permitted Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

### For "Industrial Estate" Only

Ambulance Depot

Broadcasting, Television and/or Film Studio

Cargo Handling and Forwarding Facility

Dangerous Goods Godown

**Eating Place** 

Electric Power Station

Gas Works

Government Refuse Collection Point

Government Use (not elsewhere specified)

Industrial Use

Information Technology and

**Telecommunications Industries** 

Office

**Petrol Filling Station** 

Pier

Private Club

Public Convenience

**Public Transport Terminus or Station** 

**Public Utility Installation** 

Public Vehicle Park

(excluding container vehicle)

Radar, Telecommunications Electronic

Microwave Repeater, Television and/or

Radio Transmitter Installation

Refuse Disposal Installation

Research, Design and Development Centre

Shop and Services

Social Welfare Facility (excluding those

involving residential care)

**Training Centre** 

Utility Installation for Private Project

Warehouse (excluding Dangerous

Goods Godown)

Wholesale Trade

Library
Off-course Betting Centre
Offensive Trades
Oil Depot, Oil Refinery and
Petro-chemical Plant
Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture

Service Industries (not elsewhere specified)

#### **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended to provide/reserve land for the development of an industrial estate for industries to be admitted by the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation according to the criteria set by the Corporation. Industries to be included would normally not be accommodated in conventional industrial buildings because of their specific requirements.

# For "Industrial Estate" Only (Cont'd)

#### Remarks

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum GFA of 2,023,274m² and a maximum building height in terms of metres above Principal Datum as stipulated on the Plan, or the GFA and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) In determining the maximum GFA for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any floor space that is constructed or intended for use solely as car park, loading/unloading bay, plant room, caretaker's office, provided such uses and facilities are ancillary and directly related to the development or redevelopment, may be disregarded.
- (c) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the GFA and/or building height restrictions stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

Column 1 Uses always permitted

Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

### For "Leachate Pre-treatment Works" Only

Leachate Pre-treatment Works

Government Use Public Utility Installation Utility Installation for Private Project

# **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended primarily to provide land for leachate pre-treatment works.

#### Remarks

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of the maximum building height in terms of number of storeys as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (c) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the building height restriction stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

Column 1 Uses always permitted Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

### For "Liquefied Petroleum Gas Store" Only

Liquefied Petroleum Gas Store

Government Use Public Utility Installation Utility Installation for Private Project

#### **Planning Intention**

This zone is primarily to provide land for the use of liquefied petroleum gas store.

#### Remarks

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of the maximum building height in terms of number of storeys as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (c) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the building height restriction stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

Column 1 Uses always permitted

Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

# For "Petrol Filling Station" Only

**Petrol Filling Station** 

Government Use Public Utility Installation Utility Installation for Private Project

#### **Planning Intention**

This zone is primarily to provide land for the use of petrol filling station.

#### Remarks

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of the maximum building height in terms of number of storeys as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (c) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the building height restriction stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

Column 1 Uses always permitted

Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

### For "Railway" Only

Railway Track Railway Station Eating Place
Government Use
Public Utility Installation
Shop and Services (excluding Motor-vehicle
Showroom)
Utility Installation for Private Project

# **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended primarily to provide land for the use of railway stations and railway track.

# Remarks

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of the maximum building height in terms of number of storeys as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (c) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the building height restriction stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

Column 1 Uses always permitted

Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

### For "Railway Staff Quarters and Recreation Club" Only

Flat
Government Use (Police Reporting Centre,
Post Office only)
Private Club
Utility Installation for Private Project

Government Use (not elsewhere specified) Public Utility Installation

# **Planning Intention**

This zone is intended primarily to provide land for railway staff quarters and recreation club.

# Remarks

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of the maximum building height in terms of number of storeys as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (c) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum domestic GFA of 11,200m² and a maximum non-domestic GFA of 1,850m², or the GFA of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (d) In determining the maximum GFA for the purposes of paragraph (c) above, any floor space that is constructed or intended for use solely as car park, loading/unloading bay, plant room and caretaker's office, or caretaker's quarters and recreational facilities for the use and benefit of all the owners or occupiers of the domestic building or domestic part of the building, provided such uses and facilities are ancillary and directly related to the development or redevelopment, may be disregarded.
- (e) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the GFA and/or building height restrictions stated in paragraphs (a) and (c) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

Column 1 Uses always permitted

Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

# For "Sewage Treatment Works" Only

Sewage Treatment Works

Government Use Public Utility Installation Utility Installation for Private Project

#### **Planning Intention**

This zone is primarily to provide land for the use of sewage treatment works.

#### Remarks

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of the maximum building height in terms of number of storeys as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- (b) In determining the maximum number of storeys for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, any basement floor(s) may be disregarded.
- (c) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the building height restriction stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

#### **GREEN BELT**

Column 1 Uses always permitted Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

Agricultural Use

Barbecue Spot

Country Park\*

Government Use

(Police Reporting Centre only)

House (rebuilding of New Territories

Exempted House or replacement of existing domestic building by New

Territories Exempted House only)

Nature Reserve

Nature Trail

**On-Farm Domestic Structure** 

Picnic Area

**Public Convenience** 

**Tent Camping Ground** 

Wild Animals Protection Area

Animal Boarding Establishment

Broadcasting, Television and/or Film Studio

**Burial Ground** 

Cable Car Route and Terminal Building

Columbarium (within a Religious Institution or extension of existing Columbarium only)

Crematorium (within a Religious Institution or extension of existing Crematorium only)

Field Study/Education/Visitor Centre

Flat

Government Refuse Collection Point

Government Use (not elsewhere specified)

Holiday Camp

House (not elsewhere specified)

Marine Fuelling Station

Petrol Filling Station

Pier

Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture

Public Transport Terminus or Station

**Public Utility Installation** 

Public Vehicle Park

(excluding container vehicle)

Radar, Telecommunications Electronic

Microwave Repeater, Television and/or

Radio Transmitter Installation

**Religious Institution** 

**Residential Institution** 

School

Service Reservoir

Social Welfare Facility

Utility Installation for Private Project

Zoo

#### **Planning Intention**

The planning intention of this zone is primarily for defining the limits of urban and sub-urban development areas by natural features and to contain urban sprawl as well as to provide passive recreational outlets. There is a general presumption against development within this zone.

<sup>\*</sup> Country Park means a country park or special area as designated under the Country Parks Ordinance (Cap. 208). All uses and developments require consent from the Country and Marine Parks Authority and approval from the Town Planning Board is not required.

# GREEN BELT (Cont'd)

#### Remarks

Any filling of pond, including that to effect a change of use to any of those specified in Columns 1 and 2 above or the uses or developments always permitted under the covering Notes (except public works co-ordinated or implemented by Government, and maintenance, repair or rebuilding works), shall not be undertaken or continued on or after the date of the publication in the Gazette of the notice of the draft Tai Po Outline Zoning Plan No. S/TP/20 without the permission from the Town Planning Board under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

#### **CONSERVATION AREA**

Column 1 Uses always permitted Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

Agricultural Use (other than Plant Nursery)

Country Park\* Nature Reserve Nature Trail

On-Farm Domestic Structure Wild Animals Protection Area

**Burial Ground** 

Field Study /Education/Visitor Centre Government Use (not elsewhere specified)

House (Redevelopment only)

Public Convenience Public Utility Installation

Radar, Telecommunications Electronic Microwave Repeater, Television and/or Radio Transmitter Installation

\* Country Park means a country park or special area as designated under the Country Parks Ordinance (Cap. 208). All uses and developments require consent from the Country and Marine Parks Authority and approval from the Town Planning Board is not required.

#### Planning Intention

This zoning is intended 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 Site of Special Scientific Interest or 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.

#### Remarks

- (a) No redevelopment, including alteration and/or modification, of an existing house shall result in a total redevelopment in excess of the plot ratio, site coverage and height of the existing house.
- (b) Any filling of land/pond or excavation of land, including that to effect a change of use to any of those specified in Columns 1 and 2 above or the uses or developments always permitted under the covering Notes (except public works co-ordinated or implemented by Government, and maintenance, repair or rebuilding works), shall not be undertaken or continued on or after the date of the publication in the Gazette of the notice of the draft Tai Po Outline Zoning Plan No. S/TP/20 without the permission from the Town Planning Board under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

#### SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST

Column 1 Uses always permitted

Column 2
Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

Wild Animals Protection Area

Agricultural Use
Field Study/Education/Visitor Centre
Government Use
Nature Reserve
Nature Trail
On Farm Domestic Structure
Picnic Area
Public Convenience
Public Utility Installation

Tent Camping Ground Utility Installation for Private Project

#### **Planning Intention**

The planning intention of this zone is to conserve and protect the features of special scientific interest which are designated as Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and are important habitats for egrets and herons and for breeding of some rare butterflies which are protected under the Wild Animals Protection Ordinance. It intends to deter human activities or developments within the SSSI.

There is a general presumption against development in this zone. No developments are permitted unless they are needed to support the conservation of the features of special scientific interest in the SSSI, to maintain and protect the existing character of the SSSI, or for educational and research purposes.

#### Remarks

Any filling or excavation of land necessary to effect a change of use to any of those specified in Columns 1 and 2 above or the uses or developments always permitted under the covering Notes (except maintenance and repair works) shall not be undertaken or continued on or after the date of the publication in the Gazette of the notice of the draft Tai Po Outline Zoning Plan No. S/TP/18 without the permission from the Town Planning Board under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

# **COUNTRY PARK**

Country Park means a country park or special area as designated under the Country Parks Ordinance (Cap. 208). All uses and developments require consent from the Country and Marine Parks Authority and approval from the Town Planning Board is not required.

# <u>APPROVED-DRAFT TAI PO OUTLINE ZONING PLAN NO. S/TP/28A</u> <u>EXPLANATORY STATEMENT</u>

# APPROVEDDRAFT TAI PO OUTLINE ZONING PLAN NO. S/TP/28A

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# APPROVEDDRAFT TAI PO OUTLINE ZONING PLAN NO. S/TP/28A

(Being an Approved a Draft Plan for the Purposes of the Town Planning Ordinance)

#### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

Note: For the purposes of the Town Planning Ordinance, this statement shall not be deemed to constitute a part of the plan.

# 1. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

This Explanatory Statement is intended to assist an understanding of the approved *draft* Tai Po Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/TP/28A. It reflects the planning intention and objectives of the Town Planning Board (the Board) for various land-use zonings of the plan.

# 2. AUTHORITY FOR THE PLAN AND PROCEDURES

- 2.1 On 28 February 1980, under the delegated power by the then Governor, the then Secretary for Lands and Works, under section 3(1)(a) of the Town Planning Ordinance (the Ordinance), directed the Board to prepare a draft outline zoning plan for Tai Po New Town. Since the exhibition of the draft Tai Po OZP No. LTP/47 on 12 December 1980, the OZP has been amended/approved several times to reflect the changing circumstances.
- 2.2 On 11 July 2000, the Chief Executive in Council (CE in C), under section 9(1)(a) of the Ordinance, approved the draft Tai Po OZP, which was subsequently renumbered as S/TP/12. On 10 October 2000, the CE in C referred the approved Tai Po OZP No. S/TP/12 to the Board for amendment under section 12(1)(b)(ii) of the Ordinance. The OZP was subsequently amended four times and exhibited for public inspection under section 5 or 7 of the Ordinance to reflect the changing circumstances.
- 2.3 On 4 May 2004, the CE in C, under section 9(1)(a) of the Ordinance, approved the draft Tai Po OZP, which was subsequently renumbered as S/TP/17. On 29 June 2004, the CE in C referred the approved OZP to the Board for amendment under section 12(1)(b)(ii) of the Ordinance. The OZP was subsequently amended once and exhibited for public inspection under section 5 of the Ordinance.
- 2.4 On 8 November 2005, the CE in C, under section 9(1)(a) of the Ordinance, approved the draft Tai Po OZP, which was subsequently re-numbered as S/TP/19. On 8 May 2007, the CE in C referred the approved Tai Po OZP No. S/TP/19 to the Board for amendment under section 12(1)(b)(ii) of the Ordinance. The OZP was subsequently amended twice and exhibited for public inspection under sections 5 and 6C(2) of the Ordinance to reflect the changing circumstances.
- 2.5 On 13 January 2009, the CE in C, under section 9(1)(a) of the Ordinance, approved the draft Tai Po OZP, which was subsequently renumbered as S/TP/21.

- On 8 December 2009, the CE in C referred the approved Tai Po OZP No. S/TP/21 to the Board for amendment under section 12(1)(b)(ii) of the Ordinance.
- On 17 September 2010, the draft Tai Po OZP No. S/TP/22, incorporating amendments to impose plot ratio, gross floor area (GFA) and building height restrictions on development zones, to designate non-building areas, to rezone "Commercial/Residential" sites, free-standing Government, institution or community buildings in public housing sites, the Po Heung Street site for public housing development, completed open space sites and various sites to other appropriate zonings to reflect the as-built situation, to rationalize zoning boundaries and to revise the schedule of Notes, was exhibited for public inspection under section 5 of the Ordinance. Subsequently, the draft OZP was amended three times and exhibited for public inspection under sections 6C(2) and 7 of the Ordinance to reflect the changing circumstances.
- On 27 August 2013, the CE in C under section 9(1)(a) of the Ordinance, approved the draft Tai Po OZP, which was subsequently re-numbered as S/TP/24. On 3 December 2013, the CE in C referred the approved Tai Po OZP No. S/TP/24 to the Board for amendment under section 12(1)(b)(ii) of the Ordinance. The OZP was subsequently amended twice and exhibited for public inspection under sections 5 and 6C(2) of the Ordinance to reflect the changing circumstances.
- 2.8 On 8 September 2015, the CE in C, under section 9(1)(a) of the Ordinance, approved the draft Tai Po OZP, which was subsequently re-numbered as S/TP/26. On 14 March 2017, the CE in C referred the approved Tai Po OZP No. S/TP/26 to the Board for amendment under section 12(1)(b)(ii) of the Ordinance. The reference back of the OZP was notified in the Gazette on 24 March 2017 under section 12(2) of the Ordinance.
- 2.9 On 4 August 2017, the draft Tai Po OZP No. S/TP/27, incorporating amendments to rezone a "Government, Institution or Community" ("G/IC") site at Pok Yin Road to "Residential (Group B)9", a "Green Belt" site at Ma Wo Road to "Residential (Group B)10", a "Residential (Group C)" site at Yau King Lane to "Residential (Group C)10", and revision to the building height restriction of a "G/IC" site at On Pong Road, was exhibited for public inspection under section 5 of the Ordinance. During the two month exhibition period, a total of 1,303 valid representations were received. On 17 November 2017, the representations were published for three weeks for public comments and a total of 15 valid comments on the representations were received. After giving consideration to the representations and comments on 26 April 2018 and 11 May 2018, the Board decided not to propose any amendment to the draft OZP to meet the representations.
- 2.10 On 21 August 2018, the CE in C, under section 9(1)(a) of the Ordinance, approved the draft Tai Po OZP, which was subsequently re-numbered as S/TP/28. On 31 August 2018, the approved Tai Po OZP No. S/TP/28 (the Plan) was exhibited for public inspection under section 9(5) of the Ordinance. On 28 April 2020, the CE in C referred the approved Tai Po OZP No. S/TP/28 to the Board for amendment under section 12(1)(b)(ii) of the Ordinance. The reference back of the OZP was notified in the Gazette on 8 May 2020 under

section 12(2) of the Ordinance.

2.11 On XX XX 2021, the draft Tai Po OZP No. S/TP/29 (the Plan), incorporating amendments to rezone a "Green Belt" ("GB") site at To Yuen Tung, Ma Wo Road to "Residential (Group A)10" and a "Residential (Group C)10" site at Yau King Lane near Tsiu Hang to "Residential (Group B)11" and "Residential (Group B)12", was exhibited for public inspection under section 5 of the Ordinance.

# 3. <u>OBJECT OF THE PLAN</u>

- 3.1 The object of the Plan is to indicate the broad land-use zones and major road network for the Tai Po New Town so that development and redevelopment within the New Town can be put under statutory planning control. It also provides the planning framework for preparing more detailed non-statutory plans which form the basis for public works planning and site reservation for various uses.
- 3.2 The Plan is to illustrate the broad principles of development and planning control only. It is a small-scale plan and the road alignments and boundaries between the land-use zones may be subject to minor alterations as detailed planning proceeds.
- 3.3 Since the Plan is to show broad land use zoning, there would be situations in which small strips of land not intended for building development purposes and carry no development right under the lease, such as the areas restricted as non-building area or for garden, slope maintenance and access road purposes, are included in the residential zones. The general principle is that such areas should not be taken into account in plot ratio and site coverage calculation. Development within residential zones should be restricted to building lots carrying development right in order to maintain the character and amenity of the Tai Po area and not to overload the road network in the area.
- 3.4 Also, there would be cases that areas occupied by free-standing purpose-designed buildings that are solely accommodating schools or other Government, institution or community facilities, including those located on ground and on podium level, are included in the residential zones. Such areas should not be included into the plot ratio and site coverage calculations.

# 4. <u>NOTES OF THE PLAN</u>

- 4.1 Attached to the Plan is a set of Notes which shows the types of uses or developments which are always permitted within the Planning Scheme Area and in particular zones and which may be permitted by the Board, with or without conditions, on application. The provision for application for planning permission under section 16 of the Ordinance allows greater flexibility in land-use planning and control of development to meet changing needs.
- 4.2 For the guidance of the general public, a set of definitions that explains some of the terms used in the Notes may be obtained from the Technical Services

Division of the Planning Department and can be downloaded from the Board's website at http://www.info.gov.hk/tpb.

# 5. THE PLANNING SCHEME AREA

- The Planning Scheme Area (the Area) covered by the Plan is about 2,438 ha. The Area is encircled on three sides by the mountain ranges of Pat Sin Leng, Cloudy Hill, Tai Mo Shan and Grassy Hill. To the east, the coastline of Tolo Harbour forms its natural boundary. The boundary of the Area is shown by a heavy broken line on the Plan.
- 5.2 For planning and reference purposes, the Area has been divided into a number of smaller planning areas as shown on the Plan.
- 5.3 The Area can be broadly divided into three physical areas, namely the Tai Po Hui and its adjacent reclamation; the valley floors and lower hillslopes to the north and south; and the steep upper hillslopes in the peripheral areas.
- Tai Po Hui and its adjacent reclamation in Tolo Harbour form the urban core of the Area. Tai Po Hui was once occupied mainly by tenement buildings, many of which have however been redeveloped in recent years. The reclamation to the south of Ting Kok Road is mainly for residential and industrial developments including public housing estates and the Tai Po Industrial Estate. The valleys and lower hillslopes to the north and south are dominated by agricultural use and rural settlements. The steep upper hillslopes are heavily wooded in most parts and form a scenic backdrop of the Area.
- 5.5 The northwest and southwest of the Area falls within the indirect water gathering grounds. To protect the water resources from being contaminated by wastes and pollutants, developments in this area would be strictly controlled.

#### 6. POPULATION

Based on the 2016 Population By-census, the population of the Area was estimated by the Planning Department as about 249,300 persons. It is estimated that the planned population of the Area will be about 289,200299,300 persons.

#### 7. BUILDING HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS IN THE AREA

7.1 In order to provide better planning control on the development intensity and building height upon development/redevelopment, to address public demand for greater certainty and transparency in the statutory planning system, and to meet the growing community aspiration for a better living environment, a review of the Tai Po OZP has been taken with a view to incorporating appropriate building height restrictions for various development zones to guide future development/redevelopment. In the absence of building height control, tall buildings may proliferate at random locations and the scale may be out-of-context in the locality, resulting in negative impacts on the visual quality of the Area and may sometimes obstruct air ventilation. In order to prevent excessively tall or out-of

context buildings, to preserve some key urban design attributes (e.g. stepped building height from the urban core and preservation of public views to the mountain backdrop) and to provide better control on the building height of developments in the Area, building height restrictions are imposed for the development zones on the Plan.

- 7.2 A stepped building height concept with building heights gradually descending from the urban core at Tai Po Hui and the adjacent reclaimed areas to the peripheral areas has been adopted taking into account the local context, the local wind environment, and the need to maintain visually compatible building masses in the wider setting. The proposed height bands help preserve the natural topographical profile, public views to the ridgelines, maintain visual permeability, and wind penetration and circulation as far as possible.
- 7.3 Specific building height restrictions for the "G/IC" and "Other Specified Uses" ("OU") zones in terms of number of storeys or metres above Principal Datum (mPD) have been incorporated into the Plan, where appropriate, mainly to maintain the building height of developments at the existing and planned level, and to preserve their current function in providing visual and spatial relief to the high density environment of the Area.
- 7.4 For any site which covers a relatively large area, the development should be designed with a view to providing a variation in the height profile within the site, whilst not exceeding the maximum building height specified on the Plan.
- 7.5 Expert Evaluations on Air Ventilation Assessment (AVA) have been undertaken to assess the existing wind environment and the likely impact of the proposed building heights of the development sites within the Area on the pedestrian wind environment. The building height restrictions shown on the Plan have taken into consideration the findings of the AVA.
- 7.6 In general, a minor relaxation clause in respect of building height restrictions is incorporated into the Notes of the Plan in order to provide incentive for developments/redevelopments with planning and design merits. Each planning application under section 16 of the Ordinance will be considered on its own merits and the relevant criteria for consideration of such application are as follows:
  - (a) amalgamating smaller sites for achieving better urban design and local area improvement;
  - (b) accommodating the bonus plot ratio granted under the Buildings Ordinance in relation to surrender/dedication of land/area for use as a public passage/street widening;
  - (c) providing better streetscape/good quality street level public urban space;
  - (d) providing separation between buildings to enhance air and visual permeability;
  - (e) accommodating building design to address specific site constraints in achieving the permissible plot ratio under the OZP; and

- (f) other factors such as need for tree preservation, innovative building design and planning merits that would bring about improvements to townscape and amenity of the locality and would not cause adverse landscape and visual impacts.
- 7.7 However, for any existing building with building height already exceeding the building height restrictions in terms of mPD and/or number of storeys as shown on the Notes of the Plan and/or stipulated on the Plan, there is a general presumption against such application for minor relaxation except under exceptional circumstances.

#### 8. <u>NON-BUILDING AREA</u>

- 8.1 According to the findings of the AVA 2010, the major prevailing annual winds come from the East and North directions. The summer wind comes mainly from the East and the South. For most of the time, the Area is dominated by the prevailing wind coming from the East which blows along Lam Tsuen River, Tai Po Road (Tai Wo), Tai Po Tai Wo Road and Ting Kok Road. For the southeast summer wind, Kwong Fuk Road serves as an air path to the inner land. There are also two valley wind systems which blow from the north and south of the Area. The valley wind from the south blows over Wilson Trail Stage 7 and is assisted by the summer winds. The north wind connects to the east wind at air paths along the existing road network. In terms of air ventilation, the Area has an extensive green coverage and comprises many connected open space, greenery and GIC sites. There is no major air ventilation issue for the Area. However, to further improve the air path network, the AVA recommends a few strips of non-building/low building areas for better air ventilation of the Area.
- 8.2 Taking into account the findings of the AVA and other relevant factors, such as site constraints and impacts on development/redevelopment potential, the connection of two major east-west air paths in Areas 16, 17 and 24 is proposed by imposing a strip of "non-building area" (NBA) and two strips of land with building height restrictions of 1 and 3 storeys respectively on the Plan as follows:
  - (a) a 20m wide strip of NBA is designated across the northern part of Fu Shin Estate. The NBA passes through the existing internal road and landscaped areas of Fu Shin Estate. It connects to On Po Road and will help facilitate air flow from the east;
  - (b) a building height restriction of 1 storey is proposed for a 20m wide strip of land covering the existing shop/market in Tai Yuen Estate to maintain the east-west air path leading from On Po Road; and
  - (c) a building height restriction of 3 storeys is proposed for a 15m wide strip of land in Kwong Fuk Estate to help facilitate air flow from the east. It passes through the existing open area, estate road, car park podium, shopping centre and minor portions of Kwong Yan House and Kwong Yau House of the public housing estate and connects to Plover Cove Road in Planning Area 1.

- 8.3 According to the findings of the AVA 2014, two 15m wide strips of NBAs and a 30m wide NBA are designated within the planned residential development at Lai Chi Shan to facilitate the penetration of winds from the east and southeast into Lai Chi Shan and Wun Yiu to the west of the site.
- 8.4 The above NBA and building height restrictions will not apply to underground developments. Moreover, a minor relaxation clause has been incorporated in the Notes of the relevant zones to allow minor relaxation of the stated NBA and building height restrictions as shown on the Plan under exceptional circumstances.
- 8.5 The AVA also stressed that building height restriction (or minor changes of building heights) is not the most effective method for maintaining and/or improving air ventilation. Breezeways, air paths, open spaces, gaps between buildings and building permeability especially at near ground level, are more effective. Future developments are therefore encouraged to minimize any possible adverse air ventilation impacts. The adoption of suitable design measures such as greater permeability of podium, wider gap between buildings, non-building area to create air paths, perforate building towers and podium design, positioning of building towers to align with the prevailing are encouraged. Large scale developments including public housing estates, Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) and Private Sector Participation Scheme (PSPS) should undertake AVA study upon their redevelopments.

#### 9. LAND-USE ZONINGS

- 9.1 Comprehensive Development Area (1) ("CDA(1)"): Total Area 18.37 ha
  - 9.1.1 This is intended for comprehensive development/redevelopment of the area for low-density residential and agricultural uses with the provision of open spaces and other supporting facilities. The zoning is to facilitate appropriate planning control over the development mix, scale, design and layout of development, taking account of various environmental, traffic, infrastructure and other constraints.
  - 9.1.2 The site located to the north of Ting Kok Road and to the south of Fung Yuen Site of Special Scientific Interest is under this zoning.
  - 9.1.3 This zoning is intended to encourage a comprehensive development/ redevelopment of the site with a view to discontinuing the undesirable open storage and car-repairing workshop uses that existed on the site. The comprehensive development at the site comprises two portions, one portion for low-density residential use and the other for agricultural use. In view of the general infrastructure constraints pertinent to the area, residential development within the site is restricted to a maximum domestic plot ratio of 0.64. The agricultural use permitted is limited to crop cultivation only.
  - 9.1.4 Developments or redevelopments within this zone are also subject to NBA restriction and the maximum building height restrictions as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever

is the greater. The buffer area between the Fung Yuen SSSI and the planned residential development at the "CDA(1)" zone is designated as NBA. To provide flexibility for innovative design, minor relaxation of the NBA, building height and/or plot ratio restrictions may be considered by the Board through the planning permission system. The criteria given in paragraph 7.6 above would be relevant for assessment for minor relaxation of building height restrictions. Each application for minor relaxation of NBA, building height and/or plot ratio restrictions will be considered on its own merits.

9.1.5 Any development proposal in this zone requires the approval of the Board by way of a planning application under section 16 of the Ordinance. A Master Layout Plan (MLP) should be submitted in accordance with the requirements as specified in the Notes of the Plan for the approval of the Board under section 4A(2) of the Ordinance. A copy of the approved MLP will be made available in the Land Registry for public inspection pursuant to section 4A(3) of the Ordinance.

#### 9.2 "Residential (Group A)" ("R(A)"): Total Area 108.48112.35 ha

- 9.2.1 This zone is intended primarily for high-density residential developments. Commercial uses are always permitted on the lowest three floors of a building or in the purpose-designed non-residential portion of an existing building. The lowest three floors of a building include basements but exclude any floor used wholly or mainly for ancillary car parking, loading/unloading bay and/or plant room. Commercial uses on any floor above the lowest three floors will require planning permission from the Board.
- 9.2.2 The "R(A)" zone is sub-divided into a number of sub-areas. These sub-areas have different plot ratio/GFA restrictions as specified in the Remarks in the Notes of the Plan and they are also subject to the maximum building height restrictions as stipulated on the Plan, or the plot ratio/GFA and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater. These restrictions are required to avoid further increase in development intensity and building bulk. In order to ensure that essential commercial floorspace would be provided to serve the function of the town centre, non-domestic plot ratio restriction is specified for sites within the town centre. The plot ratio/GFA restrictions for the "R(A)" sub-areas are as follows:

| Site  | Sub-area | Maximum Plot Ratio (PR)/GFA   |
|---|----------|---|
| Po Heung Estate   | "R(A)1"  | Domestic GFA of 25,220 m <sup>2</sup><br>Non-domestic GFA of 8,000 m <sup>2</sup> |
| Ming Nga Court, Ting<br>Nga Court and Wang Fuk<br>Court | "R(A)2"  | Total PR of 3.8   |
| Treasure Garden and<br>Eightland Garden                 | "R(A)3"  | Domestic PR of 4.7<br>Non-domestic PR of 0.45                                     |
| Jade Plaza and Fortune<br>Plaza                         | "R(A)4"  | Domestic PR of 4.2<br>Non-domestic PR of 1.40                                     |
| Tai Po Plaza  | "R(A)5"  | Domestic PR of 4.8  |

|   |          | Non-domestic PR of 1.22  |
|---|----------|--|
| Tai Po Centre Blocks 1-19<br>and multi-storey carpark                       | "R(A)6"  | Domestic PR of 3.8<br>Non-domestic PR of 1.57  |
| Tai Po Centre Blocks<br>20-23   | "R(A)7"  | Domestic PR of 4.1 Non-domestic PR of 1.13   |
| Uptown Plaza  | "R(A)8"  | Domestic PR of 4.4 Non-domestic PR of 1.82 (the public transport interchange permitted below the development is included in non-domestic PR calculation) |
| Eastern and western<br>portions of Chung Nga<br>Road and Planning Area<br>9 | "R(A)9"  | Total PR of 6.0 (including a maximum non-domestic PR of 0.5)   |
| To Yuen Tung, Ma Wo<br>Road   | "R(A)10" | Total PR of 6.8  |

- 9.2.3 The "R(A)" sites in Tai Po Hui (Area 1) comprise small lots along narrow streets with a number of on-street parking areas. close to the existing Tai Po Market Station and well served by public transport facilities. Under the prevailing leases for most of the lots in Tai Po Hui, they are not required to provide on-site car parking and loading/unloading facilities. To preserve the character of Tai Po Hui, the provision of podium for on-site car parking and loading/unloading facilities should be discouraged and the building height of future developments/redevelopments should be kept as low as possible while the maximum plot ratio of 5/9.5 is still achievable. A more stringent building height restriction of 55mPD is therefore imposed for most of the "R(A)" sites in Tai Po Hui which will accommodate developments with not more than 2 storeys of commercial uses at the lowest floors. The restriction is considered necessary to maintain the existing market town character and pedestrian-oriented environment for Tai Po Hui and to enhance air flow.
- 9.2.2 Sites in Planning Areas 3, 4, 6, 8, 16, 17, 23 and 24 zoned for this purpose are intended for public housing development including public housing estates, HOS as well as PSPS. Within these developments, local open spaces and neighbourhood shopping and community facilities are provided to serve the needs of the residents.
- 9.2.3 Existing public housing estates include Tai Wo Estate in Planning Areas 3 and 23, Wan Tau Tong Estate in Planning Area 6, Fu Heng Estate in Planning Area 8, Tai Yuen Estate in Planning Area 16, Fu Shin Estate in Planning Area 17 and Kwong Fuk Estate in Planning Area 24. Nine HOS developments have been completed. They are King Nga Court, Tak Nga Court and Yat Nga Court in Planning Area 6, Chung Nga Court in Planning Area 8, Ting Nga Court in Planning Area 16, Ming Nga Court and Yee Nga Court in Planning Area 17, Po Nga Court in Planning Area 23 and Wang Fuk Court in Planning Area 24. Three PSPS developments have been completed. They are Tai Po Plaza in Planning

- Area 4, Elegance Garden in Planning Area 6 and Sun Hing Garden in Planning Area 17. The "R(A)1" zone at Po Heung Street in Planning Area 1 and "R(A)9" zone at Chung Nga Road and Planning Area 9 are intended for public housing developments. The comprehensive public housing development within the "R(A)9" zone comprises three sites including two along Chung Nga Road, namely Chung Nga Road West and Chung Nga Road East and an adjoining site in Planning Area 9. Two primary schools with one at Chung Nga Road West and one at Planning Area 9 forming an integral part of the comprehensive public housing development are proposed to serve the community.
- 9.2.4 Most of the private "R(A)" developments in Planning Areas 1, 2, 4 and 9 have been completed.
- 9.2.5 Developments or redevelopments in areas zoned "R(A)" are subject to a maximum domestic plot ratio of 5, or a maximum non-domestic plot ratio of 9.5, or the plot ratio of the existing building, whichever is the greater. The proposed public housing developments at the eastern and western portions of Chung Nga Road and Planning Area 9 zoned "R(A)9" are subject to a total plot ratio of 6.0 (including a maximum non-domestic plot ratio of 0.5). The stipulated plot ratio restriction is the maximum only. All public housing estates are also governed by planning briefs. Any increase in GFA/plot ratio must be supported by relevant assessment on the infrastructural implications e.g. traffic impact assessment, drainage impact assessment and sewerage impact assessment.
- 9.2.**64** Developments or redevelopments in areas zoned "R(A)" are also subject to the maximum building height restrictions as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater. stipulated building height restriction is the maximum only. public housing estates, there are a wide range of low-rise free-standing GIC facilities including schools, community halls, children and youth centres, elderly centres, social and welfare centres as well as ancillary facility buildings such as car park, shopping centres and markets serving the residents of the concerned estates. Such low-rise free-standing GIC and ancillary facility buildings should be kept as breathing spaces and visual relief for the building masses. No new addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of these existing individual free-standing GIC and ancillary facility buildings shall result in a height exceeding that of the existing building. All public housing estates are governed by planning brief. Upon the future redevelopment of the estates, the layout and design of these GIC and ancillary facility buildings should be comprehensively reviewed with the support of relevant impact assessments on air ventilation and visual aspects.
- 9.2.7 The "R(A)" sites in Tai Po Hui (Area 1) comprise small lots along narrow streets with a number of on-street parking areas. The area is close to the existing Tai Po Market Station and well served by public transport facilities. Under the prevailing leases for most of the lots in Tai Po Hui, they are not required to provide on-site car parking and loading/unloading facilities. To preserve the character of Tai Po Hui,

the provision of podium for on-site car parking and loading/unloading facilities should be discouraged and the building height of future developments/redevelopments should be kept as low as possible while the maximum PR of 5/9.5 is still achievable. A more stringent building height restriction of 55mPD is therefore imposed for most of the "R(A)" sites in Tai Po Hui which will accommodate developments with not more than 2 storeys of commercial uses at the lowest floors. The restriction is considered necessary to maintain the existing market town character and pedestrian-oriented environment for Tai Po Hui and to enhance air flow.

9.2.8 The "R(A)" zone is sub-divided into a number of sub-areas. These sub-areas have different PR/GFA restrictions as specified in the Remarks in the Notes of the Plan and they are also subject to the maximum building height restrictions as stipulated on the Plan, or the PR/GFA and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater. These restrictions are required to avoid further increase in development intensity and building bulk. In order to ensure that essential commercial floorspace would be provided to serve the function of the town centre, non-domestic plot ratio restriction is specified for sites within the town centre. The plot ratio/GFA restrictions for the "R(A)" sub-areas are as follows:

| Site   | Zone           | Maximum Plot Ratio (PR)/GFA  |
|--|----------------|--|
| Public Housing Development at Po Heung Street  | "R(A)1"        | Domestic GFA of 25,220 m <sup>2</sup> Non-domestic GFA of 8,000 m <sup>2</sup>   |
| Ming Nga Court, Ting Nga<br>Court and Wang Fuk Court   | "R(A)2"        | Total PR of 3.8  |
| Treasure Garden and Eightland Garden   | <u>"R(A)3"</u> | Domestic PR of 4.7 Non-domestic PR of 0.45   |
| Jade Plaza and Fortune<br>Plaza  | "R(A)4"        | Domestic PR of 4.2 Non-domestic PR of 1.40   |
| <del>Tai Po Plaza</del>  | "R(A)5"        | Domestic PR of 4.8 Non-domestic PR of 1.22   |
| Tai Po Centre Blocks 1-19<br>and multi-storey carpark  | "R(A)6"        | Domestic PR of 3.8 Non-domestic PR of 1.57   |
| Tai Po Centre Blocks 20-23   | "R(A)7"        | Domestic PR of 4.1 Non-domestic PR of 1.13   |
| <del>Uptown Plaza</del>  | "R(A)8"        | Domestic PR of 4.4 Non-domestic PR of 1.82 (the public transport interchange permitted below the development is included in non-domestic PR calculation) |
| Planned Public Housing Development at eastern and western portions of Chung Nga Road and Planning Area 9 | "R(A)9"        | Total PR of 6.0 (including a maximum- non-domestic PR of 0.5)  |

- 9.2.95 Planning brief(s) setting out the development parameters and the design requirements of individual public housing site(s) will be provided to guide the future development of the site(s). Any increase in plot ratio/GFA must be supported by relevant assessment on the infrastructural implications e.g. traffic impact assessment, drainage impact assessment and sewerage impact assessment.
- 9.2.106 Minor relaxation of the NBA, building height and/or plot ratio/GFA restrictions may be considered by the Board on application under section 16 of the Ordinance. The criteria given in paragraph 7.6 above would be relevant for assessment for minor relaxation of building height restrictions. Each application for minor relaxation of NBA, building height and/or plot ratio/GFA restrictions will be considered on its own merits.

## 9.3 "Residential (Group B)" ("R(B)"): Total Area 35.52 39.16 ha

- 9.3.1 This zoning is intended primarily for medium-density residential developments where commercial uses serving the residential neighbourhood may be permitted on application to the Board. Areas under this zoning lie mostly in the lower hillslopes, valley floors or borrow areas in Planning Areas 6, 7, 15, 22, and 30 and 39.
- 9.3.2 Two private residential developments namely Serenity Park in Area 22 and Classical Garden II in Area 6 are zoned "R(B)". Developments or redevelopments in areas zoned "R(B)" are subject to a maximum plot ratio of 3.3 and the respective building height restrictions as stipulated on the Plan, or the plot ratio and the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- 9.3.3 The "R(B)" zone is sub-divided into a number of sub-areas. These sub-areas have different *plot ratio* PR/GFA restrictions as specified in the Remarks in the Notes of the Plan and they are also subject to the maximum building height restrictions as stipulated on the Plan, or the *plot ratio* PR/GFA and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater. These restrictions are necessary to preserve the local character of the fringe area of the New Town and to maintain a stepped height profile descending from the town centre. The plot ratio/GFA restrictions for the "R(B)" sub-areas are as follows:

| Site                     | Zone     | Maximum Plot Ratio/GFA |
|--------------------------|----------|------------------------|
|                          | Sub-area |                        |
| Forest Hill and Balmoral | "R(B)1"  | 1.8                    |
| Grand Dynasty View       | "R(B)2"  | 2.8                    |
| Classical Gardens I,     |          |                        |
| Dynasty View and Grand   | "R(B)3"  | 2.4                    |
| Palisades                |          |                        |
| Parc Versailles          | "R(B)4"  | 2.1                    |
| Tai Po Garden            | "R(B)5"  | 1.75                   |
| The Paragon              | "R(B)6"  | 1.65                   |
| Richwood Park            | "R(B)7"  | Domestic GFA of        |

|                                   |                 | 21,852m <sup>2</sup>  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|                                   |                 | Non-domestic GFA of   |
|                                   |                 | 1,304m <sup>2</sup>   |
| Lai Chi ShanThe Regent            | "R(B)8"         | 107,100m <sup>2</sup> |
| Tai Po Town Lot 244 at            | "R(B)9"         | 88,200m²              |
| Pok Yin Road <del>, Area 39</del> | K(D))           | 86,200111             |
| Tai Po Town Lot 243 at Ma         |                 |                       |
| Wo Road near Classical            | "R(B)10"        | 72,640m <sup>2</sup>  |
| Gardens I                         |                 |                       |
| Yau King Lane near Tsiu           | "R(B)11"        | 50 081m2              |
| Hang (northern portion)           | K( <i>B</i> )11 | $50,981m^2$           |
| Yau King Lane near Tsiu           | "R(B)12"        | 80,217m <sup>2</sup>  |
| Hang (southern portion)           | K(B)12          | 50,217m               |

- A site zoned "R(B)9" at Pok Yin Road (Tai Po Town Lot 244) is subject 9.3.4 to a maximum GFA of 88,200m<sup>2</sup> and a maximum building height of 50mPD, of which a GFA of not exceeding 7,500m<sup>2</sup> should be provided for retail purpose to serve the increasing population in the locality. According to the findings of an AVA 2017 for the development, a 15m wide NBA running from northeast to southwest should be provided along the existing drainage reserve to facilitate the penetration of wind from the east-north-east to reach the downstream areas. The existing drainage reserve along the eastern boundary of the site would also facilitate wind penetration and alleviate potential air ventilation impact on the surrounding area. Should the future developer wish to make any changes to these measures, a quantitative AVA should be carried out to demonstrate that the performance of any future development be no worse off than the scenario with these measures. Requirement of the design measures and quantitative AVA will be have been incorporated into the future lease/land grant. Besides, the requirement on provision of adequate air buffer distance and relevant technical assessments including Noise Impact Assessment (NIA), Sewerage Impact Assessment (SIA) and Drainage Impact Assessment (DIA), etc. would *have* also be been incorporated into the lease at the land disposal stage.
- 9.3.5 A site zoned "R(B)10" at Ma Wo Road (*Tai Po Town Lot 243*) is subject to a maximum GFA of 72,640m² and a maximum building height of 110mPD. Since the site is located on a sloping ground at a higher level than other nearby developments, a stepped building height profile descending from the northern part to the southern part of the site should be formulated in relation to the topography. Besides, t*T*he requirement on provision of adequate air buffer distance and relevant technical assessments (including NIA, SIA, DIA, quantitative risk assessment and natural terrain hazard study (NTHS), etc), if considered necessary, would have also be been incorporated into the lease at the land disposal stage.
- 9.3.6 A site zoned "R(B)11" at Yau King Lane near Tsiu Hang is subject to a maximum GFA of 50,981m² and a maximum building height of 55mPD. A hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons, a day activity centre and any other social welfare facilities (SWF) as

required by the Government shall be provided at the site. In order to facilitate provision of GIC facilities, in determining the maximum GFA of the development in the "R(B)11" zone, any floor space that is constructed or intended for use solely as GIC facilities, as required by the Government, may be disregarded. A public vehicle park (PVP) shall also be provided at the site. To accommodate the additional traffic and transport demand generated by the proposed development, a bus turn-around facility at the northern tip of "R(B)11" shall be implemented and completed before any population intake. The provision of the SWF, PVP and the bus turn-around facility would be incorporated into the land grant document to ensure their implementation.

- 9.3.7 To alleviate the potential air ventilation impact on surrounding areas, three building separations (with a width of 43m, 28m and 15m respectively) aligned in the southeast-northwest direction within this sub-area and a 29m-wide building separation straddling the "R(B)11" and "R(B)12" sub-areas should be provided. If the above design measures cannot be provided, further quantitative AVA should be conducted to demonstrate that the performance of any future development be no worse off than the scenario with these measures. To ensure that the future development would not cause adverse impacts on the surrounding areas and be susceptible to adverse road traffic and railway noise impact, the requirements on the air ventilation measures and relevant technical assessments (including NIA, SIA, DIA and NTHS), where appropriate, would be incorporated into the land grant document governing the development.
- 9.3.8 A site zoned "R(B)12" at Yau King Lane near Tsiu Hang is subject to a maximum GFA of 80,217m² and a maximum building height of 65mPD. A residential care home for the elderly cum day care unit and any other SWF as required by the Government shall be provided at the site. In order to facilitate provision of GIC facilities, in determining the maximum GFA of the development in the "R(B)12" zone, any floor space that is constructed or intended for use solely as GIC facilities, as required by the Government, may be disregarded. A PVP shall also be provided at the site. The provision of the SWF and PVP would be incorporated into the land grant document to ensure their implementation.
- 9.3.9 To alleviate the potential air ventilation impact on surrounding areas, two building separations each of 15m wide aligned in the southeast-northwest direction within this sub-area, a 80m setback from the southernmost boundary of the site, and a 29m-wide building separation straddling the "R(B)11" and "R(B)12" sub-areas should be provided. If the above design measures cannot be provided, further quantitative AVA should be conducted to demonstrate that the performance of any future development scheme be no worse off than the scenario with these measures. To ensure that the future development would not cause adverse impacts on the surrounding areas and be susceptible to adverse road traffic and railway noise impact, the requirements on the air ventilation measures and relevant

technical assessments (including NIA, SIA, DIA and NTHS), where appropriate, would be incorporated into the land grant document governing the development.

9.3.610 Minor relaxation of the NBA, building height and/or plot ratio/GFA restrictions may be considered by the Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance. The criteria given in paragraph 7.6 above would be relevant for assessment for minor relaxation of building height restrictions. Each application for minor relaxation of NBA, building height and/or plot ratio/GFA restrictions will be considered on its own merits.

## 9.4 "Residential (Group C)" ("R(C)"): Total Area 141.04 137.41 ha

- 9.4.1 This zone is intended primarily for low-rise, low-density residential developments where commercial uses serving the residential neighbourhood may be permitted on application to the Board.
- 9.4.2 Areas under "R(C)" zone are located largely on the hillslopes in Planning Areas 7, 10, 11, 12 and 31 overlooking Tolo Harbour. Developments or redevelopments in area zoned "R(C)" are subject to a maximum plot ratio of 0.6 and the respective building height restrictions as stipulated on the Plan, or the plot ratio and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- 9.4.3 The "R(C)" zone is sub-divided into a number of sub-areas. These sub-areas have plot ratio/GFA/site coverage/building *height* restrictions as specified in the Remarks in the Notes of the Plan and stipulated on the Plan, or that of the existing building, whichever is the greater. The restrictions are intended to retain the existing scale and character of developments which blend in well with the natural environment. The plot ratio/GFA and site coverage restrictions for the "R(C)" sub-areas are as follows:

| Site                        | Zone-    | Maximum <i>Plot</i>    | Maximum Site |
|-----------------------------|----------|------------------------|--------------|
|                             | Sub-area | Ratio (PR)/GFA         | Coverage     |
| Hong Lok Yuen, Tai Po       |          |                        |              |
| Town Lot 109, Fortune       | "R(C)1"  | 0.4                    | -            |
| Garden and Riverain Bayside |          |                        |              |
| Tai Po Inland Lot 12        | "R(C)2"  | 1.5                    | 50%          |
| Redland Garden and Tolo     | "R(C)3"  | 1.2                    | 50%          |
| Ridge                       | K(C)3    | 1.2                    | 30%          |
| J.C. Castle                 | "R(C)4"  | 0.6                    | 25%          |
|                             |          | Domestic GFA of        |              |
| The Decembill Day           | "D(C)5"  | 57,500m <sup>2</sup>   |              |
| The Deerhill Bay            | "R(C)5"  | Non-domestic GFA       | -            |
|                             |          | of 1,500m <sup>2</sup> |              |
| Casa Marina I & II, Tycoon  | "D(C)6"  | 0.8                    |              |
| Place, and the Paramount    | "R(C)6"  | 0.8                    | _            |
| Tai Po Town Lot 230 at Yat  | "R(C)7"  | 20,000m <sup>2</sup>   | _            |
| Yiu Avenue                  | 11(0)    | 20,000                 |              |

| Kon Hang near Cheung Shue<br>Tan                              | "R(C)8"  | 1.5      | - |
|---|----------|----------|---|
| Tai Po Town Lots 223 and 229 at Lo Fai Road-near-Tycoon Place | "R(C)9"  | 46,200m² | - |
| Yau King Lane near Tsiu-<br>Hang                              | "R(C)10" | 1.2      | - |

- A site zoned "R(C)10" at Yau King Lane near Tsiu Hang is subject to a maximum plot ratio of 1.2 and maximum building heights of 55mPD at the northern portion and 65mPD at the southern portion. Adequate NBAs, building separations and setback (including an NBA of 26m wide aligned in the east-west direction within the northern portion, a building separation of 60m wide aligned in the southeast northwest direction between the northern and southern portions, a building separation of 15m aligned in the southeast-northwest direction within the southern portion, a 14m setback from the site boundary near Deerhill Bay, and maintaining an open area at the northern-most portion of the site) should be provided for air ventilation purpose. If the design measures cannot be provided, further quantitative assessments should be conducted to demonstrate that the performance of any future development be no worse off than the scenario with these measures. To ensure that the future development would not cause adverse impacts on the surrounding areas, the requirement on the air ventilation measures and relevant technical assessments, where appropriate, would be incorporated into the land lease at the land exchange stage.
- 9.4.54 Minor relaxation of the plot ratio/GFA/site coverage/building height restrictions may be considered by the Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance. The criteria given in paragraph 7.6 above would be relevant for assessment for minor relaxation of building height restrictions. Each application for minor relaxation of plot ratio/GFA/site coverage/building height restrictions will be considered on its own merits.

#### 9.5 "Residential (Group D)" ("R(D)"): Total Area 0.73 ha

- 9.5.1 This zone covers the CARE village in Area 10 and is intended primarily for improvement and upgrading of the existing fishermen's village through redevelopment of existing temporary structures into permanent buildings. It is also intended for low-rise, low-density residential developments subject to planning permission from the Town Planning Board. Within this zoned area, redevelopment of existing houses shall not result in a total redevelopment of a maximum building area of 37.2m<sup>2</sup> and a maximum building height of 2 storeys (6m), or the building area and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.
- 9.5.2 Apart from the intention of residential upgrading, very low-rise and low density residential development may be permitted on application to the Board. To be in line with the general development intensity of the surrounding areas, residential development shall not result in a total

development in excess of a maximum plot ratio of 0.4 and a maximum building height of 2 storeys (6m), or the plot ratio and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.

9.5.3 Minor relaxation of plot ratio and/or building height restrictions may be considered by the Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance. The criteria given in paragraph 7.6 above would be relevant for assessment for minor relaxation of building height restrictions. Each application for minor relaxation of plot ratio and/or building height restrictions will be considered on its own merits.

## 9.6 "Village Type Development" ("V"): Total Area 150.35 ha

- 9.6.1 The planning intention of this zone is to reflect existing recognised and other villages, and to provide land considered suitable for village expansion and reprovisioning of village houses affected by Government projects. Land within this zone is primarily intended for development of Small Houses by indigenous villagers. It is also intended to concentrate village type development within this zone for a more orderly development pattern, efficient use of land and provision of infrastructures and services. Selected commercial and community uses serving the needs of the villagers and in support of the village development are always permitted on the ground floor of a New Territories Exempted House. Other commercial, community and recreational uses may be permitted on application to the Board.
- 9.6.2 In order to ensure that any future development or redevelopment within these villages would retain the village character, a maximum building height of 3 storeys (8.23m) or the height of the existing building(s) whichever is the greater is imposed under this zoning.
- 9.6.3 Land under this zoning is mainly located to the north of Ting Kok Road and along the valleys and foothills to the south of the East Rail.
- 9.6.4 To provide flexibility for innovative design adapted to the characteristics of particular sites, minor relaxation of the building height restriction may be considered by the Board through the planning permission system. Each proposal will be considered on its individual planning merits.

### 9.7 "Government, Institution or Community" ("G/IC"): Total Area 172.12 ha

- 9.7.1 This zone is intended primarily for the provision of Government, institution or community facilities serving the needs of the local residents and/or a wider district, region or the territory. It is also intended to provide land for uses directly related to or in support of the work of the Government, organizations providing social services to meet community needs, and other institutional establishments.
- 9.7.2 Major existing GIC facilities include *one*two water treatment works, a fresh water primary service reservoir, a fresh water service reservoir and a fresh water pumping station in Planning Area 21, six fresh water service reservoirs in Planning Areas 12, 31 (including 2 service

reservoirs), 34, 37 and 57, a salt water pumping station in Planning Area 26 and two salt water service reservoirs in Planning Areas 21 and 31; two fire stations in Planning Areas 3 and 26; an ambulance depot in Planning Area 3; a major police station complex in Planning Area 17; the Tai Po Swimming Pool and the Tai Po Sports Ground in Planning Area 22; a major transport interchange in Planning Area 6; the Railway Museum in Planning Area 1; the Tai Po Hospital and Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital in Planning Area 9; the campus site of the Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK) in Planning Area 34; the sports centre of the EdUHK in Planning Area 39; a special school in Planning Area 8; a market complex in Planning Area 1; a gas pigging station in Planning Area 24; a site of the Fraternity of the Little Sisters of Jesus Yuan Dao Exchange Centre for religious purpose in Planning Area 19; as well as primary and secondary schools, clinics, indoor recreation centres and community centre at various locations.

- 9.7.3 Proposed GIC facilities include a sports centre, a community hall and soccer pitches in Planning Area 1; a sports centre in Planning Area 6; and a clinic building and other possible community facilities in Planning Area 4; and a rugby-cum-football pitch and a driving test centre in Area 33. Other local GIC facilities will also be provided in the detailed planning of future development areas.
- 9.7.4 A number of primary and secondary schools have been provided and planned within the Area. This zoning covers some of the existing schools and adjacent ball courts, local open space etc., which fall within public housing estates. The ball courts, local open space etc. are common facilities shared by the schools and residents of the concerned estates. It also covers the Tai Wo Neighbourhood Community Centre, the refuse collection point at Tai Wo Estate as well as the Housing Department contractor depot and the adjoining ball courts.
- 9.7.5 When detailed planning and development for the Area proceeds, local community facilities such as kindergartens and neighbourhood centres, as may be required by relevant Government departments, will be provided within the public housing estates and the large private residential developments.
- 9.7.6 Developments or redevelopments within the "G/IC" zone are subject to building height restrictions as stipulated on the Plan or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater. Minor relaxation of the building height restrictions may be considered by the Board on application. Each application for minor relaxation of building height restriction will be considered on its own merits, taking into account the relevant criteria as set out in paragraph 7.6 above.
- 9.7.7 This zoning includes two sub-zones which are subject to the following development restrictions:
  - (a) "Government, Institution or Community (1)" ("G/IC(1)"): Total Area 0.01 ha

- (i) This sub-zone is intended to cover the rural committee building for the Tai Po Yuen Chau Tsai Fishermen's Village Association with a maximum building height of 2 storeys or the height of the existing building(s), whichever is the greater. Minor relaxation of the building height restriction may be considered by the Board on application. Each application for minor relaxation of building height restriction will be considered on its own merits, taking into account the relevant criteria as set out in paragraph 7.6 above; and
- (ii) as this zone is located within the site boundary of Island House which is a declared monument, any work within this zone is prohibited except with a permit issued by the Antiquities Authority under section 6 of the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53). Application for permits under section 6 of the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance through the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department Development Bureau should be made well in advance.
- (b) "Government, Institution or Community (2)" ("G/IC(2)"): Total Area 0.04 ha
  - This sub-zone covers a site at Po Heung Street which is <del>(i)</del> intended for hostel cum youth centre use. Development or redevelopment within this zone is subject to a maximum domestic GFA of 2,412m<sup>2</sup>, a maximum non-domestic GFA of 1,040m<sup>2</sup> and a maximum building height of 80mPD, or the GFA and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater. The non-domestic use is primarily intended for the in-situ reprovisioning of the youth centre under the subvention of Social Welfare Department. The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Tai Po Youth S.P.O.T and Youth Hostel PH2 were completed in 2020. relaxation of the GFA and/or building height restrictions may be considered by the Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance. The criteria set out in paragraph 7.6 above are relevant for assessing minor relaxation of building height restrictions. Each application for minor relaxation of plot ratio and/or building height restrictions will be considered on its own merits; and.
  - (ii) the site will be subject to noise impact from the East Rail and fixed plants of adjacent buildings. Upon development or redevelopment of the site, the project proponent is required to conduct noise impact assessment to address the noise issues and to implement mitigation measures identified in the assessment.
- 9.8 "Open Space" ("O"): Total Area 65.77 ha
  - 9.8.1 This zoning is intended primarily for the provision of outdoor open-air

- public space for active and/or passive recreational uses serving the needs of local residents as well as the general public.
- 9.8.2 One of the major existing open spaces is the promenade along Lam Tsuen River in Planning Area 4. The promenade provides a visual corridor to Tolo Harbour in the east and Tai Mo Shan in the west. Other existing open spaces include one in Planning Area 17, Mui Shue Hang Playground in Planning Area 15, Tai Po Tau Playground in Planning Area 22, Yuen Chau Tsai Park in Planning Area 24, the Tai Po Waterfront Park in the southern part of Planning Areas of 26 and 33. The waterfront park, together with the adjacent proposed recreation ground, also act as a buffer to separate the town centre from the Industrial Estate in Planning Area 26.
- 9.8.3 In addition to the major open spaces as indicated on the Plan, local open spaces are/will be provided to serve the residents and factory workers within the residential neighbourhoods and industrial areas.
- 9.9 "Recreation Priority Area" ("RPA"): Total Area 3.75 ha
  - 9.9.1 This zone covering the site of the Kerry Lake Egret Nature Park in the eastern part of Planning Area 10 at Tai Po Kau is intended primarily for eco-tourism related recreational developments for the use of general public. Development within this zoning will be restricted to recreational and other ancillary uses. Uses in support of the recreational developments may be permitted subject to planning permission.
  - 9.9.2 Developments or redevelopments within the "RPA" zone are subject to NBA restriction, the maximum GFA restriction of 3,300m² as specified in the Remarks in the Notes of the Plan, and the maximum building height restriction as stipulated on the Plan, or the GFA and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater. The existing playground and open/landscaped area of the Park within the "RPA" zone is designated as a NBA. Minor relaxation of the NBA, GFA and/or building height restrictions may be considered by the Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance. The criteria given in paragraph 7.6 above would be relevant for assessment for minor relaxation of building height restriction. Each application for minor relaxation of NBA, GFA and/or building height restrictions will be considered on its own merits.
- 9.10 "Other Specified Uses" ("OU"): Total Area 188.74 ha
  - 9.10.1 This zoning covers land annotated for the following specific uses:

### **Business**

9.10.2 Land zoned for "OU" annotated "Business" is intended for general business uses. The site comprises six existing buildings with mixed industrial and office uses. Under this zoning, a mix of information technology and telecommunications industries, non-polluting industrial,

office and other commercial uses are permitted in new "business" buildings. However, in order to ensure that the concerns on fire safety and environmental impacts are properly addressed, only less fire hazard-prone office use that would not involve direct provision of customer services or goods to the general public are permitted as of right in existing industrial buildings or industrial-office buildings within this As it is not possible to phase out existing polluting and hazardous industrial uses all at once, it is necessary to ensure compatibility of the uses within the same industrial building until the whole area is transformed to cater for the new non-polluting business Development within this zone should make reference to the uses. Town Planning Board Guidelines. Developments relevant redevelopments within this zone are subject to a maximum plot ratio of 9.5 and a building height restriction as stipulated on the Plan, or the plot ratio and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.

#### Golf Course

9.10.3 This zone covers the former Shuen Wan Landfill site in Area 28 and is intended primarily for a golf course. To avoid visual intrusion to the surrounding mountain backdrop, no addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building including structure, except floodlight post and protective fencing, shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum building height of 9 metres above ground level or the height of the existing building including structure, whichever is the higher.

### **Industrial Estate**

- 9.10.4 This zone covers the Tai Po Industrial Estate in Planning Area 26 and is intended to provide/reserve land for the development of an industrial estate for industries to be admitted by the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation. Industries to be included would normally not be accommodated in conventional industries buildings because of their specific requirements. In allocating sites, preference is given to those industries which involve a high level of technology, provide employment at a high level of skills, or produce new products for export or for local industries. The Industrial Estate has largely been developed.
- 9.10.5 Within this zone, the maximum total GFA of all developments or redevelopments is 2,023,274m², which is equivalent to a plot ratio of 2.5 for the area designated for industrial development and a plot ratio of 5 for a site designated for estate centre as set out in the lease for the Tai Po Industrial Estate. Developments or redevelopments within this zone are also subject to a building height restriction as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater. According to the lease of the lot, individual subdivision in the Tai Po Industrial Estate may be developed up to a plot ratio of 2.625 provided that the overall plot ratio of the area designated for industrial use within the lot would not exceed a maximum plot ratio of 2.5.

## Historical Building Preserved for Cultural and Community Uses

9.10.6 This zoning covers the Tai Po Lookout site in Planning Area 12 and is intended to preserve, restore and convert the historic building(s) of heritage interest on the site into a local heritage attraction with the provision of cultural and community facilities for the enjoyment of the public. To retain the historic value of the Tai Po Lookout, any demolition of, or any addition, alteration and/or modification to the building(s) of heritage interest on the site requires planning permission from the Town Planning Board. Developments within this zone are subject to a maximum building height restriction as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.

### Historical Site Preserved for GIC Uses

9.10.7 This zoning covers the Island House site in Yuen Chau Tsai, which is a declared monument, and is intended to preserve the site for adaptive re-use for government, institution or community and related uses. Redevelopment of the existing historical building is not allowed in this particular "OU" zone. Any new development, or major addition, alteration and/or modification to the existing building requires planning permission from the Town Planning Board. Developments within this zone are subject to a maximum building height restriction as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.

### Railway

9.10.8 This zone is primarily to provide land for the use of railway stations and railway track. The Tai Po Market Station in Planning Area 6, the Tai Wo Station in Planning Areas 3 and 23 and the railway track of East Rail are under this zoning. Developments or redevelopments within this zone are subject to the maximum building height restriction as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.

## Railway Staff Quarters and Recreation Club

9.10.9 This zone covers the Trackside Villas in Planning Area 10 and is intended to provide land for railway staff quarters and recreation club. Developments or redevelopments within this zone are subject to a maximum domestic GFA of 11,200m², a maximum non-domestic GFA of 1,850m² and the building height restriction as stipulated on the Plan, or the GFA and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.

### <u>Others</u>

9.10.10 Other "OU" sites in Tai Po are as follows:

- (a) a liquefied petroleum gas store in Planning Area 5;
- (b) the sewage treatment works in Planning Area 26;
- (c) the leachate pre-treatment works in Area 28;
- (d) the existing petrol filling stations in Planning Areas 2, 3, 5, 12 and 22; and
- (e) a bus depot site in Planning Area 33.

Developments or redevelopments within the above zones are subject to a maximum building height restriction as stipulated on the Plan or in the Notes, or the height of the existing building, whichever is the greater.

9.10.11 Minor relaxation of the plot ratio/GFA/building height restrictions for the "OU" zone may be considered by the Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance. The criteria given in paragraph 7.6 above would be relevant for assessment for minor relaxation of building height restrictions. Each application for minor relaxation of plot ratio/GFA/building height restrictions will be considered on its own merits.

## 9.11 "Green Belt" ("GB"): Total Area 1,262.541,258.67 ha

- 9.11.1 The planning intention of this zone is primarily for defining the limits of urban and sub-urban development areas by natural features and to contain urban sprawl as well as to provide passive recreational outlets. There is a general presumption against development within this zone.
- 9.11.2 This zoning covers mainly steep hillsides in the peripheral areas which are of limited potential for urban type development and should be retained in their natural state. These areas nevertheless provide opportunities for additional outdoor passive recreational outlets.
- 9.11.3 There is a general presumption against development within this zone. Nevertheless, limited developments may be permitted if they are justified on strong planning grounds. Developments requiring planning permission from the Board will be considered on their individual merits taking into account the relevant Town Planning Board Guidelines.

## 9.12 "Conservation Area" ("CA"): Total Area 75.49 ha

- 9.12.1 This zoning is intended 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 Site of Special Scientific Interest or 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.
- 9.12.2 There are five sites designated as "CA" on the Plan. The Tai Po Kau Headland near the coast of Tolo Harbour is a significant area of highly diverse woodland habitat with mature and rich lowland forest. A high

- degree of protection is required to retain their inherent value.
- 9.12.3 The Tolo Pond Mangrove near Constellation Cove is zoned "CA" on the Plan in order to conserve its ecological value. The mangroves in this area are valuable habitats and should be protected from adverse effects of developments.
- 9.12.4 The inter-tidal ponds to the east and west of Tai Po Kau Headland consist of mangroves and mudflat which are the feeding habitats of egrets and herons. They represent the remaining semi-natural coastlines in Tolo Harbour worthy of protection.
- 9.12.5 There is another "CA" in Pai Mun Shan located in Area 40 of the Plan adjacent to the Tai Po Kau Nature Reserve. Mature woodlands and vegetated middle hill slopes which are worth preserving are found in this area. Its role as buffer zone and ecological linkage to other natural habitats should be well retained.

## 9.13 "Site of Special Scientific Interest" ("SSSI"): Total Area 43.50 ha

- 9.13.1 The planning intention of this zone is to conserve and protect the features of special scientific interest which are designated as Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and are important habitats for egrets and herons and for breeding of some rare butterflies which are protected under the Wild Animals Protection Ordinance. It intends to deter human activity or development within the SSSI. There is a general presumption against development in this zone. No developments are permitted unless they are needed to support the conservation of the features of special scientific interest in the SSSI, to maintain and protect the existing character of the SSSI, or for educational and research purposes.
- 9.13.2 There are two sites designated as "SSSI" on the Plan. The Fung Yuen Valley SSSI in Planning Area 29 was designated on 5 February 1980. The site is a well-forested ravine. Some rare plants are recorded in the site, e.g. *Illigera celebica* and *Aristolochia tagala*. The site is also an important breeding site for some rare butterflies.
- 9.13.3 The Tai Po Egretry, which is located at Planning Area 1 near Tai Po town centre, was designated as a SSSI on 13 August 1994. The site provides an important habitat for egrets and herons. The unique location of the SSSI and its closeness to the town centre provides an excellent opportunity to demonstrate the importance of wildlife conservation in the planning of the New Town.

# 9.14 "Country Park" ("CP"): Total Area 5.73 ha

9.14.1 The intention of this zone is to encourage passive recreation and tourism, protect vegetation and wildlife, preserve and maintain buildings and sites of historical or cultural significance and to provide facilities and services for the public enjoyment of the countryside. All uses and developments require consent from the Country and Marine Parks

Authority and approval from the Board is not required.

9.14.2 The zoned area is situated at Planning Area 38 on the southern side of the Tai Po New Town. The subject site is part of the Tai Mo Shan Country Park.

## 10. COMMUNICATIONS

## 10.1 Roads

- 10.1.1 The major road network, which comprises the trunk road (Tolo Highway) and major distributor roads, is shown on the Plan.
- Tolo Highway is intended for uninterrupted long-distance traffic and 10.1.2 forms part of the New Territories Circular Road system. It runs along the southern part of the Area and provides high-speed links to the Main Urban Areas and other parts of the New Territories. To cope with the growing traffic demand in the north-eastern region of the New Territories and those due to the cross boundary traffic movements on Tolo Highway, the Tolo Highway will be was widened from dual 3-lane to dual 4-lane in two stages. A 5.4km long section of Tolo Highway between Sha Tin Ma Liu Shui Interchange and Island House Interchange Tai Po-was widened from dual 3-lane to dual 4-lane and completed in August 2003. Another 5.7km long section of Tolo Highway between Island House Interchange and Tai Hang commenced in August 2009 and was completed in March 2014. A 3.0km long section of Fanling Highway between Tai Hang and Wo Hop Shek Interchange is beingwas also widened from dual 3-lane to dual 4-lane-Construction commenced in July 2013 for completion of the major works in and completed in 2019.
- 10.1.3 Access from Tolo Highway to the distributor roads system is provided at the Island House Interchange, the Tai Po South and North Interchanges. An access road linking the northern part of Pak Shek Kok reclamation area and the northbound carriageway of Tolo Highway was completed in 2003.

## 10.2 Railway

Tai Po is served by the East Rail which provides an important transport link between the Area, Kowloon and the eastern part of the New Territories. There are two railway stations serving the Area, one in Planning Area 6 (Tai Po Market Station) and the other in Planning Areas 3 and 23 (Tai Wo Station).

## 10.3 <u>Public Transport</u>

Public transport interchange facilities are provided at the two railway stations in Planning Area 6 and Planning Areas 3 and 23. A major bus terminus is provided in Planning Area 4 to serve the town centre developments whilst another one is located within the Tai Po Industrial Estate in Planning Area 26 to serve the industrial workers. Bus and minibus termini are also provided within

public housing estates and peripheral development areas.

## 10.4 Pedestrian and Cycle Networks

A comprehensive network of segregated cycle tracks and footpaths has been planned for the Area, which links all major land-use elements and provides links with the surrounding countryside. The cycle track network along Ting Kok Road, the section of Tolo Highway between Tai Po and Ma Liu Shui and within the town centre has been developed.

## 11. <u>UTILITY SERVICES</u>

## 11.1 Water Supply

Fresh water supply is provided by the existing treatment works Tai Po Water Treatment Works at Planning Area 21 via Tai Po Tau Fresh Water Primary Service Reservoir and eight other secondary service reservoirs and water tanks located at various locations of the Area. Salt water supply for flushing is provided by Tai Po Salt Water Pumping Station via two salt water service reservoirs at Pun Chun Yuen and Ha Hang.

## 11.2 <u>Sewerage and Drainage Facilities</u>

- 11.2.1 There is existing public sewerage in the major parts of the Area. The existing sewerage system collects and conveys sewage to Tai Po Sewage Treatment Works (STW) situated inside Tai Po Industrial Estate for treatment and disposal. To cater for the anticipated increase of sewage to be generated within the catchment area, phase I of the upgrading works for the STW has commenced in 2005 and was completed in 2010. Phase II of the upgrading works commenced in 2010 and was completed in 2014.
- 11.2.2 Provision of further public sewers within the Area has been planned under Stage I (Phase IIC) and Stage II of the "Tolo Harbour Sewerage of Unsewered Areas" project. Stage I, Phase IIC will include sewerage works at Tai Po Road (near Hong Lok Yuen) and 10 villages alongside Ting Kok Road, while Stage II will include those at Cheung Shue Tan, Tai Po Mei, Lin Au, Tai Po Tau, Fung Yuen, CARE Village, Shan Tong New Village, Ha Wong Yi Au, Wong Nai Fai, Ma Wo, Ha Wun Yiu and San Uk Ka. The Stage I, Phase IIC sewerage works commenced in 2009 was completed in 2015.—The Stage II works are planned is scheduled for completion in 2021phases. Stage II, Phase I sewerage works at Shan Tong New Village and Ha Wun Yiu was completed in 2018, while Stage II, Phase II sewerage works at CARE Village and Ha Wong Yi Au were commenced in 2020 for completion in 2024. The sewerage works in remaining phases of Stage II including Cheung Shue Tan, Tai Po Mei, Lin Au, Tai Po Tau, Fung Yuen and Wong Nai Fai, Ma Wo, San Uk Ka are scheduled for completion in *2030*.
- 11.2.3 Drainage improvement works for the existing drainage systems in Tai

Po urban area and for Upper Tai Po River (near Wun Yiu) have been recommended in the "Stormwater Drainage Master Plan Study in Sha Tin and Tai Po" which is under the project "Drainage Improvement Works in Tai Po". The drainage improvement works in Tai Po urban area was completed in 2009, while the works for Upper Tai Po River was completed in 2012.

## 11.3 Electricity

The Area is currently supplied with electricity. Additional electricity supply can be provided to cater for future development in the Area by expanding the existing electricity network. Since there are 132kV and 400kV high voltage overhead lines passing through some regions inside the Area. Relevant guidelines in Chapter 7 of the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines regarding building developments in the vicinity of the 132kV and 400kV overhead lines and the corresponding safety clearances from these lines should be observed.

## 11.4 Gas Supply

There are existing town gas distribution network and piped liquefied petroleum gas systems in the Area and should be adequate to meet the demand of gas supply.

## 11.5 <u>Telephone Service</u>

There are three existing telephone exchanges located in Planning Areas 1 and 17, and Ting Kok respectively. These should be adequate in meeting the demand for telephone services.

## 12. <u>CULTURAL HERITAGE</u>

12.1 Several sites of archaeological interest (SAIs) are located within the Area, namely Cheung Shue Tan Site of Archaeological Interest, Tai Po Kau Stone Circle Site of Archaeological Interest, Wun Yiu Site of Archaeological Interest, Wun Yiu Trackway Site of Archaeological Interest and Shek Kwu Lung Site of Archaeological Interest. Also, the Wai Tau Site of Archaeological Interest is situated in the close vicinity of the Area. There are seven eight declared monuments located within the Area. The declared monuments are Old District Office North, Island House, Old Tai Po Police Station, Wun Yiu Pottery Kilns at Wun Yiu Village, Old Tai Po Market Railway Station, Man Mo Temple, Fan Sin Temple and King Law Ka Shuk. There are also graded and proposed graded historic buildings within the Area. On 19 March 2009, the Antiquities Advisory Board (AAB) released the list of 1,444 historic buildings, in which some buildings within the area have been given proposed accorded gradings. All the monuments, graded and proposed graded declared historic buildings/structures and sites of archaeological interestSAIs are worthy of preservation. The AAB also released a list of new items in addition to the list of 1,444 historic buildings. These items are subject to grading assessment by the AAB. Details of the list of 1,444 historic buildings and the new items have been uploaded onto the official website of the AAB at http://www.aab.gov.hk.

12.2 If there are any buildings/structures both at grade level and underground which were built on or before 1969, Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) of the Development Bureau (DEVB) should be alerted in an early stage or once identified. Prior consultation with the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department should be made if any works, developments, redevelopments or rezoning proposals may might affect the above sites of archaeological interestSAIs, declared monuments, graded and proposed graded historic buildings/structures, new items pending grading assessment and their immediate environs as well as any other historic buildings/structures identified. If disturbance to the SAIs is unavoidable, prior agreement with AMO should be made on any measures for the protection of the SAIs, e.g. whether detailed Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) is required. AIAAn Assessment shall be conducted to evaluate the archaeological impact imposed by the proposed works if there is any development within the site of archaeological interest. If necessary, a qualified professional archaeologist shall be engaged to apply for a licence from the Antiquities Authority under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53) for an archaeological-field investigation to evaluate whether the proposed works is acceptable from an archaeological preservation point of view and propose appropriate mitigation measures. A proposal of the AIA shall be submitted to AMO for agreement prior to applying for the licence. Subject to the findings of AIA, appropriate mitigation measures shall be fully implemented by the project proponent in consultation with AMO.

### 13. IMPLEMENTATION

- 13.1 Although existing uses non-conforming to the statutory zonings are tolerated, any material change of use and any other development/redevelopment must be always permitted in terms of the Plan or, if permission is required, in accordance with the permission granted by the Board. The Board has published a set of guidelines for the interpretation of existing use in the urban and new town areas. Any person who intends to claim an "existing use right" should refer to the guidelines and will need to provide sufficient evidence to support his claim. The enforcement of the zonings mainly rests with the Buildings Department, the Lands Department and the various licensing authorities.
- 13.2 This Plan provides a broad land-use framework within which more detailed non-statutory plans for the Area are prepared by the Planning Department. These detailed plans are used within the Government as the basis for public works planning and site reservation within the Government. Disposal of sites is undertaken by the Lands Department. Public works projects are co-ordinated by the Civil Engineering and Development Department in conjunction with the client departments and the works department, such as the Highways Department and the Architectural Services Department. Implementation of these public works projects will be subject to the availability of resources. In the course of implementation of the Plan, the Tai Po District Council would also be consulted as appropriate.
- 13.3 Planning applications to the Board will be assessed on individual merits. In general, the Board's consideration of the planning applications will take into account all relevant planning considerations which may include the departmental

outline development plans/layout plans, and guidelines published by the Board. The outline development plans and layout plans are available for public inspection at the Planning Department. Guidelines published by the Board are available from the Board's website, the Secretariat of the Board and the Technical Services Division of the Planning Department. Application forms and Guidance Notes for planning applications can be downloaded from the Board's website and are available from the Secretariat of the Board; and the Technical Services Division and the relevant District Planning Office of the Planning Department. Applications should be supported by such materials as the Board thinks appropriate to enable it to consider the applications.

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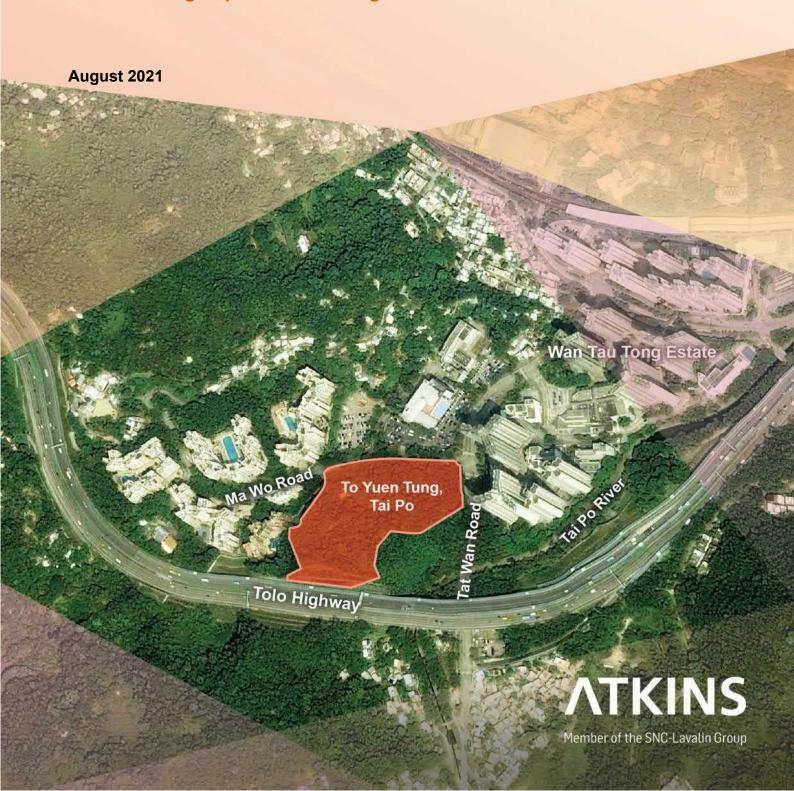


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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Project Background

- 1.1.1 In accordance with the 2017 Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced that the Government will continue to rezone sites, increase development intensity and conduct holistic land use reviews to make optimal use of land.
- 1.1.2 To meet this policy objective, a number of potential public housing sites have been identified by the Government and the site at To Yuen Tung of Tai Po (the Site) is one of these potential sites. The Site is currently zoned "Green Belt" ("GB") on the approved Tai Po Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/TP/28. Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) is tasked to conduct an Engineering Feasibility Study (EFS) to determine the scope of the Infrastructure Works including site formation works to form the Site for public housing development, to assess the various impacts due to the provision of the public housing development and its associated infrastructures and to recommend the mitigation measures to keep the potential impacts to a minimum and within the acceptable level of the current standard / regulation. The EFS shall take into account the cumulative demands / impacts from adjoining existing, planned and committed developments to establish the recommended Infrastructure Works and the required mitigation measures. Under this Assignment, deliverables are to be produced to confirm the technical feasibility of the development so as to support the statutory plan amendment for the Site. Outputs of this Assignment shall also satisfy the requirements of the relevant departments, authorities and organizations. The Site Location Plan and Master Layout Plan of the Site are shown in **Figure 1.1** and **Figure 1.2** respectively.
- 1.1.3 The Site is generally a densely vegetated hillside with light density of residents of To Yuen Tung Village. The Site is identified as having potential to be rezoned for residential use in order to help meet the housing production target.

## 1.2 Scope of the Project

1.2.1 This Project is to conduct for timely completion of all the necessary studies, inquiries and assessments for the required EFS for the purpose of examining the engineering feasibility of developing public housing at To Yuen Tung and supporting the statutory plan amendment for the Site and coming up with the recommended Infrastructure Works and the respective implementation schedules supporting timely the proposed developments at the Site.

## 1.3 Purpose of the Report

- 1.3.1 The "Planning Report for Rezoning Exercise" (this Report) shall consist of the following:
  - (a) essential information to identify the possible problems, introduce the assessment methodologies, illustrate the analyses, summarize the findings and propose mitigation measures / recommended works. The interim deliverables have to be satisfied by relevant departments that there would be no insurmountable impact arising from the Development including, but not limited to, the following aspects:



- i. Traffic impact
- ii. Drainage impact
- iii. Sewerage impact
- iv. Water supply impact
- v. Natural terrain hazards
- vi. Geological and geotechnical appraisal assessment
- vii. Environmental impact
- viii. Quantitative risk assessment
- ix. Landscape and Visual impact
- x. Ecological impact
- xi. Air ventilation impact
- xii. Impact on cultural heritage (if any)
- (b) a layout plan to illustrate the proposed public housing development, and other government, institutional and community (GIC) facilities within the Site to support the OZP amendments based on the result of the technical assessments.



### 2. SUBJECT SITE AND ITS SURRONDING CONTEXT

## 2.1 Subject Site and Its Surrounding Area

- 2.1.1 The Site in To Yuen Tung is bounded immediately to the north by Ma Wo Road, to the east by Tat Wan Road, to the south by Tolo Highway and a knoll, and to the west by Ma Shing Path and The Balmoral (a private residential development).
- 2.1.2 The Site is generally a sloping site covered by vegetation. The lowest point is at the northeast corner (+14mPD) and the highest point is at the top of the natural slope (+62mPD). The Site contains a number of registered slope features. There are a number of concrete footpaths within the Site that lead to a few village settlements, abandoned cultivated areas, urn graves, and graves. There are no streams or water bodies identified within the Site.
- 2.1.3 The site boundary has been reviewed at the beginning of this Feasibility Study. In order to better utilize the Site for housing development, the site boundary near the junction of Ma Wo Road and Tat Wan Road has been slightly extended.
- 2.1.4 The Site is bounded by Ma Wo Road, Tat Wan Road, Tolo Highway and Ma Shing Path to the north, east, south and west respectively. There is a knoll to the southeast of the Site which is considered not suitable for housing development due to the following observations/constraints:
  - The knoll is covered with dense trees and vegetation, hence further enlarge the site for development will require cutting more trees and woodland;
  - There are 10 trees of species of conservation interest (i.e. *Aquilaria sinensis* and *Ixonanthes reticulata*) located immediately outside the site boundary. They would not be affected under the current proposed site boundary;
  - Existing graves are found at the top of the knoll and near Tat Wan Road;
  - There is more than 30m level difference between the Tolo Highway and the ground level near Tai Po River, hence substantial site formation works is required if the site boundary is extended to the southeastern side;
  - Part of the southern portion of the knoll near the Tolo Highway falls within the Ha Wun Yiu Village Environs Boundary; and
  - The existing knoll may act as a topographic noise barrier to the future development.

## 2.2 Statutory Planning Context

- 2.2.1 The Site currently falls within an area zoned "GB" on the approved Tai Po OZP No. S/TP/28. The prevailing OZP is shown on the **Figure 2.1**.
- 2.2.2 The planning intention of "GB" zone is primarily for defining the limits of urban and sub-urban development areas by natural features and to contain urban sprawl as well as to provide passive recreational outlets. There is a general presumption against development within this zone.



## 2.3 Site Accessibility

- 2.3.1 The Site is located at the north of the Tolo Highway and bounded by Ma Wo Road, Tat Wan Road, and Ma Shing Path.
- 2.3.2 The adjacent housing estates and bus terminus are currently linked up by at-grade walkway system along Tat Wan Road. The existing walkway network connecting Wan Tau Tong Estate and its bus terminal to the Site's northeast, Uptown Plaza and the PTI next to the Tai Po Market MTR Station to its north. The walkway network could further extend to Kwong Fuk Road, Po Heung Street and Wan Tau Street by the at-grade pedestrian crossings.
- 2.3.3 There is GMB stop (Route No. 20S) adjacent to the Site along Ma Wo Road. There are also bus terminuses at Wan Tau Tong Estate and Tai Po Market MTR Station locating at around 500m and 950m walking distance away from the Site respectively. The existing bus/ GMB terminus outside MTR station provides services of 12 bus routes, 13 green mini-bus routes. There is also a taxi stand located outside the Exit B of Tai Po Market MTR Station.
- 2.3.4 The GMB route no. 20S which stops at Ma Wo Road currently providing feeder service to the Tai Po Market MTR Station.
- 2.3.5 There is a taxi stand located near the bus terminus of Wan Tau Tong Estate. The taxi stand could accommodate maximum of 2 taxis.
- 2.3.6 Public transport facilities and pedestrian connectivity serving the proposed Development is illustrated in **Figure 2.2**.

#### 2.4 Land Status

2.4.1 The majority of the Site falls within unallocated Government Land and some Government Land Licenses without formal allocation. Therefore, consent from the relevant authorities as well as the tenants and the allocatees should be sought before commencement of works. Under this Project, the proposed Site Formation and Infrastructure Works will be carried out at both government lands and private lands. Therefore, land acquisition of private land is required. **Table 2.1** below summarizes the private lands to be affected.

**Table 2.1 Affected Land Lots** 

| Lot ID      | Type of Land | Estimated area within the Site (m²) |
|-------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| DD22 Lot845 | Private Lot  | 484                                 |
| DD22 Lot846 | Private Lot  | 277                                 |
| DD22 Lot847 | Private Lot  | 244                                 |
| DD22 Lot848 | Private Lot  | 1034                                |

2.4.2 Lengthy site clearance process of the To Yuen Tung Village and graves may delay the project implementation programme and mitigation measures will be proposed to avoid unnecessary delay.



2.4.3 To Yuen Tung Village under the Rural Representative Election Ordinance (Cap. 576) is located with the Site. Consultation with the Tai Po Rural Committee is required.

#### 3. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

### 3.1 Site Formation Layout

- 3.1.1 The Site's elevations range from about +14mPD to +62mPD. Therefore, to create a platform(s), given the site's current conditions, will require lots of earthworks and retaining structures. These can be costly, lengthen the programme and create lots of excess spoil. The use of soil nails and L-shaped retaining walls will allow the slopes to be steeper, but these solutions have a large footprint that may extend beneath the platform area. Therefore, the future residential buildings cannot be placed over the footprint due to their foundations potentially clashing with the soil nails or base of the L-shaped retaining wall.
- 3.1.2 The platform options have been evaluated by a comprehensive analysis with a quantitative multi-criteria approach. The key criteria have been identified according to the project requirement and objectives.
- 3.1.3 After reviewing different consideration of the option alternatives, the option with three platforms with levels of +27.3mPD, +20.5mPD and +14.5mPD is recommended as the preferred platform option. Site formation works compose of slope cutting with soil nails and retaining walls have been proposed to maximise the developable area. The proposed site formation layout and sections are shown in **Figures 10.1 to 10.3**.

### 3.2 Preliminary Development Layout

- 3.2.1 According to the preliminary development layout as shown in **Figure 1.2**, three housing blocks with a maximum height of **+135mPD** are proposed on the podium where retail, kindergarten and other ancillary facilities will be accommodated. Social welfare facilities are proposed to be accommodated at the base of one of the housing blocks. Adequate open space will also be provided to the residents at podium garden. A carpark block with a height of **+56mPD** and an 18-classroom primary school with a height of **+49mPD** are also proposed along the Ma Shing Path to minimise the visual impact to the adjacent private development to the west.
- 3.2.2 The Site is surrounded by residential and GIC developments and major roads (**Figure 3.1**). Vehicles accessing the Site will travel via the development access at Ma Wo Road either heading northward to Nam Wan Road, Kwong Fuk Road, Po Heung Street, Tai Po Tai Wo Road and Ting Kok Road or heading southward to Tolo Highway to/from other districts. The proposed development is considered compatible with the surrounding developments.
- 3.2.3 The preliminary development parameters are summarized in **Table 3.1**.

**Table 3.1 – Development Parameters** 

| Parameters |                 |  |
|---|-----------------|--|
| Site Area:  |                 |  |
| EFS Study Area  | Approx. 3.64 ha |  |
| Net Site Area (Proposed Housing Site)   | Approx. 1.51 ha |  |
| Maximum Building Height (in mPD)  | +135mPD         |  |
| Maximum Permitted Plot Ratio:   |                 |  |
| Total Plot Ratio  | 6.8             |  |
| Domestic Plot Ratio   | 6.5             |  |
| Non-Domestic Plot Ratio <sup>(1)</sup>  | 0.3             |  |
| Maximum Gross Floor Area (GFA):   |                 |  |



| Parameters               |  |  |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| 102,680m <sup>2</sup>    |  |  |
| 98,150m <sup>2</sup>     |  |  |
| 4,530m <sup>2</sup>      |  |  |
| 850m <sup>2</sup>        |  |  |
| 2,800m <sup>2</sup>      |  |  |
| 880m²                    |  |  |
| 7,500m <sup>2</sup>      |  |  |
| Approx. 41m <sup>2</sup> |  |  |
| About 2,400              |  |  |
| About 6,480              |  |  |
|                          |  |  |

Remarks:

- (1) Floor space constructed or intended for use solely as GIC facilities and ancillary parking facilities are excluded from PR/GFA calculation.
- (2) Details of welfare facilities to be provided are subject to review and will be determined by relevant departments at detailed design stage.
- (3) 10% design buffer has been considered in the technical assessments to allow flexibility at later design stage.
- 3.2.4 The list of proposed welfare facilities is summarized in **Table 3.2**.

**Table 3.2 – Proposed Welfare Facilities** 

| No. | Proposed Welfare Facilities <sup>(1)</sup>                                 |
|-----|--|
| 1   | Neighbourhood Elderly Centre   |
| 2   | 100-p Residential Care home for Elderly (RCHE)                             |
| 3   | Parents/ Relatives Resources Centre  |
| 4   | A set of office base for on-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services (OPRS) |
| 5   | 60-p Special Child Care Centre (SCCC)                                      |
| 6   | 100-p Child Care Centre (CCC)  |
| 7   | Specialised Co-parenting Support Centre (New Territories East Cluster)     |
| 8   | 60-p Day Care Centre for the Elderly (DE)                                  |

Remarks:

- (1) Social welfare facilities will be subject to detailed design by HD in consultation with relevant Government departments.
- 3.2.5 Traffic improvement works have been proposed based on the traffic impact assessment in this study. They include the improvement works to Ma Shing Path and 3 road junctions as indicated in **Figure 3.2**. The findings of the traffic impact assessment for the development are detailed in Section 4 below.
- 3.2.6 The proposed development scheme achieves an optimised balance between environmental impacts and urban design with the following merits:
  - The three public housing blocks (including welfare facilities in Block C) are located away from Tolo Highway such that noise impact from the heavy traffic is less severe.
  - Locating the three public housing blocks along the northern edge of the Site also permits the smallest impact on the existing knoll covered with dense vegetation.
  - The proposed 18-classroom school site situated at the southwest of the Site
    with a smaller building mass serves as a buffer between the proposed public
    housing development and the adjacent private development to the west.



- 3.2.7 Technical assessments conducted have demonstrated that the proposed development is feasible from traffic and transport, environmental and ecology, air ventilation, geotechnical, landscape and visual, as well as utility service perspectives. The findings of these assessment have confirmed that the proposed development would not cause insurmountable problems. The findings of the technical assessments for the development are detailed in Sections 4 to 17 below.
- 3.2.8 The anticipated completed year of site formation works is 2029, while the anticipated completed year for the Development is 2032/2033.



## 4. PRELIMINARY TRAFFIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT

#### 4.1 Introduction

- 4.1.1 This assessment aims to assess the adequacy of the existing transport infrastructure and networks and to forecast new provisions or improvement works required to support the proposed development.
- 4.1.2 The study area covers the major junctions along Ma Wo Road, Tat Wan Road, Nam Wan Road, Po Heung Street, Kwong Fuk Road, Tai Po Tai Wo Road, Tai Po Road Yuen Chau Chai, Po Nga Road, Ting Kok Road and slip roads to Tolo Highway.

# 4.2 Approach and Methodology of the TIA

## Area of Influence (AOI)

4.2.1 The agreed Area of Influence (AOI) for assessment under this study is presented in **Figure 4.1**, which covers total of 14 key junctions and road links as listed in **Table 4.1** below.

Table 4.1 Identified Existing Key Junctions and Road Links with Junction Performance

| Ref. Location |  | Control    | RC/DFC (1) |         |  |
|---------------|--|------------|------------|---------|--|
| Ref.          |  |            | AM Peak    | PM Peak |  |
| J1            | Tat Wan Road / Slip Road from Tolo Highway   | Signal     | >300%      | >300%   |  |
| J2            | Tat Wan Road / Slip Road to Tolo Highway   | Signal     | 90%        | >300%   |  |
| J3            | Tat Wan Road / Ma Wo Road  | Signal     | 93%        | 109%    |  |
| J4            | Tat Wan Road / Nam Wan Road  | Signal     | 41%        | 44%     |  |
| J5            | Kwong Fuk Road Slip Road [Tai Po Road<br>Yuen Chau Chai/ Slip Road to Tolo<br>Highway] | Priority   | 0.63       | 0.57    |  |
| J6            | Kwong Fuk Road Roundabout  | Roundabout | 0.82       | 0.66    |  |
| J7            | Nam Wan Road / Kwong Fuk Road  | Signal     | -20%       | -6%     |  |
| J8            | Kwong Fuk Road/ Po Heung Street  | Signal     | 123%       | 89%     |  |
| J9            | Tai Po Tai Wo Road/ Nam Wan Road   | Signal     | 8%         | 26%     |  |
| J10           | Tai Po Tai Wo Road/ Po Heung Road  | Signal     | 63%        | 58%     |  |
| J11           | Tai Po Tai Wo Road/ Ting Kok Road  | Signal     | 37%        | 37%     |  |
| J12           | Tai Po Tai Wo Road/ Po Nga Road  | Signal     | -26%       | -22%    |  |
| J13           | Tat Wan Road / Fung Wan Road   | Signal     | 78%        | 123%    |  |
| J14           | Ma Wo Road / Ma Shing Path   | Priority   | 0.18       | 0.09    |  |

Remarks: (1) 'Reserve Capacity' (RC) for signal controlled junctions and 'Design Flow to Capacity' (DFC) Ratio for the priority controlled junctions. Negative RC below 0% and DFC over 1.00 indicates overload conditions.

#### Traffic Survey and Existing Junction Capacity Assessment

4.2.2 Manual classified traffic count surveys have been conducted on a normal weekday in May of 2018 during the morning and evening peak period at the identified key junctions and road links. The peak hour traffic of the local area would be occurred during 0730 to 0830 and 1745 to 1845 in the morning and evening periods respectively. Appropriate allowance for other factors such as daily and monthly variation and school holiday had been taken into account in the junction capacity assessment.



4.2.3 Junction capacity assessments were carried out at the key junctions as listed in **Table 4.1** based on the observed peak hour traffic flows. Most of the identified key junctions are operating with spare capacities during the peak hour periods except junctions of Nam Wan Road/ Kwong Fuk Road (J7) and Tai Po Tai Wo Road/ Po Nga Road (J12).

## Traffic and Transport Modelling

4.2.4 The background traffic forecasts for the design year 2039 were projected by applying a growth rate to the existing traffic flows obtained from traffic surveys taking into account the traffic generations of adjacent planned / committed developments. The growth rate was determined with reference to the historical traffic growth trend of the major roads in the vicinity of the proposed development, 2015-based Base District Traffic Model (BDTM) and 2016-based Territory Population and Employment Data Matrices (TPEDM) planning data of Tai Po area.

## Assumptions for Traffic Forecast

- 4.2.5 The anticipated completed year for the Development is on 2032/33, while the design completion year in the feasibility study is on 2033/34 for allowance of flexibility. For the purposes of the Study, it has been assumed that full occupation of the subject development will occur in 2034. Therefore, it is proposed to adopt 2039 (5 years after completion of the previous assumed in-take year) as the design year for this TIA study to produce conservative assessment results.
- 4.2.6 Furthermore, the major developments under planning within the local area will also be considered in the traffic forecast, including a private housing development (TPTL243) located at Ma Wo Road under construction and the proposed sports centre in Area 6.
- 4.2.7 Trip generation of the Development were estimated based on the proposed development schedule and relevant trip rates provided in 'Traffic Rates for Residential Developments at 95% Confidence Level' of the Transport Planning and Design Manual (TPDM) and the trip generation survey results. The traffic generations were then assigned to the surrounding road network and superimposed onto the reference traffic forecasts to create the design year forecasts for assessment at design years.

#### Provision on Public Transport Services

- 4.2.8 Provision of new services has been investigated in this study to cater for the future passenger demand to be generated by the Development.
- 4.2.9 The peak demand per direction of pedestrian trips would be the generation trip of 993 ped/30-minute during the morning peak hour. This peak pedestrian demand per direction will be adopted to derive the provision of public transport services for the Development during the peak period. As the development pedestrian trips would involve several transport modes, the estimated peak pedestrian trip has been further breakdown according to the overall population characteristics and modal split of Yat Nga Court, Tak Nga Court and King Nga Court presented in the 2011 Population Census results. It is assumed all the estimated pedestrian trips during peak 30-minute are made by the working population and students of the Development and its breakdown by transport mode are summarized in **Table 4.2**.



**Table 4.2-Pedestrian Generation by Transport Mode** 

| <u> </u>       |  |  |       |      |       |               |        |       |
|----------------|--|--|-------|------|-------|---------------|--------|-------|
| Population     | Pedestrian Trip                            | Development Pedestrian Trip by Transport Mode (ped/30-min) |       |      |       |               |        |       |
| Туре           | (ped/30-min) (1)                           | MTR  | Bus   | PLB  | Walk  | School<br>Bus | Others | Total |
| Modal Split of | Modal Split of Adjacent Housing Estate (2) |  |       |      |       |               |        |       |
| Working        | -  | 60.5%  | 21.0% | 3.5% | 6.7%  | -             | 8.2%   | 100%  |
| Student        | -  | 18.0%  | 22%   | -    | 45.0% | 9.0%          | 6.0%   | 100%  |
| The Developn   | nent                                       |  |       |      |       |               |        |       |
| Working        | 745  | 452  | 156   | 26   | 50    | 0             | 61     | 745   |
| Student        | 248  | 44   | 55    | 0    | 112   | 22            | 15     | 248   |
|                | Total                                      | 496  | 211   | 26   | 162   | 22            | 76     | 993   |

Remarks: (1) Breakdown of population type according to the population characteristics of Yat Nga Court, Tak Nga Court and King Nga Court as present in the 2011 Population Census results.

4.2.10 As the Site is located approx. 950m walking distance away from the nearest MTR station (Tai Po Market Station), the estimated MTR trips have been considered as Bus/ PLB trips for feeder services to the MTR station. According to the population census results, the proportion of PLB mode in the modal split of student trips have not provided. In order to produce a conservative assessment result, the mode of 'Others' for the student trip has been considered for estimating the PLB trip in this study. With the above estimated bus and PLB demand, the required public transport provision for serving the Development are tabulated in **Table 4.3**.

Table 4.3-Required Public Transport Provision During Peak 30-minute

| Public Transport<br>Type                    | Capacity (passenger/<br>service) | Estimated Passenger<br>Demand (1) | Required no. of Service |  |  |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| Bus   | 130                              | 211                               | 2                       |  |  |
| PLB   | 19                               | 41                                | 3                       |  |  |
| Additional Trip for MTR Feeder Services (2) |                                  |                                   |                         |  |  |
| Bus Feeder Service                          | 130                              | 496                               | 4                       |  |  |
| PLB Feeder Service                          | 19                               | 490                               | 27                      |  |  |

Remarks: (1) Passenger demand of Bus including the estimated pedestrian trips by 'Bus' in **Table 4.2**. Passenger demand of PLB including the estimated overall pedestrian trips by 'PLB' and 'Others' derived by student modal split. (2) Two scenarios of different mode of feeder services will be assessed for pedestrian trips by 'MTR' in **Table 4.2** 

- 4.2.11 The Site is located within walking distance to Wan Tau Tong Estate bus terminus and it is predicted that the bus or PLB passenger trips generated by the Development will walk to Wan Tau Tong Estate or via the bus/ PLB feeder service to other areas.
- 4.2.12 The result also revealed that additional 4 nos. of bus per 30mins or 27 nos. of PLB per 30 mins will be estimated to deal with the MTR passenger trips generated by the Development. Considering the additional traffic volume towards the nearby road network, it is anticipated that bus services will be recommended to accommodate the MTR passenger demand without additional PLB's services.
- 4.2.13 To cope with the future public transport demand of 748 passengers per 30-minute generated by the Site, 1 number of new franchised bus route is required. New feeder bus services to/from Tai Po Market MTR Station is proposed to discharge the passenger demand onto the nearest mass transit services. The proposed bus routes will be running in both western and eastern directions along Ma Wo Road from the Site and also serving the passenger demand of the local area along the proposed routes.



<sup>(2)</sup> Refer to the overall mode split of King Nga Court presented in the 2011 Population Census results.

# 4.3 Traffic Impact Assessment

4.3.1 The operational performance of roads, junctions and pedestrian facilities have been assessed based on the traffic forecast produced according to the procedures outlined in TPDM under both Reference (without the Development) and Design (with the Development) scenarios at the design years. Road link performance will be indicated in terms of volume-to-capacity (V/C) ratio. Junction performance will be indicated in terms of Reserve Capacity (RC) for signalized junctions and Design Flow-to-Capacity (DFC) Ratio for priority junctions.

## **Junction Operational Assessment**

4.3.2 Junction operational assessment has been carried out at the key junctions and road links for the year 2039 Reference and Design scenarios. The results of different assessment scenarios are shown in **Table 4.4.** 

|  | Table 4 | 4 Year | 2039. | Junction | Performance |
|--|---------|--------|-------|----------|-------------|
|--|---------|--------|-------|----------|-------------|

|      |  | RC/DFC (1) |          |         |          |  |
|------|--|------------|----------|---------|----------|--|
| Ref. | Location   | Reference  | Scenario | Design  | Scenario |  |
|      |  | AM Peak    | PM Peak  | AM Peak | PM Peak  |  |
| J1   | Tat Wan Road / Slip Road from Tolo Highway   | 223%       | 217%     | 184%    | 183%     |  |
| J2   | Tat Wan Road / Slip Road to Tolo<br>Highway  | 36%        | 280%     | 19%     | 212%     |  |
| J3   | Tat Wan Road / Ma Wo Road  | 30%        | 42%      | -4%     | 16%      |  |
| J4   | Tat Wan Road / Nam Wan Road  | 9%         | 11%      | -3%     | 3%       |  |
| J5   | Kwong Fuk Road Slip Road [Tai Po<br>Road Yuen Chau Chai/ Slip Road<br>to Tolo Highway] | 0.81       | 0.73     | 0.84    | 0.75     |  |
| J6   | Kwong Fuk Road Roundabout  | 1.60       | 0.83     | 1.65    | 0.83     |  |
| J7   | Nam Wan Road / Kwong Fuk Road  | -37%       | -26%     | -38%    | -26%     |  |
| J8   | Kwong Fuk Road/ Po Heung Street  | 79%        | 51%      | 76%     | 49%      |  |
| J9   | Tai Po Tai Wo Road/ Nam Wan<br>Road  | -19%       | -1%      | -19%    | -1%      |  |
| J10  | Tai Po Tai Wo Road/ Po Heung<br>Road   | 31%        | 27%      | 29%     | 26%      |  |
| J11  | Tai Po Tai Wo Road/ Ting Kok<br>Road   | 9%         | 9%       | 9%      | 9%       |  |
| J12  | Tai Po Tai Wo Road/ Po Nga Road  | -41%       | -37%     | -41%    | -37%     |  |
| J13  | Tat Wan Road / Fung Wan Road   | 34%        | 69%      | 18%     | 56%      |  |
| J14  | Ma Wo Road / Ma Shing Path   | 0.32       | 0.15     | 0.34    | 0.15     |  |

Remarks: (1) 'Reserve Capacity' (RC) for signal controlled junctions and 'Design Flow to Capacity' (DFC) Ratio for the priority controlled junctions. Negative RC below 0% and DFC over 1.00 indicates overload conditions.

4.3.3 As shown in the above table, seven of the identified key junctions, including the signal controlled junctions of Tat Wan Road/ Ma Wo Road (J3), Tat Wan Road/ Nam Wan Road (J4), Nam Wan Road/ Kwong Fuk Road (J7), Tai Po Tai Wo Road/ Nam Wan Road (J9), Tai Po Tai Wo Road/ Ting Kok Road (J11), Tai Po Tai Wo Road/ Po Nga Road (J12) and roundabout junction of Kwong Fuk Road roundabout (J6), would be operated approaching and/or over its capacity limit in year 2039 with the Development. However, the result also revealed that the junction capacity of junctions J7, J9, J11 and J12 with development traffic would be remained unchanged as compared with the case without the Development. In order to enhance the operational performance of the problematic junctions, improvement measures have been studied.



# Pedestrian Walkway Assessment

4.3.4 It is assumed majority of the pedestrian trip would be accessing the Site via the proposed walkway connecting the adjacent housing development. The Level-of-Service (LOS) of the key section of footpath along Ma Wo Road and Tat Wan Road as shown in **Figure 4.2** has also been assessed and summarised in the **Table 4.5**.

**Table 4.5 Footpath Performance** 

| Footpath | Peak Pedestrian<br>Demand (ped/hr) | Clear<br>Footpath<br>Width (m) | Effective<br>Footpath Width<br>(m) | Peak Pedestrian Flow<br>Rate (ped/min/m) | LOS (1) |
|----------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---------|
| P1       | 1,093                              | 2.5                            | 1.5                                | 12.14                                    | Α       |
| P2       | 246                                | 3.6                            | 2.6                                | 1.58                                     | Α       |
| P3       | 280                                | 4.5                            | 3.5                                | 1.33                                     | Α       |
| P4       | 201                                | 4.2                            | 3.2                                | 1.04                                     | Α       |
| P5       | 469                                | 4.0                            | 3.0                                | 2.60                                     | Α       |
| P6       | 434                                | 3.5                            | 2.5                                | 2.90                                     | Α       |
| P7       | 541                                | 2.8                            | 1.7                                | 5.31                                     | A       |

Remarks:

- (1) The LOS in the Highway Capacity Manual (HCM-version 2000) is the way to assess the width of footpath for pedestrian movements. The HCM LOS is primarily based on the density of people in a given space and has six levels. LOS A means pedestrians basically move in desired paths without altering their movements in response to other pedestrians. Walking speeds are freely selected, and conflicts between pedestrians are unlikely.
- 4.3.5 As shown in the assessment results in **Table 4.5**, all the key footpath sections will be operated with sufficient capacity to cater for the anticipated pedestrian demand of the Development. Therefore, the Development would be well served by the current walkway system.

## **Construction Traffic Impact Assessment**

4.3.6 Operational assessment has been carried out at the identified key junction and road links for the year 2029 Reference and Construction scenarios during the critical construction period while the highest traffic demand will be generated by the Site. The assessment results for the two scenarios are shown in **Table 4.6**.

Table 4.6 Year 2029 Junction Performance During Construction Stage

|      |  | Reserve Capacity |          |                       |         |  |  |
|------|--|------------------|----------|-----------------------|---------|--|--|
| Ref. | Location                                   | Reference        | Scenario | Construction Scenario |         |  |  |
|      |  | AM Peak          | PM Peak  | AM Peak               | PM Peak |  |  |
| J1   | Tat Wan Road / Slip Road from Tolo Highway | 257%             | 247%     | 234%                  | 224%    |  |  |
| J2   | Tat Wan Road / Slip Road to Tolo Highway   | 49%              | >300%    | 40%                   | 254%    |  |  |
| J3   | Tat Wan Road / Ma Wo Road                  | 41%              | 54%      | 37%                   | 50%     |  |  |

4.3.7 As shown in the above table, all the junctions along the construction traffic routing would be operated within its capacity limit in year 2029 during the critical construction stage. It is anticipated that the construction activities of the Site would not induce insurmountable traffic impacts on the surrounding road network.

#### 4.4 Mitigation Measures

4.4.1 As discussed in the TIA report, three of the identified key junctions (including Junctions J3, J4 and J6) will be operating over their capacities in the design year of 2039 with completion of the Development. Junction improvement proposals have



been studied to alleviate the foreseeable traffic problems.

## Junction J3 - Tat Wan Road/ Ma Wo Road

- 4.4.2 The junction of Tat Wan Road/ Ma Wo Road (J3) will be operating over its capacity in year 2039 with completion of the Development. It is proposed to widen the eastbound carriageway of Ma Wo Road as shown in **Figure 4.3** to enhance the operating capacity.
- 4.4.3 The junction will be improved by constructing an additional channeling island to separate the proposed split movements (i.e splitting the left-turn traffic movements at eastbound of Ma Wo Road eastbound) and provide refuge for pedestrian to wait. Setting back of existing road kerb is required in this proposal.

## Junction J4 – Tat Wan Road/ Nam Wan Road

- 4.4.4 The junction of Tat Wan Road/ Nam Wan Road (J4) will be operating over its capacity in year 2039 with completion of the Development. It is proposed to widen the northbound carriageway of Tat Wan Road as shown in **Figure 4.4** to enhance its operating capacity. Setting back of kerb is required in order to implement the road widening proposal. As such, the planter area at Tat Wan Road western side would be modified in order to maintain the current width of Tat Wan Road western footpath.
- 4.4.5 The junction will be improved by providing a longer queuing reservoir for the left-turn traffic of northbound of Tat Wan Road. Setting back of existing road kerb and minor amendment of road marking are required in this proposal.
- 4.4.6 Set back of northern kerb at Nam Wan Road will be required in order to provide adequate road space for two right-turn traffic from the northbound carriageway of Tat Wan Road. Adjacent general lay-by will be slightly shifted as shown in **Figure 4.4**.

## <u>Junction J6 – Kwong Fuk Road Roundabout</u>

- 4.4.7 Kwong Fuk Road roundabout junction (J6) will be operating over its capacity under 2039 Reference Case, and the junction capacity will be further dropped due to the induced additional development traffic. To reduce the traffic loading reaching the roundabout junction, an exclusive free flow traffic lane at the arm of Kwong Wang Street is proposed as shown in **Figure 4.5** to segregate Kwong Wang Street traffic heading to Tolo Highway direction from the roundabout junction.
- 4.4.8 To ensure a smooth traffic merging for Kwong Wang Street traffic from the proposed exclusive traffic lane to Tai Po Road (Yuen Chau Tsai) eastbound carriageway, the planter area at the north-eastern corner of the roundabout junction would be modified to accommodate the additional traffic lane at the road section of Tai Po Road (Yuen Chau Tsai) eastbound carriageway from its junction with Kwong Fuk Road roundabout junction to its junction with Tolo Highway.

## Vehicular Access and Proposed Lay-bys at Ma Wo Road and Ma Shing Path

- 4.4.9 One vehicular access of the Development is proposed at the north of the Site at Ma Wo Road, and Ma Shing Path will be designed to act as the access road to the proposed primary school.
- 4.4.10 In order to cater for the pick-up/drop-off demand to be generated by the proposed primary school located at the existing cul-de-sac of the Ma Shing Path, a general lay-by and related footpath are proposed on the eastern side of Ma Shing Path near the entrance of the proposed school.



4.4.11 Moreover, new provision of lay-by for intermediate bus stops would be provided at the north of the Development to provide the required services. The proposed length of lay-by could provide stacking space for one bus. The preliminary layout of the lay-bys are illustrated in **Figure 3.1**.

## Footpath to Graves

4.4.12 An existing footpath access to grave-concentrated area at the top of the knoll was identified within the study area. It is therefore proposed to re-provide a footpath outside the housing site boundary for access to the graves. Location of the proposed footpath is shown in **Figure 10.1**.

## 4.5 Summary

- 4.5.1 Junction operational assessment has been carried out for 14 key junctions and road links within the AOI for the design year of 2039. Out of which, 7 key junctions are assessed to be operated approaching and/or over capacity with the Development, but the junction capacity of 4 of them will remain unchanged as compared with the case without the Development. Hence, improvement measures are proposed for the remaining 3 problematic key junctions approaching and/or over their capacities due to the additional traffic generated by the Development (i.e. J/O Tat Wan Road/ Ma Wo Road (J3), Tat Wan Road/ Nam Wan Road (J4) and Kwong Fuk Road roundabout junction (J6)).
- 4.5.2 The junction operational assessment has also demonstrated that all the junctions along the construction traffic routing would be operated within their capacity limits in year 2029 during the critical construction stage. It is anticipated that the construction activities of the Site would not induce insurmountable traffic impacts on the surrounding road network.
- 4.5.3 To cater for the pick-up/drop-off demand to be generated by the proposed primary school located at the existing cul-de-sac of the Ma Shing Path, a general lay-by and related footpath are proposed on the eastern side of Ma Shing Path near the entrance of the proposed school.
- 4.5.4 The Site is located about 950m walking distance away from Tai Po Market Station, and it is anticipated that majority of future residents accessing the MTR Station will rely on feeder services. In order to cater for the public transport demand generated from the Development, the operation of franchised bus service on Ma Wo Road is recommended, and a 13m long lay-by is proposed at the north of the site on Ma Wo Road for an intermediate bus stop.
- 4.5.5 The pedestrian walkway assessment reveals that all the key footpath sections would be operated with sufficient capacity to cater for the anticipated pedestrian demand of the Development.
- 4.5.6 It is concluded that the Development is acceptable from traffic point of view with the implementation of the proposed traffic improvement schemes.



## 5. PRELIMINARY DRAINAGE IMAPCT ASSESSMENT

#### 5.1 Introduction

- 5.1.1 The preliminary Drainage Impact Assessment (DIA) intend to introduce a methodical and systematic approach to identify, assess and mitigate potential adverse drainage impacts, and develop an optimum drainage scheme to support the proposed development and infrastructure works.
- 5.1.2 Findings and recommendations of the DIA are presented in Preliminary Drainage Impact Assessment Report. A summary of the assessment is presented in sections below.

# 5.2 Methodology

5.2.1 The design criteria for this Assignment are based on standards as set out in the DSDs Stormwater Drainage Manual (SDM). Table 10 of the SDM provides the recommended design return periods based on flood levels for the various drainage systems, as shown in **Table 5.1**.

Table 5.1 Recommended Design Return Period

| Intensively Used Agricultural Land  | 2 – 5 Years |
|---|-------------|
| Village Drainage including internal Drainage System under a polder Scheme | 10 Years    |
| Main Rural Catchment Drainage Channels                                    | 50 Years    |
| Urban Drainage Trunk System   | 200 Years   |
| Urban Drainage Branch System  | 50 Years    |

5.2.2 According to SDM, the largest pipe size or the equivalent diameter in case of a box culvert will normally be less than 1.8 m for an "Urban Drainage Branch System" in which it collects runoff from the urban area and conveys stormwater to a trunk drain, river or sea. The existing drainage systems affected by the Project and proposed drains within the development are identified with pipe diameter less than 1.8m and are therefore classified as Urban Drainage Branch Systems, which should be designed with flood protection level of 50 years return period. Pipes with size or box culverts with an equivalent diameter equal to or larger than 1.8 m for an 'Urban Drainage Trunk System' and collects stormwater from branch drains and/or river inlets, and conveys the flow to outfalls in river or sea. The existing Tai Po River are identified with dimension greater than 1.8m pipe diameter and are therefore classified as Urban Drainage Trunk Systems, which should be designed with flood protection level of 200 years return period. The determination of flood levels in the Fluvial-Tidal Zone for this Assignment are based on standards as set out in the SDM. Table 11 of the SDM provides the recommended Cases I and II for the various flood level return period, as shown in Table 5.2.

Table 5.2 Determination of Flood Level in the Fluvial-Tidal Zone

| Flood<br>Level<br>Return<br>Period | Case I                            | Case II                           |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 200 years                          | 200-year rain + 10-year sea level | 10-year rain + 200-year sea level |
| 100 years                          | 100-year rain + 10-year sea level | 10-year rain + 100-year sea level |
| 50 years                           | 50-year rain + 10-year sea level  | 10-year rain + 50-year sea level  |



| Flood<br>Level<br>Return<br>Period | Case I                          | Case II                         |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 10 years                           | 10-year rain + 2-year sea level | 2-year rain + 10-year sea level |
| 5 years                            | 5-year rain + 2-year sea level  | 2-year rain + 5-year sea level  |
| 2 years                            | 2-year rain + 2-year sea level  | -                               |

# 5.3 Existing Drainage System

5.3.1 The Site falls within drainage catchment area of Tai Po River. Based on the DSD drainage record, there are existing 450mm to 675mm dia. drains along Ma Shing Road joining the existing two cells 3500(W) x 3350(H) box culvert at Ma Wo Road. The existing box culvert conveys the collected drainage along Ma Wo Road and Tat Wan Road which discharges into Tai Po River ultimately. At the southwest of the junction of Ma Wo Road and Tat Wan Road, there is an existing 300mm dia. drain via. catchpit SCH1000137 that receives surface runoff from the Study Area and conveys to the existing box culvert. Also, there is an existing 525mm dia. drain via. catchpit SCH1000021 at Tat Wan Road receives surface runoff from slopes behind the Site and conveys to the existing box culvert.

## 5.4 Potential Drainage Impacts

- 5.4.1 The condition of the existing drains from manholes SMH1047420 to SGJ1020120, which are the direct downstream of the proposed connection drain for the Development, is assessed.
- 5.4.2 It is noted that the existing downstream drains sizing from 450mm to 525mm dia. from manholes SMH1047420 to SMH1047422 and SMH1047423 to SMH1047427 would be under capacity after the additional discharge from the proposed Development.
- 5.4.3 According to the assessment, it is considered that the section of existing 450mm to 525mm dia. drains along Ma Shing Path will be overloaded after the Development and upgrading works is required to mitigate the impact. It is estimated that the Site will convey additional surface runoff to the existing box culvert of less than 1% of the design capacity of the existing two cells 2300(W) x 1800(H) and two cells 3500(W) x 3350(H) box culverts. The further downstream existing two cells 3500(W) x 3350(H) box culvert and Tai Po River has sufficient capacity to accommodate the additional drainage generated from the Development and upgrading works is considered not necessary.

# 5.5 Proposed Drainage System

- 5.5.1 New individual drains will be required to convey drainage flow from proposed school, carpark block and housing development respectively to the public drainage system.
- The proposed 600mm dia. drain will collect drainage from the proposed school and connect to existing manhole SMH1047422. At the proposed carpark block, the 300mm dia. drain will collect drainage and connect to existing manhole SMH1047424. The 600mm dia. drain is proposed at the new access road, connecting Ma Wo Road, to collect the drainage from the proposed housing development. The proposed 600mm dia. drain will run northwards and connect to existing box culvert at Ma Wo Road. Preliminary design drawing **Figure 5.1** shows the layout of the proposed drainage system for the Development.



- 5.5.3 As site formation works will take place within the Site, the existing catchpit SCH1000137 and downstream pipe connecting to the existing box culvert which are located northeast of the Site would be demolished. Additional surface runoff from the proposed slopes at the south of the Development will be collected into the existing catchpit SCH1000021 and the existing 525mm dia. pipe will convey the flow into the box culvert.
- 5.5.4 It is proposed to on-line upgrade the existing 450mm to 675mm dia. drains to sizes ranging 525mm to 750mm dia. in precast concrete pipes from manholes SMH1047420 to SGJ1020120. The proposed 375mm, 525mm, 300mm and 600mm dia. drains will convey surface runoff from the proposed slope, school, carpark block and housing development respectively to the existing drainage system. In addition, it is proposed to on-line upgrade the existing 300mm dia. drain to 450mm dia. precast concrete pipe from SMH1000071 to SMH1000072. The extent of upgrading works is as shown in **Figure 5.1.**
- 5.5.5 The drainage flow of the Site contributes insignificant amount to the design capacities of the existing box culvert below Ma Wo Road and Tai Po River and no adverse drainage impact is anticipated.

#### 5.6 Conclusion

- 5.6.1 Three new drains, including 14m of 525mm dia., 14m of 300mm dia., and 13m of 600mm dia. drains have been proposed to connect the drainage system from the school, carpark block and housing development respectively to the existing drainage at Ma Shing Path and Ma Wo Road.
- 5.6.2 Existing downstream drainage on Ma Shing Path have been assessed. About 100m of drainage on-line upgrading works from SMH1047420 to SGJ1020120 (existing pipes sizing from 450mm to 675mm dia.) is required along Ma Shing Path. About 30m of drainage on-line upgrading works of 300mm dia. drain to 450mm dia. Is required from SMH1000071 to SMH1000072.
- 5.6.3 The drainage flow of the Site contributes insignificant amount to the design capacities of the existing box culvert below Ma Wo Road and Tai Po River and no adverse drainage impact is anticipated.



## 6. PRELIMINARY SEWERAGE IMAPCT ASSESSMENT

## 6.1 Introduction

- 6.1.1 The preliminary Sewerage Impact Assessment (SIA) intend to introduce a methodical and systematic approach to identify, assess and mitigate potential adverse sewerage impacts, and develop an optimum drainage scheme to support the proposed development and infrastructure works.
- 6.1.2 Findings and recommendations of the SIA are presented in Preliminary Sewerage Impact Assessment Report. A summary of the assessment is presented in sections below.

## 6.2 Methodology

- 6.2.1 The SIA study has been carried out in accordance with EPD's Report No. EPD/TP 1/05 "Guidelines for Estimating Sewage Flows for Sewage Infrastructure Planning" (GESF). The recommended unit flow factors and peaking factors have been adopted to estimate the sewage flow.
- 6.2.2 The roughness values for slimed sewers or roughness value that suits the pipe material were adopted with reference to Table 5 of DSD's "Sewerage Manual Part 1".
- 6.2.3 The sewage flow of welfare facilities, parking facilities and retails are assumed to be 20% of the domestic flow of the Development and a design allowance of 10% has been included to cater for potential increase of sewage flow to suite the development of the Project.
- 6.2.4 Under 2016-based TPEDM, the study area of the SIA covers the PDZ 196, 197,198, 199 and 434. The trend of populations projection of years 2016, 2021, 2026, 2031, 2036 and 2041 for PDZ 196, 197,198, 199, and 434 has been studied.
- 6.2.5 The anticipated completion year including execution of investigation, design and construction of the site formation works and construction works by the HD is 2032/33. The population growth rate increases by 2.2% (by pro-rate of TBEDM 2031-year and 2036-year forecast) will be considered to study the impact of the existing and proposed sewerage system for the proposed design completion year of 2033/34.

## 6.3 Existing Sewerage System

6.3.1 Based on the DSD drainage record, there is an existing 225mm dia. sewer along Ma Shing Path and Ma Wo Road located next to the Site. Tai Yuen Sewage Pumping Station and Tai Po Sewage Treatment Works are located at the further downstream of the mentioned sewers.

#### 6.4 Potential Sewerage Impacts

- 6.4.1 It is noted that the existing downstream sewers, 225mm dia. sewer from manholes FMH1035446 to FMH1000348 and 600mm dia. sewer from manholes FMH1000349 to FMH1000326 and 900mm dia. Sewer from manholes FMH1000273 to FMH1000218 would be under capacity after the additional discharge from the proposed Development.
- 6.4.2 It is estimated that the Site will generate ADWF of about 1,952 m³/day, which is



approximate 1.6% of the design capacities of Tai Yuen Sewage Pumping Station and Tai Po Sewage Treatment Works, it is considered that the amount of additional sewage flow generated by the Site is insignificant and will not induce adverse sewerage impact.

## 6.5 Proposed Mitigation Measures

- 6.5.1 Following mitigation measures are proposed:
  - Construct around 70m of 375mm dia. duplicate sewer from manholes FMH1035446 to FMH1000351:
  - On-line upgrade around 135m of 225mm dia. sewer to 375mm dia. (from manholes FMH1000351 to FMH1000350);
  - Permanently divert the section of sewer from manholes FMH1000350 to FMH1000348, which encroaches the Site and are under capacity, by constructing around 55m of 375mm dia. new sewer from manholes FMH1000350 to FMH1000349 and demolish the existing sewer;
  - Online-upgrade around 350m of 600mm dia. sewer to 750mm dia. (from manholes FMH1000349 to FMH1000259).
  - Online-upgrade around 909m of 900mm dia. sewer to 1050mm dia. (from manholes FMH1000260 to FMH1000218).
- 6.5.2 The extent of upgrading works is as shown in **Figures 6.1 to 6.3**.
- 6.5.3 Also, the population growth factor (i.e. increased by 2.2%) has been taken into account in the design of mitigation measures.
- 6.5.4 The proposed sewerage improvement works would be carried out under the site formation works for the proposed housing development at To Yuen Tung. The management and maintenance of the proposed sewerage works would be carried out by relevant government departments.

## 6.6 Conclusion

- 6.6.1 A preliminary sewerage study has been undertaken for the Site falling within the sewerage catchment of Tai Po Sewage Treatment Works.
- 6.6.2 Existing downstream sewerage up to manhole FMH1000221 have been assessed. About 1422m of upgrading works from is required along Ma Shing Path, Ma Wo Road, Tat Wan Road and Nam Wan Road.
- 6.6.3 The sewage flow of the Site contributes insignificant amount to the design capacities of the existing Tai Yuen Sewage Pumping Station and Sewage Treatment Works and no adverse sewerage impact is anticipated.



## 7. PRELIMINARY WATER SUPPLY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

## 7.1 Introduction

- 7.1.1 The preliminary Water Supply Impact Assessment (WSIA) assessment aims to assess the short-term and long-term impacts on the water supply system arising from the proposed developments, formulate an achievable and cost-effective water supply proposal with implementation strategy to support the proposed developments.
- 7.1.2 The anticipated completed year for the Development is on 2032/33, while the design completion year in the feasibility study is on 2033/34 for allowance of flexibility.
- 7.1.3 Findings and recommendations of the WSIA are presented in Preliminary Water Supply Impact Assessment Report. A summary of the assessment is presented in sections below.

# 7.2 Methodology

7.2.1 The WSIA study has been carried out in accordance with WSD's DI No. 1309 and Manual of Mainlaying Practice 2012. The design parameters and peak demand factors have been adopted for the design of proposed water supply systems of the development as described below.

#### Water Supply Unit Demand

7.2.2 The following fresh and flushing water unit demands are adopted (shown in **Table 7.1**) in estimating the water demand of the development.

Table 7.1 Fresh and Flushing Water Unit Demand

| Davidonment Type     | Unit                   | Fresh       | Flushing      |       |  |  |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------|--|--|
| Development Type     | Unit                   | Fresh Water | Service Trade | Water |  |  |
| Domestic             |                        |             |               |       |  |  |
| Public Rental/       | l/h/d                  | 230*        | 50            | 70    |  |  |
| Subsidized Sale Flat |                        |             |               |       |  |  |
| Private R1           | l/h/d                  | 230         | 50            | 70    |  |  |
| Non-domestic         |                        |             |               |       |  |  |
| School               | l/h/d                  | 25          |               | 25    |  |  |
| J11 Community,       | l/h/d                  | 210         |               | 70    |  |  |
| Social & Personal    |                        |             |               |       |  |  |
| Services***          |                        |             |               |       |  |  |
| G/IC / Commercial    | I/m <sup>2</sup> GFA/d | 20          |               | 7     |  |  |
| Facilities**         |                        |             |               |       |  |  |
| Irrigation           |                        |             |               |       |  |  |
| Irrigation           | I/m <sup>2</sup> net/d | 7           |               |       |  |  |

Remarks:



<sup>\*</sup> Fresh water unit demand 230l/h/d is adopted for the public rental type government housing estates for conservative design.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Details of the / commercial facilities is not available during the preparation of the Report.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Commercial activities of J11 Community, Social & Personal Services in GESF Table T-2 is referred for the institutional staff.

## Service Reservoir Capacity

- 7.2.3 The service reservoir capacities required are as follows:
  - Fresh Water System 80% of mean daily demand for interconnected supply zones with critical consumers;
  - Flushing Water System 25% of mean daily demand.

# **Distribution Main Capacity**

- 7.2.4 The capacity of the distribution main should be sufficient for the following peak demands.
  - Fresh Water System 3 times mean daily demand;
  - Flushing Water System 2 times mean daily demand.

# Residual Head

- 7.2.5 Minimum residual heads at extremity of system:
  - Fresh Water System 20m (new developments), 30m (existing developments);
  - Flushing Water System 15m.

## Fire Fighting

7.2.6 The fire fighting requirement for the residential zone is 6,000m³/d. Adequacy for fire fighting is also checked for the distribution main under mean daily demand + fire fighting.

# 7.3 Existing Water Supply System

## Existing Fresh Water Supply System

- 7.3.1 The Site falls within the existing supply zone of existing Pun Chun Yuen Fresh Water Service Reservoir (FWSR). The existing Pun Chun Yuen FWSR has the design capacity of 68,000m³ (i.e. 80% of 85MLD mean daily demand) with Top Water Level (TWL) of +98.5mPD approximately. It is noted that the approx. mean output rate of Pun Chun Yuen FWSR was approximately 74MLD currently, based on the flow data from Sep 2017 to Aug 2018.
- 7.3.2 The existing capacity of the pump set of Tai Po FWPS which feed Pun Chun Yuen FWSR and Tai Po Tau FWSR is 260MLD and planned to be upgraded with capacity of 400MLD. The upgrading works is planned to be completed in 2021.
- 7.3.3 Under present condition, there is a DN250 fresh water main at Ma Wo Road, feeding the existing premises within the study area via the DN80 freshwater distribution main. The DN250 fresh water main is tee from the DN450 fresh water main running along Tat Wan Road with the source from Pun Chun Yuen FWSR.



## **Existing Salt Water Supply System**

- 7.3.4 The Site falls within the existing supply zone of existing Pun Chun Yuen Salt Water Service Reservoir (SWSR). The existing Pun Chun Yuen SWSR has the design capacity of 3,200m³ (i.e. 25% of 12.8MLD mean daily demand) with Top Water Level (TWL) of +80mPD approximately.
- 7.3.5 The maximum output of Tai Po Salt Water Pumping Station (Tai Po SWPS) is 37MLD (i.e. 3 nos. pump set, 2D+1S), with capacity of 194L/s @ 91m head. The salt water is drawn from Tolo Harbour to distribute to consumers and feed various salt water reservoirs including Pun Chun Yuen SWSR and Ha Hang SWSR. The average daily output of Tai Po SWPS was approx. 28.21MLD based on the flow data from Dec 2018 to Feb 2019.
- 7.3.6 No existing salt water distribution main is identified within the Site.
- 7.3.7 It is noted that there is a DN200 salt water main at Ma Wo Road, tee from the DN250 salt water main running along Tat Wan Road with the source from Pun Chun Yuen SWSR.

## 7.4 Assessment to Water Demand

7.4.1 The fresh water and flushing water demands for the proposed development are estimated based on the residential population and land use. The breakdown of the demand projection is summarized in **Table 7.2** below.

Table 7.2 Summary of the Water Demands for proposed development

| Development                           | Estimated                            | Adopted                    | Fresh Water (I/h/d) |                  | Total Fresh<br>Water | Flushing         | Total Flushing           |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| Туре                                  | Population                           | Population* /<br>Area (m2) | Fresh<br>Water      | Service<br>Trade | Demand<br>(MLD)      | Water<br>(I/h/d) | Water<br>Demand<br>(MLD) |  |  |
| <b>Domestic Deman</b>                 | nd                                   |                            |                     |                  |                      |                  |                          |  |  |
| Public Housing                        | 6,480                                | 7,128*                     | 230                 | 50               | 1.996                | 70               | 0.499                    |  |  |
| Non-domestic I                        | Demand                               |                            |                     |                  |                      |                  |                          |  |  |
| School<br>(18-CR)                     | 540                                  | 594*                       | 25                  | -                | 0.015                | 25               | 0.015                    |  |  |
| Kindergarten<br>(6-CR)                | 180                                  | 198*                       | 25                  | -                | 0.005                | 25               | 0.005                    |  |  |
| School Staff                          | 59                                   | 64*                        | 210                 | -                | 0.014                | 70               | 0.005                    |  |  |
| G/IC Complex / Commercial Facility ** |                                      | TBC                        | -                   |                  | 0.399**              |                  | 0.100**                  |  |  |
| Irrigation                            |                                      |                            |                     |                  |                      |                  |                          |  |  |
| Irrigation                            |                                      | 6,000                      | 7                   |                  | 0.042                |                  |                          |  |  |
|                                       |                                      |                            | T                   | otal (MLD)       | 2.470                |                  | 0.623                    |  |  |
|                                       | Adopted Total Demand (MLD) 2.48 0.63 |                            |                     |                  |                      |                  |                          |  |  |

Remarks:

7.4.2 The estimated total Mean Daily Demand (MDD) of fresh water for the Development would be approximately 2.48MLD (i.e. 2,480m³/day). The estimated total Mean Daily



<sup>\*</sup> The projected population is derived from the estimated population provided by the user departments with inclusion of 10% variation for design flexibility.

<sup>\*\*</sup> For the demand of non-domestic facilities to be confirmed, an additional 20% of the domestic water demand is assumed for assessment in conservative.

Demand (MDD) of flushing water for the Development would be approximately 0.63MLD (i.e. 630m³/day).

# 7.5 Potential Water Supply Impacts

# Fresh Water Service Reservoir Capacity

7.5.1 Under 2016-based TPEDM, the supply zone of existing Pun Chun Yuen FWSR covers the PDZ 194~199 and 434. For assessment purpose, the said PDZ zones are adopted for the analysis of the water demand projections of Pun Chun Yuen FWSR. The trend of populations for years 2016, 2026, 2031, 2036 and 2041 have been summarized in **Table 7.3** below. The estimated domestic, commercial and institutional population would increase and there is decrease in the industrial population.

Table 7.3 Population and Fresh Water Demand Projection arising from Population Growth based on the TPEDM (Pun Chun Yuen FWSR)

|      | Domestic<br>Demand | Industrial<br>Demand | Commercial<br>Demand | Institutional Demand | Total<br>Population | Water<br>Demand<br>Projection |
|------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2016 | -                  | -                    | -                    | -                    | -                   | -                             |
| 2026 | 4%                 | -33%                 | 2%                   | 3%                   | 4%                  | 3%                            |
| 2031 | 1%                 | -41%                 | 0%                   | 3%                   | 1%                  | 0%                            |
| 2036 | -1%                | -48%                 | 1%                   | 5%                   | 1%                  | -1%                           |
| 2041 | -1%                | -49%                 | 3%                   | 5%                   | 1%                  | 0%                            |

- 7.5.2 Since the projected fresh water demand would be slightly decreased from Yr 2031 to 2036, condition under Yr 2031 is reviewed for conservative purpose. The mean daily fresh water demand to be fed by Pun Chun Yuen FWSR for Years 2026, 2031, 2036 and 2041 are projected based on the TPEDM.
- 7.5.3 It is noted that the existing Pun Chun Yuen FWSR with the total capacity of 68,000m<sup>3</sup> could meet the additional fresh water demand for the Site at To Yuen Tung after 2033/2034 intake year. The existing Pun Chun Yuen FWSR could also meet the additional fresh water demand with the consideration of the interfacing development at Ma Wo Road after intake in 2033/2034.

## Salt Water Service Reservoir Capacity

- 7.5.4 Under 2016-based TPEDM, the supply zone of existing Pun Chun Yuen SWSR covers the PDZ 196, 198~199 and 434. The PDZ zones are adopted for the analysis similar to section 7.5.1. The trend of populations for years 2016, 2026, 2031, 2036 and 2041 have been studied. The estimated domestic, industrial, commercial and institutional population would increase.
- 7.5.5 Since the projected salt water demand would be slightly decreased from Yr 2031 to 2036, condition under Yr 2031 is reviewed for conservative purpose. The mean daily flushing water demand to be fed by Pun Chun Yuen SWSR for Years 2026, 2031, 2036 and 2041 are estimated based on the TPEDM.
- 7.5.6 It is noted that the existing Pun Chun Yuen SWSR with the total capacity of 3,200m³ could meet the additional flushing water demand for Site at To Yuen Tung after 2033/2034 intake year. The existing Pun Chun Yuen SWSR could also meet the additional flushing water demand with the consideration of the interfacing



development at Ma Wo Road after intake in 2033/2034.

# 7.6 Proposed Mitigation Measures

## Fresh Water Supply System

7.6.1 The estimated mean daily fresh water demand of the Site is 2,480m³/day and the peak flow for the fresh water distribution main is 7,440m³/day (i.e. 0.0861m³/s). One connection of DN300 fresh water main is proposed to distribute the fresh water for the whole Site. Assuming there is no fire service flow, the estimated peak flow velocity of the proposed DN300 fresh water main is 1.379m/s approximately. A DN300 fresh water main is proposed to connect to the existing DN450 fresh water main at Tat Wan Road, to be fed from Pun Chun Yuen FWSR. Based on the preliminary hydraulic calculation, the estimated residual head for the development at level +27.3mPD at Ma Shing Path would be larger than 20m. The proposed fresh water mains are shown in **Figure 7.1**.

## Salt Water Supply System

- 7.6.2 The estimated mean daily flushing water demand of the Site is 630m³/day and the peak flow for the flushing water distribution main is 1,260m³/day (i.e. 0.0146m³/s). One DN150 salt water main is proposed to distribute the flushing water for the Site. The estimated peak flow velocity of the proposed DN150 flushing water main is 0.975m/s approximately.
- 7.6.3 A DN150 salt water main is proposed to connect to the existing DN250 salt water main at Tat Wan Road, fed by the existing Pun Chun Yuen SWSR. Based on the preliminary hydraulic calculation, the residual head for the development at level +27.3mPD at Ma Shing Path would be larger than 15m. The proposed salt water mains are shown in **Figure 7.2**.

## 7.7 Conclusion

7.7.1 With consideration of the above preliminary fresh and flushing water supply schemes, the proposed development at To Yuen Tung will not cause insurmountable impact to the proposed development. The fresh water and flushing water supply arrangements / details/ assessments are subject to further study and review among relevant departments in the investigation and design stage.



## 8. PRELIMINARY NATURAL TERRAIN HAZARD STUDY

#### 8.1 General

- 8.1.1 Preliminary assessment identifies a natural hillside upslope of the southeastern and eastern parts of the Site and comprises a rounded hilltop with planar to convex slopes below. The Site meets the Alert Criteria for a NTHS, set out in GEO Report 138 (2016), given that the angular elevation of the proposed facilities (Group 1a residential) to the natural hillside is greater than 20° and it is within 50 m of natural hillslopes with slope angles greater than 15°.
- 8.1.2 The Site and the NTHS study area are shown on **Figure 8.1**. The NTHS study area is natural terrain catchments located above the proposed cut slopes.

## 8.2 Screening for Natural Terrain Hazard Study

- 8.2.1 The latest site layout plan indicates the proposed site platform and associated cut slopes, and these are shown in **Figure 8.1**. The remaining natural terrain catchments which are located above the proposed cut slopes are screened for NTHS purposes.
- 8.2.2 The Site meets the 'Inclusion guidelines' for NTHS given that the proposed residential development comprises Facility Group 1a (in accordance with Table 2.2 in GEO Report No. 138, 2nd Edition (Ho & Roberts, 2016) and the Site has natural terrain sloping at >15° within 100m distance of the proposed facilities.
- 8.2.3 In addition, the 'Alert criteria' is met as the Site has an angular elevation to the natural terrain of >20° and lies within 50m of 'ground' sloping at >15°. **Figure 8.2** shows two profiles through the Site and study area. Angular elevation profiles of up to 24° are indicated based on the angles between the proposed development site boundary (proposed cut slope crest) and the natural hillside above.
- 8.2.4 Some localised portions of natural terrain within the site boundary do not form natural terrain catchments to the proposed development platform (i.e. they are not overlooking the development platform) and as such, these do not meet the Alert criteria and NTHS is not required. These areas are illustrated in **Figure 8.1**.

## 8.3 Natural Terrain Hazard Assessment

## Debris Flows (DF)

8.3.1 There are no well-defined depressions or drainage lines therefore it is considered that the hazard from DF is negligible.

## Open Hillslope Landslides (OHL)

8.3.2 The study area contains gently-inclined, rounded, gently concave or convex planar slopes composed of residual soil. There is no evidence of previous erosion or instability within the study area. Consequently, it is considered that the hazard from OHL is negligible.

#### Deep Seated Landslides (DSL)

8.3.3 There is no evidence of DSL based on the API and field mapping within the Site and natural terrain study area. There are no large landslide features based on the Scott



Wilson study (1999) in the vicinity of the study area. Consequently, it is considered that the hazard from deep seated landslides is negligible.

# Other Hazard Types - Rock Fall (RF) & Boulder Fall (BF)

- 8.3.4 GEO Report No. 138 (Ho & Roberts, 2016), states that "For boulders affecting new developments, it is necessary to establish that there would be a significant risk before any further action is taken to deal with the boulders." In the context of boulder falls, the term "significant risk" should mean that a Group 1, 2 or 3 facility is at risk, and ".... the presence of potentially unstable boulders, as evidenced by any known signs of potential boulder falls from API or field inspection (e.g. accumulation of recent boulder falls at the hillslope toe), or boulder field with known instability, as evidenced by past boulder fall records, on the hillside close to the new development."
- 8.3.5 Except for a few locally exhumed corestones, there are no boulders within the study area from API and field inspections. Furthermore, those features are all embedded and stable. Given that there are no recorded boulder falls within the study area, and no boulder fields with known instability, it is considered that the hazard from rock fall and boulder fall is negligible.
- 8.3.6 Consequently, it is considered that the hazard from landslides or rock/boulder falls in the study area is negligible.

# 8.4 Special Consideration for Dealing with Planar Hillside Catchments

- 8.4.1 According to Section 2.3.6 of GEO Report No. 138 (2nd Edition), the requirement for NTHS would not be imposed on new development sites if the principles (shown below) are met with respect to planar hillside catchments. The principles are:
  - a. the hillside catchment(s) directly overlooking the site is planar in nature, i.e. devoid of topographic depressions or drainage lines;
  - the natural hillside overlooking the subject site has an angular elevation of <25° (i.e. the first criterion regarding angular elevation of the Alert Criteria is relaxed from 20° to 25°; the second criterion regarding ground slope angle remains unchanged);</li>
  - c. there are no recent ENTLI records and reported landslide incidents within and in the immediate vicinity of the hillside catchment(s);
  - d. there are no Class A and B relict ENTLI records within and in the immediate vicinity of the hillside catchment(s);
  - e. there are no obvious signs of distress (e.g. tension crack) within and in the immediate vicinity of the hillside catchment(s) from API or vantage point observations; and
  - f. there are no obvious signs of boulder fall hazard or evidence of severe surface erosion within and in the immediate vicinity of the hillside from a review of aerial photographs. An example would be to see if there are any recent boulder falls



on the hillslope by reviewing different years of aerial photos (e.g. year 1963 for baseline and recent years for latest conditions).

8.4.2 For the study area, all of the principles are met except item (b) (given that this Site has an angular elevation profile of 24°) and item (d) given the presence of ENTLI Class B relicts to the south of the study area. Therefore, based on Section 2.3.6 of GEO Report No. 138 (2nd Edition), the special considerations for dealing with planar hillside catchments are not satisfied.

# 8.5 Summary

- 8.5.1 The NTHS concludes that natural terrain hazards to the Site are negligible. As such, a strategy to mitigate natural terrain hazards is not considered necessary for the Site.
- 8.5.2 The scope of NTHS should be further reviewed when detailed layout of the proposed development is available in the subsequent stage for detailed screening of natural terrain hazards.



# 9. PRELIMINARY GEOLOGICAL AND GEOTECHNICAL APPRAISAL ASSESSMENT

#### 9.1 Introduction

- 9.1.1 The preliminary Geological and Geotechnical Appraisal Assessment (GGAA) aims to review a general description of the particulars and characteristics of geology and geotechnical features encountered at and in the vicinity of the Site which could affect or be affected by the Development, and to review the existing Ground Investigation (GI) information and available GEO publication to identify any presence of geological faults affecting disposition of housing blocks and associated structures.
- 9.1.2 Various aspects related to the geotechnical assessment will be discussed, including desk study, impact on existing registered geotechnical features with proposed mitigation strategy.

## 9.2 Desk Studies

## Regional Geology

- 9.2.1 The regional geological information has been gained from the geological map (Sheet 7 of the 1:20,000 Series) and the memoirs.
- 9.2.2 Alluvium and Tuffaceous Siltstone were found in the eastern and northern portion of the Site, respectively. Remaining area was Coarse Ash Crystal Tuff (Lapilli Lithic-Bearing).

## Historical Site Investigation

- 9.2.3 Historical SI records and their associated laboratory tests were obtained from the GIU of CEDD.
- 9.2.4 Six historical boreholes are available within the Site. However, three of them are located at the boundary line of the Site. Further existing SI records are available outside of the Site, which have also been reviewed. The existing GI plan is shown in **Figure 9.1**.
- 9.2.5 A review of these historical SI records indicates that the stratigraphy beneath the Site is up to 2.5 m of Fill, up to 3.5m of Residual Soil and up to 2 m of Colluvium, with unconfined thickness of Completely Decomposed, Highly Decomposed, and Highly to Moderately Decomposed Siltstone (CDS, C/HDS, HDS & H/MDS) and Completely Decomposed Tuff (CDT) underlaying. Moderately to Slightly Decomposed Siltstone (M/SDS) and Moderately to Slightly and Slightly Decomposed Tuff (M/SDT & SDT), the top of which are considered as rockhead, were also identified.
- 9.2.6 Piezometers were installed in existing boreholes within and near to the Site. However, only seven-days and fourteen-days groundwater monitoring are available for the existing boreholes (Drillhole Nos. TP6/11, GB1P & GB3P) in the southeastern and western portion of the Site.



## **Existing Features**

- 9.2.7 The are 19 existing man-made slopes / retaining walls (Registered Features) that would affect or be affected by the Project. These are 16 cut slopes, 1 fill slope and 2 retaining wall. The registered feature location plan is shown in **Figure 9.2**.
- 9.2.8 Detailed searches of the Slope Information System (SIS), Landslide Preventive Measures Information System (LPMIS) in the GEO, and SMRIS of Lands Department have been undertaken.
- 9.2.9 Registered Feature Nos. 7NW-B/C218, CR222 and CR656 are affected by the Site and not be removed entirely by the proposed site formation works.

## 9.3 Project-Specific Site Investigation

9.3.1 Project-specific SI were carried out from 18 December 2018 to 14 January 2019. The general descriptions of the project specific SI's findings indicated that the stratigraphy beneath the Site is up to 8.05m of Residual Soil and up to 1.5 m of Colluvium, with unconfined thickness of Completely Decomposed, Highly Decomposed and Highly to Moderately Decomposed Siltstone (CDS, HDS & H/MDS) underlaying. Moderately Decomposed and Slightly Decomposed Siltstone (MDS & SDS), the top of which are considered as rockhead, were identified in all SI. The three project-specific drillholes (BH01 to BH03) are indicated as as-built drillhole (GE/2017/12.26) shown in **Figure 9.1**.

## 9.4 Groundwater Condition

- 9.4.1 The available historical and project-specific groundwater monitoring records show that the highest recorded groundwater level varies from 17.85 m to 20.35 m below ground level.
- 9.4.2 Piezometers were installed in three historical boreholes and three project-specific drillholes within the Site. However, only seven-days and fourteen-days groundwater monitoring are available.

## 9.5 Summary

9.5.1 It is considered that from a geotechnical perspective, the proposed development is feasible although there are constraints and risks in relation with site investigation, rockhead levels and earthwork balance.

#### 9.6 Further GI Works

- 9.6.1 In order to minimize the uncertainties in association with ground conditions and hydrogeological regime for subsequent detailed design in next stage, further ground investigation and laboratory testing works are recommended.
- 9.6.2 The objectives of the GI works are summarized in **Table 9.1** below and proposed GI location plan is shown in **Figure 9.1**.



Table 9.1 Objective of Proposed GI Works

| GI Reference    | Objectives   |  |  |
|-----------------|--|--|--|
| ABH01 to ABH02, |  |  |  |
| ABH04 to ABH06, | For site formation, slope and retaining walls design.                                    |  |  |
| ABH08 to ABH10  |  |  |  |
| ABH03           | For stability assessment and necessary slope upgrading works for Feature No. 7NW-B/CR656 |  |  |
| ABH07           | For stability assessment and necessary slope upgrading works for Feature No. 7NW-B/CR222 |  |  |
| ABH11           | For stability assessment and necessary slope upgrading works for Feature No. 7NW-B/C218  |  |  |

- 9.6.3 The proposed termination criteria of the drillholes is at least 5m into the grade III or better rock, with a total core recovery of more than 85% of the grade. The termination depth of the trial pits is 3 m from the existing ground level.
- 9.6.4 Standpipes and piezometers shall be installed in all drillholes for monitoring groundwater levels. Automatic groundwater monitoring is recommended to obtain the water data for at least one wet season.



## 10. PRELIMINARY SITE FORMATION ASSESSMENT

## 10.1 Introduction

10.1.1 This Preliminary Site Formation Assessment intent to assess the site formation requirements for the proposed development and suggest recommendations with consideration in spatial constraints, in relation to the site formation for the proposed development.

## **10.2** Site Formation Design Considerations

- 10.2.1 The platform options have been evaluated by a comprehensive analysis with a quantitative multi-criteria approach. Proposed site formation level has been reviewed while considering the existing topography and access allowed to the adjacent area. The key criteria have been identified according to the project requirement and objectives.
- 10.2.2 After reviewing different considerations of the option alternatives, the option with three platforms with levels of +27.3mPD, +20.5mPD and +14.5mPD is recommended as the preferred platform option.

## 10.3 Proposed Site Formation

- 10.3.1 The site formation general arrangement is shown in **Figures 10.1 to 10.3.**
- 10.3.2 Combination of bored pile wall and retaining wall is proposed to retain the soil behind the platforms at the southern portion of the Site. About 82 numbers of 3m diameter bored pile wall with maximum 12m retaining height is expected. The size of bored pile wall is subject to review in the detailed design stage.
- 10.3.3 Slope cutting in maximum 45 degree is proposed above the bored pile wall. Soil nailing is proposed to stabilize the cut slope and 1.5m wide maintenance berms are proposed on the cut slope. The maximum height of the proposed cut slope height is around 30m. It is estimated about 1,450 number of 10 to 20m long soil nails are needed.
- 10.3.4 Maximum 7m height inverted T-shaped retaining wall is proposed between the platforms for the proposed school, platforms for the proposed housing development and Ma Shing Path.
- 10.3.5 Maximum 30-degree temporary cut slopes will be formed to cater for the level difference between platforms and the existing roads at the study boundary.
- 10.3.6 Maximum 30-degree permanent cut slope will be formed to cater for the level difference between platform at +14.5mPD and the Tat Wan Road at the study boundary.
- 10.3.7 The major portion of existing Registered Features 7NW-B/CR656 in the northwest study boundary along Ma Shing Path will be demolished. Portion of the Feature near the private development, The Balmoral, will be retained.
- 10.3.8 It is estimated that the total excavation is about 400,000m³ including approximate 23,000m³ rock excavation and 377,000m³ soil excavation. Approximately 300m³ fill material is expected to form the proposed platform. Hence, the total excess spoil is



399.700 m<sup>3</sup>.

## 10.4 Site Formation Assessment

# Impact on Existing Registered Features

- 10.4.1 There are three Registered Features (7NW-B/C218, 7NW-B/CR222 and 7NW-B/CR656) that affect or are affected by the Site and not be removed entirely by the proposed site formation works.
- 10.4.2 Registered Feature No. 7NW-B/C218 has been already checked and accepted by GEO.
- 10.4.3 Major portion of existing Registered Features 7NW-B/CR656 will be demolished and portion of the Feature near The Balmoral will be retained. According to the records from the Buildings Department, Feature No. 7NW-B/CR656 is a soldier pile wall with 50 deg cut slope with soil nail at crest, and the area behind the remaining portion of the Feature no. 7NW-B/CR656 after site formation works, is an existing flat ground / mild slope. Therefore, it is proposed that the cut slope from the site formation works abutting the area is an intermediate cut slope that does not required soil nail stabilization. The proposed site formation works will not affect the design assumption, such that the remaining portion is up to current standard.
- 10.4.4 Stability of the Registered Feature No. 7NW-B/CR222 is reviewed. The summary of the stability assessment is provided in **Table 10.1**.

Table 10.1 Summary of stability assessments

| Registered<br>Feature No. | Slope Type                      | Minimum FOS from Stability Assessment |  |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 7NW-B/CR222               | Cut Slope and<br>Retaining Wall | 1.453                                 |  |

## Stability of Underlying Materials

- 10.4.5 The excavated material on Site will contain Fill, Alluvium (<1 m think layer near existing streams), Colluvium, CDS, MDS, CDT and MDT. Perhaps some of the Fill, Alluvium and Colluvium will be unsuitable for re-use, but the CDS, MDS, CDT and MDT can be re-used for filling operations.
- 10.4.6 The material underlying the finished platforms will either be newly placed granular Fill or natural ground comprising CDS, MDS, CDT or MDT. These materials are all considered suitable for building upon, and settlements or heave due to site formation works are not anticipated.

## Minimisation of Disposal of Materials

- 10.4.7 In view of the large amount of earthwork, the site formation level and the slope work have been reviewed to minimize the excavated material generation and maximize the on-site reuse of the generated materials. The excavated materials are generally classified into the following categories:
  - Broken concrete/ granular materials



- Inert soft material
- Rock
- Alluvium
- 10.4.8 Some C&D material will be generated from the demolition of existing structures, tree felling and site clearance of existing ground surface. The C&D materials shall be sorted on-site and be separated into different groups according to WBTC No. 31/2004 for Trip Ticket System for disposal of C&D Materials. The inert portion such as rock and concrete can be reused as fill materials to reduce the need for imported fill materials. The remaining portion such as timber and steel sheeting regarded as the non-inert portion of C&D materials will be removed off site and disposed at recycling facilities or landfill in accordance with WBTC 4/98A.
- 10.4.9 Reuse of the inert soil, rock and concrete as fill materials can reduce the transportation cost required for the excess spoil and imported fill materials.
- 10.4.10 The disposal of non-inert materials will be spread out in the long implementation programme of the whole project.
- 10.4.11 Hill cutting and excavation for site formation of the platform also generate C&D materials which are mainly in-situ fill materials, inert soil, rock and alluvium. On-site sorting can be arranged such that inert materials which fulfill the standard as stipulated in Clause 6.09 of General Specification for Civil Engineering Works (2006 Edition) can be reused as general fill materials on-site.
- 10.4.12 Based on the available GI information, it is anticipated that some rock will be also excavated from the hill cutting. These rocks can be reused as rock fill or granular fill after sorting and crushing.

## 10.5 Conclusions and Recommendations

- 10.5.1 The Preliminary Site Formation Assessment shall be reviewed following additional data and further calculations (e.g. detailed design calculations). Modifications can be made to optimize the layout and site formation works as further specific data become available.
- 10.5.2 The site formation assessment is based on the available information at the time of writing this report. The following recommendations are suggested for the later stages of the Project.

## Layout and Site Formation Assessment

10.5.3 The PELP and Preliminary Site Formation Assessment are to be reviewed following additional data and further calculations (e.g. detailed design calculations). Modifications can be made to optimize the layout and site formation works as further specific data become available.

## Site Investigation

10.5.4 In order to minimize the uncertainties in association with ground conditions and hydrogeological regime for subsequent detailed design in next stage, further ground investigation and laboratory testing works are recommended.



10.5.5 The existing and project-specific SI works shown in Figure 9.1 were considered to be sufficient for the purpose of Feasibility Study. However, further SI is required for the site formation design, natural terrain mitigation measures design and stability assessment of registered features.

## **Natural Terrain Hazard**

10.5.6 Under this study, a NTHS has been carried out to the review level and no mitigation works is required. The scope of NTHS should be further reviewed when detailed layout of the proposed development is available in the subsequent stage for detailed screening of natural terrain hazards. Following which, further natural terrain hazard assessment (including detailed field mapping and additional ground investigation works) should be carried out to review the findings, refine and quantify mobility assessment for detailed design purposes.



#### 11. PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

#### 11.1 General

11.1.1 The preliminary environmental report has been prepared to provide an initial assessment and evaluation of the environmental impacts associated with site formation and infrastructure works, including: Air Quality, Noise, Water Quality and Waste Management.

## 11.2 Identification of Potential Designated Projects under the EIAO

- 11.2.1 The proposed residential development will accommodate a population of about 6,480 after full occupation and the total area of the Site is approximately 3.6 hectares. The project is not classified as a designated project (DP) under Item 1 or 2 of Schedule 3 to the EIAO.
- 11.2.2 The proposed infrastructure works will not fall partly or wholly in an existing or gazetted proposed country park or special area, a conservation area, an existing or gazetted proposed marine park or marine reserve, a site of cultural heritage, and a site of special scientific interest. The project is not classified as a DP under Category Q.1, Schedule 2 to the EIAO.
- 11.2.3 There are no other designated project (DP) elements identified or other material change to existing/ exempted DP(s) under the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (EIAO) except for the three junction modifications. The three junction modifications, Junction J3 Tat Wan Road/ Ma Wo Road, Junction J4 Tat Wan Road/ Nam Wan Road and Junction J6 Kwong Fuk Road Roundabout are considered as minor modification of exempted DP.

# 11.3 Air Quality

#### Air Sensitive Receivers

11.3.1 The identified representative first tier Air Sensitive Receivers (ASRs) from the site boundary within 500m that may be affected by the works involved under this Assignment have been identified and summarized and listed in **Table 11.1**. The locations of these ASRs are shown in **Figure No. 11.1**.

**Table 11.1 Selected Representative Air Sensitive Receivers** 

| ASR ID   | Description                              | Approximate horizontal distance from Site Boundary (m) | Nature of use        |  |  |
|----------|--|--|----------------------|--|--|
| Existing | Existing ASRs                            |  |                      |  |  |
| A01      | American School Hong Kong                | 58   | School               |  |  |
| A02      | Wan Hang House, Wan Tau Tong Estate      | 63   | Residential          |  |  |
| A03      | Tak Nga Court                            | 53   | Residential          |  |  |
| A04      | 10, Ha Wun Yiu                           | 90   | Residential          |  |  |
| A05      | Tower 1, The Balmoral,                   | 2  | Residential          |  |  |
| A06      | Block 31, Grand Dynasty View             | 21   | Residential          |  |  |
| A07      | Block 7, Classical Gardens II            | 32   | Residential          |  |  |
| A08      | Open Space in Area 6, Tai Po             | 20   | Recreational<br>Uses |  |  |
| Planned  | Planned ASRs                             |  |                      |  |  |
| A09      | Proposed Sports Centre in Area 6, Tai Po | 21   | Communal             |  |  |



| ASR ID | Description  | Approximate horizontal distance from Site Boundary (m) | Nature of use                |
|--------|--|--|------------------------------|
| A10    | Private Residential Development at Ma Wo Road (TPTL 243)                           | 237  | Residential                  |
| A11    | Domestic Block A of the Planned Housing Development                                | -  | Residential                  |
| A12    | Domestic Block B of the Planned Housing Development                                | -  | Residential                  |
| A13    | Domestic Block C of the Planned Housing Development                                | -  | Residential                  |
| A14    | Proposed School of the Planned Housing Development                                 | -  | School                       |
| A15    | Proposed Welfare Facility at 1/F to 5/F Block C in the Planned Housing Development | -  | Residential /Communal/Office |
| A16    | Proposed Kindergarten at G/F Block C in the Planned Housing Development            | -  | School                       |

## Impact Identification and Evaluation

## **Construction Phase**

- 11.3.2 The construction activities will involve use of different construction plant, which will inevitably generate dust that may affect the ASRs nearby. The anticipated construction activities will not take place on the entire site concurrently, but to be undertaken at moving multiple work fronts spread across the work site. Careful scheduling and planning of the construction activities will be implemented as necessary to avoid overlapping of dusty construction activities. With the implementation of the dust suppression measures stipulated in the Air Pollution Control (Construction Dust) Regulation, good site practices and the mitigation measures, dust emissions from the construction activities is expected to be readily controlled, and no adverse fugitive dust impacts during the construction phase is expected to occur.
- 11.3.3 The Contractor will be required to properly maintain the construction plants in a good condition to minimize impacts due to exhaust emissions. Wherever possible, connection to the main power supply should be considered to minimize the need for use of diesel fuel generator. To minimize SO<sub>2</sub> emission from construction plants and equipment, liquid fuel (mostly diesel) with a sulphur content of less than 0.005% by weight should be used in construction plants or vehicles as stipulated in the Air Pollution Control (Fuel Restriction) Regulation. In addition, all plant and vehicles used in conjunction with the construction works shall be subject to a regular maintenance and testing regime to demonstrate that they are compliant with current emissions thresholds. All regulated machines and non-road vehicles shall comply with Air Pollution Control (Non-road Mobile Machines (Emission)) Regulation June 2015. Allowing only approved or exempted NRMMs including regulated machines and nonroad vehicles with a label issued by EPD to be used on site, no adverse air quality impacts due to exhaust emissions from the proposed construction activities are expected to occur.

## Operational Phase

11.3.4 During operation phase, the key air pollution source is expected to be vehicular emissions from the nearby road traffic within the 500m air quality study area and the potential nuisance from the carpark block in the Development. The nearby roads



include Tolo Highway located to the south of the Site, Tat Wan Road to the east and Ma Wo Road to the north.

- 11.3.5 Tolo Highway is an Expressway (EX) with reference to the Transport Department's publication Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) Census 2018. The section of Tolo Highway near the Site is on viaduct. Horizontal distance measured from the edge of the viaduct to the nearest site boundary is about 5 m. The future development block layout will consider the required buffer distance from road kerb and based on the preliminary layout included for this draft PER, over 20m buffer distance from the kerb of Tolo Highway is provided. With reference to the recommended buffer distances from roads as stipulated in Table 3.1 of Chapter 9 of the HKPSG, there is sufficient buffer distance from road kerb of Tolo Highway to the nearest Air Sensitive Uses of the future development (i.e. over 20m) and the buffer requirement as recommended in the HKPSG could be met. As such, adverse vehicular emission impact from Tolo Highway to the future development at the Site is not expected to occur. The recommended buffer zones according to HKPSG is shown in **Figure 11.2**.
- 11.3.6 Tat Wan Road is a District Distributor (DD) with reference to TD's AADT Census 2018. With reference to Table 3.1 of Chapter 9 of the HKPSG, recommended buffer distance from the road kerb of local road to air sensitive uses is 10 m. Based on the preliminary layout included for this draft PER, about 13 m buffer distance from the kerb of Tat Wan Road is provided and the buffer requirement as recommended in the HKPSG could be met. Adverse vehicular emission impact from Tat Wan Road to the future development at the Site is not expected to occur.
- 11.3.7 Ma Wo Road and Ma Shing Path are local roads leading to the existing residential developments located to the west of the Site. The separation distance from road kerb of the two roads with road works to the air sensitive use is above 5m. With reference to Table 3.1 of Chapter 9 of the HKPSG, recommended buffer distance from the road kerb of local road to air sensitive uses is 5 m. There is sufficient separation distance from the kerb of Ma Wo Road and Ma Shing Path to the future residential use and the buffer requirement as recommended in the HKPSG could be met. Adverse vehicular emission impact from Ma Wo Road and Ma Shing Path to the future development in the Site is not expected to occur.
- 11.3.8 The surrounding land uses are mainly residential development, village houses, schools and open areas. No industrial emissions sources that will potentially affect the future development are identified within the air quality study area.
- 11.3.9 As advised by HKHA, the proposed carpark block will be semi-opened and will not require artificial ventilation at this early stage. At the detailed design stage, HKHA should refer to ProPECC PN 2/96 for guidelines on ventilation system so as to ensure good air quality within the proposed carpark block. The outlet of the ventilation system (if any) should be properly located so as to avoid imposing nuisance to the nearby air sensitive receiver. With these measures, it is expected that the potential air quality impact associated with the proposed carpark block to the nearby ASRs is minimal. The air quality impact on the proposed carpark block will be further reviewed in the EAS to be undertaken by HKHA at a later stage based on detail scheme layout information.

#### Mitigation Measures

## Mitigation Measures - Construction Phase

11.3.10 To ensure that dust emissions are minimized during the construction phase of the Project, relevant dust control requirements stipulated in Air Pollution Control



(Construction Dust) Regulation should be implemented.

## 11.3.11 For excavated material and stockpiling areas,

- Proper and regular watering should be provided for all exposed and excavated work sites.
- Open stockpiles should be avoided or covered. Where possible, prevent placing dusty material storage piles near ASRs.
- All excavated or stockpile of dusty materials should be entirely covered by impervious sheeting or sprayed with water to ensure that the entire surface is wet. They should be sprayed with water immediately prior to any loading or transfer activities. These materials should be removed, backfilled or reinstated where practicable.
- After the removal of stockpiles, the remaining dusty material should be sprayed with water and cleared from the surface of roads. Stockpiling areas of dusty materials should not be extended beyond the pedestrian barriers, fencing or traffic cones.

## 11.3.12 For transport and removal of materials,

- Where a vehicle leaving a construction site is carrying a load of dusty materials, the load should be covered entirely by clean impervious sheeting to ensure that the dusty materials do not leak from the vehicle.
- Immediately before leaving a construction site, every vehicle should be washed to remove any dusty materials from its body and wheels.
- The areas where vehicle washing activities are carried out and the section of the construction site between the vehicle washing facilities and the exit should be paved with concrete or bituminous materials.

# 11.3.13 For construction works within works sites,

- The areas where vehicle washing activities are carried out and the section of the construction site between the vehicle washing facilities and the exit should be paved with concrete or bituminous materials.
- Where possible, routing of vehicles and positioning of construction plant should be at the maximum possible distance from ASRs.
- Surfaces with proposed drilling, cutting, polishing or other mechanical breaking operations should be sprayed with water or dust suppression chemicals continuously.
- At locations where scaffolding is to be erected around the perimeter of a building under construction, dust screens, sheeting, netting or a canopy should be provided.
- All skip hoists for transport material should be totally enclosed by impervious sheeting.
- Provide hoarding of not less than 2.4m high from ground level along site boundary which is next to a road or other public area.

#### 11.3.14 For access road,



- All main haul roads should be paved with concrete, bituminous materials or metal sheets, and regularly sprayed with water or dust suppression chemicals to maintain the road surface to be wet.
- Imposition of speed controls for vehicles on site haul roads.

# 11.3.15 For handling of cement

- Stock of more than 20 bags of cement should be covered entirely by impervious sheeting or placed in a covered area with the top and three sides enclosed.
- A completely enclosed facility should be used for the loading, unloading, transfer, handling or storage activities of cement. All vents or exhausts should be fitted with fabric filter or equivalent air pollution control system.

# 11.3.16 For control on non-road mobile machinery

 Non-road Mobile Machinery should be approved or exempted with a label issued by EPD. The label should be displayed at a conspicuous position of the machine or vehicle. Non-road vehicles are required to meet the Euro V emission standards and smoke requirements as stipulated under the Air Pollution Control (Vehicle Design Standards) (Emission) Regulations.

#### 11.3.17 For site cleanliness and tidiness

• The requirements stipulated in the Works Branch Development Bureau Technical Circular (Works) No. 8/2010 Enhanced Specification for Site Cleanliness and Tidiness should be followed as far as practicable to enhance the cleanliness and tidiness of construction sites.

## 11.3.18 For additional measures near ASR A05 (Tower 1, The Balmoral)

- In addition to the site hoarding, dust screen should be erected between the Development and ASR A05 along the site boundary when construction works were undertaken near ASR A05.
- No stockpiling of dusty materials should be placed near ASR A05 (i.e. within 50m from the ASR).

## Mitigation Measures - Operation Phase

11.3.19 The proposed development is not an air polluting use. Thus, no adverse air quality impact is anticipated during the operational phase of the Project. No mitigation measure is expected to be required during operational phase.

# Conclusion

- 11.3.20 With the implementation of the dust suppression measures stipulated in the Air Pollution Control (Construction Dust) Regulation, good site practices and the mitigation measures, no adverse fugitive dust impacts during the construction phase is anticipated.
- 11.3.21 The proposed development is not an air polluting use. Thus, no adverse air quality impact is anticipated during the operational phase of the Project. No mitigation measure is expected to be required during operational phase.
- 11.3.22 With reference to Table 3.1 of the HKPSG, it is expected that the recommended



buffer distance from Ma Shing Path, Ma Wo Road, Tat Wan Road and Tolo Highway will be provided and adverse vehicular emission impact on the proposed housing development is not expected.

## 11.4 Noise

## Noise Sensitive Receivers

11.4.1 The Noise Study Area includes the area within 300m from the Project Boundary. For review of construction phase noise impacts, representative Noise Sensitive Receivers (NSR) within the Study Area have been identified. The list of the existing and planned NSRs and their locations are presented **Table 11.2**. The locations of these NSRs are shown in **Figures 11.3 to 11.7**.

Table 11.2: Selected Representative Noise Sensitive Receivers

|                            | Table 11.2. Selected Representa  |  | 1   |             |
|----------------------------|--|--|---|-------------|
| NSR ID                     | Description  | Approximate horizontal distance from Site Boundary (m) | Nature of use                             | Figure No.  |
| <b>Existing Noise Se</b>   | nsitive Receiver   |  |   |             |
| N01                        | American School Hong Kong  | 58   | Educational                               | Figure 11.3 |
| N02a                       | Wan Hang House, Wan Tau Tong Estate  | 63   | Residential                               | and Figure  |
| N02b                       | Tai Po Baptist Kindergarten  | 63   | Educational                               | 11.5        |
| N03a                       | Tak Nga Court  | 56   | Residential                               |             |
| N03b                       | Brightland International Kindergarten  | 56   | Educational                               |             |
| N04                        | 10, Ha Wun Yiu   | 90   | Residential                               |             |
| N05                        | Tower 1, The Balmoral  | 3  | Residential                               |             |
| N06                        | Block 31, Grand Dynasty View   | 25   | Residential                               | 1           |
| N07                        | Block 7, Classical Gardens II  | 32   | Residential                               | 1           |
| N08a                       | Yat Nga Court Block B  | 273  | Residential                               | 1           |
| N08b                       | Lee Andre Memorial Anglo-Chinese<br>Kindergarten                                 | 273  | Educational                               |             |
| N09a                       | Yat Nga Court Block A  | 343  | Residential                               | 1           |
| N09b                       | Zebedee International Preschool and Nursery                                      | 343  | Educational                               | 1           |
| N10                        | Uptown Plaza Block 4   | 520  | Residential                               | 1           |
| N11                        | Wong Shiu Chi Secondary School   | 811  | Educational                               | 1           |
| Planned Noise Se           | nsitive Receiver   |  |   |             |
| BLKA_01-<br>BLKA_18        | Domestic Block A of the Planned Housing Development                              | -  | Residential                               | Figure 11.4 |
| BLKB_01-BLKB-<br>18        | Domestic Block B of the Planned Housing Development                              | -  | Residential                               |             |
| BLKC_01-BLKC-<br>18        | Domestic Block C of the Planned Housing Development                              | -  | Residential                               |             |
| SCHOOL_01 -<br>SCHOOL_19   | Proposed School of the Planned Housing Development                               | -  | Educational                               | Figure 11.6 |
| WELFARE_01 -<br>WELFARE_18 | Proposed Welfare Facility at 1F to 5F Block C in the Planned Housing Development | -  | Educational/Clinic/<br>Residential/Office |             |
| KD_01 – KD_18              | Proposed Kindergarten at GF Block C in the Planned Housing Development           |  | Educational                               | Figure 11.7 |



## Impact Identification and Evaluation

## **Construction Noise**

- 11.4.2 During construction phase, it is expected that the use of Powered Mechanical Equipment (PME) for the proposed site formation and excavation works would likely cause potential construction noise impact on the identified NSRs located in the vicinity of the Site.
- 11.4.3 Construction noise impact has been assessed following the methodology prescribed in GW-TM. As a conservative approach, the worst-case construction noise impact is assumed that all the proposed PMEs for each construction activity are operating concurrently.
- To predict the construction noise impact, the Site will be divided into different work 11.4.4 areas in different construction activity. For bore pile wall construction, concurrent activities will be carried out at three adjoining works areas at any time due to a limited number of PMEs and narrow working space. Therefore, the assessment has adopted the total SWLs of the nearest three adjoining work areas to the representative NSRs. However, for the bored pile wall construction near the NSR N05 (Tower 1, The Balmoral), the works would be carried out in phases. For conducting Leveling/Excavation Works and Slope Works, it is assumed that construction activities at four works areas would be taken place concurrently, thus the noise levels at NSR are predicted by adding up the SWLs of all concurrent work areas. For the Construction of Retaining Wall and Road Improvement, sewerage, drainage, water supply and utilities diversion works, the SWLs are calculated by the nearest working area to the representative NSRs. Various combination of works located close to the NSRs have been considered and the maximum SWLs generated from the Project works are adopted and represented the worst-case construction noise level at the NSRs.
- 11.4.5 The construction activities of the Project taking place concurrently within 300m of a given NSR are considered to contribute to the cumulative impact at the NSR. Any construction activities of the work areas working place within 300m of a given NSR are included in the assessment. Exceedances of the construction noise criteria (Leq (30 min) 75 dB(A) for residential premises and 70 dB(A) for educational institutions (65 dB(A) during examination periods)) are predicted at representative NSRs in the absence of mitigation measures.

#### **Fixed Plant Noise**

- 11.4.6 Existing fixed noise sources with 300m study area were identified by desktop study following with a site visit dated 27 November 2018. The fixed noise sources are identified in Wan Tau Tong Neighborhood Community Centre (FN1) (120m from site boundary) and Wan Tau Tong Shopping Centre (FN2) (200m from site boundary). Since the fixed noise sources are screened by the existing Wang Hang house, there will be no direct line-of-sight from the planned NSRs to these existing fixed noise sources. According to on site observation, the prevailing background noise at the Site is considered to be traffic noise. Moreover, no additional fixed noise source except the electrical and mechanical (E&M) plant for the proposed building blocks and the proposed car park block will be developed in the Project. Hence, no adverse noise impact to the planned NSRs due to the operation of existing fixed plants is expected.
- 11.4.7 Other existing fixed noise source (open carparks, FN3 Short Term Tenancy No. 1807 & FN4 Short Term Tenancy No. 1779) was identified at the north of the proposed site (Ma Wo Road). Since the open car park was on a short term basis and



only for parking of light vehicles, adverse noise impact is not anticipated.

#### Road Traffic Noise

- 11.4.8 The road traffic noise impact on the proposed housing development, welfare facility, school and kindergarten have been predicted based on the latest layout. In the absence of layout plans for the development, as a worst-case scenario, representative noise sensitive facades of the housing blocks have been selected for the assessment. For the proposed welfare facility, school and kindergarten, the general arrangement of rooms and their uses have not yet been confirmed at this stage. As such, the predicted noise levels are compared against noise criteria for various potential uses, where applicable, e.g., 70 dB(A) for domestic premises including temporary housing accommodation, 65 dB(A) for educational institutions and 55 dB(A) for diagnostic rooms and wards of hospitals, clinics and convalescences. The actual noise criteria of the various rooms can only be determined once the layout for the welfare facility and schools have been finalized.
- 11.4.9 The selected existing and planned NSRs for the road traffic noise assessment are presented in **Figures 11.4 to 11.7**.
- 11.4.10 A bus lay-by in Ma Wo Road will be slightly shifted toward the north of the proposed development and the additional roundabout will be added in Ma Shing Path. Results indicate that representative existing NSRs at Blocks 30 and 31, Grand Dynasty View (A01-A06) and Block 1, The Balmoral (B01-B03) could comply with the respective noise criterion (i.e 70 dB(A) for domestic premises). These NSRs will not be exposed to adverse traffic noise impacts arising from the proposed minor modification at Ma Shing Path.
- 11.4.11 The predicted noise levels at the representative planned NSRs on domestic floors of the proposed development range from 49 dB(A) to 73 dB(A) which exceed the noise criterion for residential premises by up to 3 dB(A).
- 11.4.12 The predicted noise levels for the school range from 51 dB(A) to 62 dB(A). For school building, the predicted noise levels are compared against noise criteria for educational institutions (i.e.65 dB(A)). No exceedance of noise criteria is anticipated for the proposed school.
- 11.4.13 For kindergarten, the predicted noise levels from 48 dB(A) to 74 dB(A), which exceed the noise criterion for education by up to 9 dB(A).
- 11.4.14 The predicted noise levels for welfare facility range from 49 dB(A) to 73 dB(A). Some of the predicted noise levels for welfare facility are expected to exceed the noise criterion for diagnostic rooms and wards of hospitals, clinics, convalescences and residential care home for the elderly (55 dB(A)) and educational institutions including kindergartens, nurseries and all other where unaided voice communication is required (65 dB(A)) or all domestic premises including temporary housing accommodation, hotels and hostels and offices (70dB(A)).

## Mitigation Measures

## Mitigation Measures - Construction Noise

11.4.15 In order to minimize the predicted adverse noise impacts arising from construction activities, noise mitigation measures such as proper scheduling of construction activities, use of Quality Powered Mechanical Equipment (QPME) and quieter working methods, temporary/movable noise barriers, acoustic materials with noise



mitigating properties or noise enclosure and zoning of works should be incorporated or provided if applicable.

Use of "Quiet" Plant and Working Methods

- 11.4.16 The Contractor is suggested to adopt QPME with lower Sound Power Levels as incorporated in the Construction Noise Impact Assessment (Mitigated Scenario), in order to minimize the potential noise impact from the operation.
- 11.4.17 The use of QPME associated with the construction works is prescribed in Environmental Protection Department (EPD) which contain the SWLs for quiet PME. These QPMEs are available in the market and have been successfully applied to other projects with noticeable noise reduction performance.

Use of Temporary Noise Barrier and Enclosure (with Sufficient Ventilation)

- 11.4.18 It is recommended to alleviate noise nuisance generated from the operation of PMEs with the use of temporary noise barriers. In general, temporary noise barriers located close to the noise generating parts of the PMEs would reduce the noise levels by 5 to 10 dB(A) depending on the actual design with reference to Paragraph 4.6 of Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (EIAO) Guidance Note No. 9/2010. A 5 dB(A) reduction for movable plant and 10 dB(A) for stationary plant have been adopted in the assessment. The temporary noise barriers with material's surface mass at least 7 kg/m² is recommended to achieve the screening effect. Acoustic mat will be used for other plant items such as oscillators and a 10 dB(A) noise reduction is anticipated. The Contractor shall be responsible for design of the noise barrier with due consideration given to the size of the PME and the requirement of intercepting the line of sight between the NSRs and PME.
- 11.4.19 The use of noise enclosure with sufficient ventilation and surface mass at least 10 kg/m² has been proposed to shelter relative static PMEs such as generator. Section 4.6 of the EIAO Guidance Note No. 9/2010 also suggests noise enclosure can achieve 15 dB(A) noise reduction.
- 11.4.20 On top of the above-mentioned mitigation measures, the good site practices should be incorporated in the construction contracts, such as:
  - Quiet/well-maintained plant and working methods should be used. Noisy
    equipment, such as generators, should be located as far away as possible from
    the NSRs and noise barrier or enclosures should be provided whenever
    necessary;
  - Machines and plant should be shut down or throttled down to a minimum between works periods when being in intermittent use;
  - Silencers or mufflers on construction equipment should be properly maintained;
  - Scheduling the noisy construction works outside school examination periods and avoiding simultaneous operation of noisy equipment; and
  - Material stockpiles, site hoardings, site office and other structures should be effectively utilized to screen noise from the construction works.

## Mitigation Measures - Fixed Plant Noise

11.4.21 The planned fixed noise source shall be designed to meet the HKPSG noise standards (i.e. ANL -5 or the prevailing background noise whichever is lower). It is also recommended to locate the fixed noise sources in enclosed structure like plant room with acoustic louvers.



- 11.4.22 The Operator shall make reference to the "Good Practices on Ventilation System Noise Control" published by EPD to minimize the noise nuisance arising from the operation of ventilation system as far as practicable.
- 11.4.23 The proposed carpark block and its associated E&M plants would be properly designed and located away from the planned and existing NSRs, so that they will have no direct line-of sight the noise sources. Whilst, the existing open car park was on a short term basis and only for parking of light vehicles The potential noise impact from these fixed noise sources could be addressed by the design of building orientation and layout which will be further reviewed in the EAS to be undertaken by HKHA at a later stage based on detail scheme layout information.
- 11.4.24 With proper design of the planned fixed noise source, adverse noise impact is not expected to occur. It is suggested to consider and explore the following tentative noise mitigation measures during detailed design stage, so that noise emitted from these fixed plants could be further alleviated:
  - Mechanical plants should be placed and enclosed inside a building structure;
  - Proper selection of quieter plants aiming to reduce the tonal noise affecting the NSRs:
  - Installation of silencer/acoustic enclosure/acoustic louver for the exhaust of ventilation system; and
  - Openings of ventilation systems should be located away from NSRs as far as practicable.

### Mitigation Measures - Road Traffic Noise

- 11.4.25 The maximum predicted noise levels at the representative NSRs on domestic floors of the proposed development range from 49 dB(A) to 73 dB(A) which exceed the noise criterion for residential premises by up to 3 dB(A).
- 11.4.26 Noise tolerant buildings like retail building or carpark are recommended to be arranged between the carriageway and the residential development with a view to screening off the traffic noise impact to the domestic premises.
- 11.4.27 Acoustic window (top-hung type or baffle type) is recommended to mitigate the predicted adverse noise impacts at the proposed housing development. According to the Final report of the Acoustic Design and Performance Evaluation of the Acoustic Window (ADPWAW) undertaken by Hong Kong Housing Authority, the noise reduction of different types of acoustic window systems for different flat types ranges from 3.5 dB(A) to about 8 dB(A). Hong Kong Housing Authority has no comment on adopting Modular Flat Design (MFD) in the public housing development which acoustic window as stated in ADPWAW can be adopted as mitigation measures.
- 11.4.28 Provision of acoustic window could provide at least 3.5 dB(A) noise attenuation based on ADPWAW. With the implementation of acoustic window for the planned NSR facing to Ma Wo Road and Tat Wan Road, the predicted road traffic noise levels at the representative NSRs on domestic floors of the proposed development range from 49 dB(A) to 70 dB(A), which comply with the relevant noise standard.
- 11.4.29 At the time of preparation of this assessment, the layout schemes for the proposed welfare facility and kindergarten was unavailable. The noise planning standards and assessment locations for proposed welfare facility was selected generally only for assessment purpose. As adverse road traffic noise impact for the proposed welfare



facility and kindergarten are expected to occur at the façade having a line-of-sight to the concerned road, non-sensitive uses are hence proposed at these locations through careful layout design. If sensitive uses at these locations are unavoidable, the provision of acoustic insulation in accordance with Section 4.3.10 of Chapter 9 of the HKPSG is proposed as the last resort to abate the road traffic noise impact. Provision of Type III openable well-gasketted window (with 12mm laminated pane, or transmission loss of 33 dB or above in 250 Hz octave-band and sound transmission class (STC) 38 or above) is recommended. Further review of the noise impacts and mitigation measures for the proposed welfare facility and kindergarten will be conducted in the EAS to be undertaken by HKHA at a later stage.

11.4.30 As mentioned in above sections, all possible and practicable noise mitigation measures have been considered. Alternative noise mitigation measures that considered not practicable or ineffective are explained as follows:

Noise Barrier at road side of Ma Wo Road

11.4.31 As there are bus stops and bus lay-bys along Ma Wo Road, erecting vertical noise barriers at their roadsides would obstruct the convenience of transport of nearby residents and future residents in the proposed development. Roadside noise barriers may not be practicable and this can be reviewed in the EAS as appropriate.

Noise Barrier at Site Boundary

11.4.32 In view of the separation distance between the site boundary and nearby roads, extensive cantilever noise barrier has to be constructed at the site boundary for screening traffic noise from Ma Wo Road and Tat Wan Road and alleviating the residual traffic noise impact. Due to ventilation, daylight ad visual impact, and taking into account difficulties in maintenance, extensive cantilever noise barrier facing nearby roads may not be practicable and this can be reviewed in the EAS as appropriate.

#### Conclusion

## Construction Phase

11.4.33 Assessment on the construction noise associated with the use of PME for different phases of construction works has been conducted. With the implementation of practical mitigation measures including good site management practices, use of movable noise barrier and full enclosure, use of quieter PME, and careful arrangement of specific construction activities during the examination period, no unacceptable impact arising from the construction of the Project is anticipated.

#### Operational Phase

- 11.4.34 Operational road traffic noise impact on planned noise sensitive uses on domestic floors of the proposed development has been predicted for the worst-case year. Possible mitigation measures shall be further studied at the later stage under separate study in the EAS to be undertaken by HKHA. The potential road traffic noise impacts from nearby roads can be mitigated by a combination of noise mitigation measures including but not limited to: (i) Arrange noise tolerant building between the carriageway and the residential development; (ii) To provide acoustic window for domestic dwellings predicted with noise exceedance and (iii) To explore and incorporate architectural fin and end-wall.
- 11.4.35 Some of the predicted noise levels for welfare facility are expected to exceed the



noise criterion for diagnostic rooms and wards of hospitals, clinics, convalescences and residential care home for the elderly (55 dB(A)) and educational institutions including kindergartens, nurseries and all other where unaided voice communication is required (65 dB(A)) or all domestic premises including temporary housing accommodation, hotels and hostels and offices (70dB(A)). Noise mitigation measures have been explored and recommended. HKHA will conduct an EAS for further review and implementation of recommended noise mitigation measures for the welfare facility.

- 11.4.36 No exceedance of noise criteria is anticipated for the proposed school. The noise assessment of the proposed school shall be further reviewed in the PER to be conducted by ASD in accordance with CAD at a later stage. For Kindergarten, the predicted noise levels are exceeded the noise criteria for educational institutions (i.e. 65 dB(A)). Noise mitigation measures have been explored and recommended in **Section 11.4.29.** HKHA will conduct an EAS for further review and implementation of recommended noise mitigation measures for the Kindergarten.
- 11.4.37 Noise impact from planned fixed plant could be effectively mitigated by implementing noise control measure at source during the detailed design stage. With proper design and practicable mitigation measures, the planned fixed plant noise shall comply with the HKPSG standards (i.e. ANL 5 or the prevailing background whichever is lower) and no insurmountable and adverse noise is anticipated. Since the existing open car park was on a short term basis and only for parking of light vehicles, adverse noise impact from the existing carparks is not anticipated. Therefore, adverse noise impact due to operation of fixed noise sources is not anticipated. HKHA will conduct an EAS for further review the potential noise impact from the existing and planned fixed noise source as well as the implementation of recommended noise mitigation measures with due consideration on the building orientation and layout.

#### 11.5 Water Quality

### Water Sensitive Receivers

11.5.1 Based on desktop study and findings of site survey, the Site is located within the Tolo Harbour and Channel WCZ. Tai Po River and scattered streams have been identified as Water Sensitive Receivers (WSR) within the 500m Water Quality Study Area. The Tai Po River is Downstream to the Site and leads to the Tolo Harbour. Location of the identified WSRs are illustrated in **Figure 11.8**.

# Impact Identification and Evaluation

#### **Construction Phase**

- 11.5.2 Constructions works would generally involve the following activities:
  - Site clearance, tree removal;
  - Formation of haul road, soil/rock excavation;
  - Slope works, construction of retaining wall and bored piles;
  - Road improvement works;
  - Sewerage, drainage and water supply works; and
  - Utilities diversions



### Construction Site Runoff

- 11.5.3 Construction site runoff could potentially be generated from all parts of the site during rainy season. The surface runoff might be polluted by the following events:
  - Construction site runoff from site surface, earth working and stockpiles;
  - General construction activities;
  - Chemical spillages from oil, solvents and other chemicals; and
  - Sewage effluent from on-site construction workforce.
- 11.5.4 During periods of heavy rain, site runoff would wash away soil particles and the runoff is generally characterized by high concentrations of suspended solids (SS). Release of uncontrolled site runoff would increase the SS levels and turbidity in the nearby water environment and the identified WSR.
- 11.5.5 Wind blown dust are expected to be generated from exposed soil surface in the construction works areas. It is possible that wind blown dust would fall directly onto the nearby water bodies when there are strong winds. Dispersion of dust within the works areas may increase the SS levels in surface runoff causing potential impact to the nearby sensitive receivers.
- 11.5.6 Construction runoff and drainage may cause impacts to local water quality. Increase in SS arising from the construction site could block the drainage channels and may result in local flooding when heavy rainfall occurs. High concentrations of suspended degradable organic material in river water could lead to a reduction in Dissolved Oxygen (DO) levels in the water column. All site discharges will be pre-treated as necessary, in accordance with the WPCO and the conditions of the Wastewater Discharge License.
- 11.5.7 It is important that proper site practice and good site management are adhered to in accordance with ProPECC PN 1/94 Construction Site Drainage to prevent run-off with high level of SS from entering the surrounding waters. With the implementation of appropriate measures to control run-off and drainage from the construction site (such as provision of silt traps), disturbance of water bodies would be avoided and deterioration in water quality would be minimal.

#### **General Construction Activities**

- 11.5.8 Land-based construction works have the potential to cause water pollution and there are various types of construction activities that may generate wastewater. These include general cleaning and polishing, wheel washing and dust suppression. These types of wastewater would contain high concentrations of SS. Water quality impacts could also result from the accumulation of solid and liquid waste such as packaging and construction materials, and sewage effluent from the construction work force involved with the construction works.
- 11.5.9 Provided that site drainage would be well-maintained and good construction practices would be observed in accordance with ProPECC PN 1/94 Construction Site Drainage such that litter, fuel and solvents are managed, stored and handled properly, the effects on water quality from general construction activities are expected to be minimal.



### Accidental Spillage

11.5.10 A large variety of chemicals may be used during construction activities. These may include surplus adhesives, spent paints, petroleum products, spent lubrication oil, grease and mineral oil, spent acid and alkaline solutions/solvent and other chemicals. Accidental spillage of chemicals in the works areas may contaminate the surface soils. The contaminated soil particles may be washed away by construction site runoff or storm runoff causing water pollution. Provided that mitigation measures are properly implemented to minimize and control accidental spillage (such as provision of petrol interceptors), no adverse impact on the identified WSRs is anticipated.

### Sewage effluent from on-site construction workforce

11.5.11 During construction, sewage will be generated from on-site workforce sanitary facilities. Chemical toilets should be provided on-site for collection and temporary storage of sewage. The collected sewage should be tankered away by a licensed waste collector for off-site disposal at sewage treatment plants. No sewage discharge on site is anticipated during construction phase.

### Operation Phase

### Sewage Disposal

11.5.12 During the operation phase, potential impacts will be the discharge of wastewater from the proposed development. All domestic wastewater will be discharged to the planned public sewerage system when it is in operation, therefore there will be no adverse water quality impact during operation phase.

#### Storm Water Discharge

11.5.13 During operation phase, the entire site area will be paved impermeable surfaces within the Site. Adverse operation water quality impact due to surface runoff is not expected.

#### Mitigation Measures

### Mitigation Measures - Construction Phase

- 11.5.14 It is important that appropriate measures are implemented to control site runoff with high SS content and drainage from entering the nearby water bodies. Proper site management is essential to minimize surface water runoff and soil erosion.
- 11.5.15 The guidelines stipulated in the ProPECC PN 1/94 issued by EPD should be observed to minimize the potential water quality impacts. Good housekeeping and stormwater best management practices, as detailed below, should be implemented to ensure that all construction runoff is well controlled and no unacceptable impact on the WSRs arises due to the construction works of the Project.
- 11.5.16 The Contractor shall apply for a discharge licence under the WPCO and any discharge should be complied the term and conditions of the licence.

#### Construction Site Runoff

11.5.17 Exposed soil areas should be minimized to reduce the potential for increased siltation, contamination of runoff and erosion. Construction runoff related impacts associated



with the construction activities can be readily controlled through the use of appropriate mitigation measures which include but are not limited to:

- Minimized the volume of site runoff:
- Catch pits, perimeter channels, intercepting channels should be used to intercept any surface runoff for further treatment;
- Use of sediment traps or other treatment facility to reduce SS content; and
- Adequate maintenance of drainage systems to prevent flooding and overflow.

# **General Construction Activities**

- 11.5.18 Drainage serving an open oil filling point should be connected to storm drains via a petrol interceptor with peak storm bypass.
- 11.5.19 Vehicle and plant servicing areas, vehicle wash bays and lubrication bays should as far as possible be located within roofed areas. The drainage in these covered areas should be connected to foul sewers via a petrol interceptor. Oil leakage or spillage should be contained and cleaned up immediately. Waste engine oil, lubricating oil and diesel from repair/maintenance of construction machineries/vehicles should be collected and stored for recycling or disposal in accordance with the Waste Disposal Ordinance (WDO).

### Accidental Spillage

- 11.5.20 All fuel tanks and storage areas should be provided with locks and be located on sealed areas, within bunds of a capacity equal to 110% of the storage capacity of the largest tank, to prevent spilled fuel oils from reaching the nearby water bodies.
- 11.5.21 Any service shop and maintenance facilities should be located on sealed surfaces, and sumps and petrol interceptors provided. Maintenance of vehicles and equipment involving activities with potential for leakage and spillage should only be undertaken within the areas appropriately equipped to control these discharges

#### Sewage effluent from on-site construction workforce

11.5.22 Chemical toilets should be provided on-site for collection and temporary storage of sewage. The collected sewage should be tankered away by a licensed waste collector for off-site disposal at sewage treatment plants. No sewage discharge on site is anticipated during construction phase.

#### Mitigation Measures - Operation Phase

#### Sewage Disposal

11.5.23 All domestic wastewater will be discharged to the planned public sewerage system when it is in operation. According to the Preliminary Sewage Impact Assessment Report, the Site will fall within the sewerage catchment of Tai Po Sewage Treatment Works. The sewage flow of the development site contributes insignificant amount to the design capacities of the existing Tai Yuen Sewage Pumping Station and Sewage Treatment Works, and no adverse sewerage impact is anticipated, therefore there will be no adverse water quality impact during operation phase.

#### Runoff from development



- 11.5.24 During operation phase, the entire site area will be paved impermeable surfaces within the Site. According to the Preliminary Drainage Impact Assessment Report, the drainage flow of the Site contributes insignificant amount to the design capacities of the existing box culvert below Ma Wo Road and Tai Po River and no adverse drainage impact is anticipated. Adverse operational water quality impact due to surface runoff is not expected with the mitigation measures mentioned in **Sections** 11.5.25 11.5.28 below to prevent water quality impact from surface runoff:
- 11.5.25 Screening facilities such as standard gully grating and trash grille, with spacing capable of screening off large substances such as fallen leaves and debris should be provide at the inlet of drainage system.
- 11.5.26 Road gullies with standard design and slit traps should be incorporated during the detail design to remove SS content in stormwater runoff.
- 11.5.27 Good management measures such as regular cleaning and sweeping of road surface/pavement is proposed. Such cleaning should be carried out before forecasted heavy rainfall.
- 11.5.28 Manholes, gullies and ditches should be inspected and cleaned regularly (ideally in a monthly basis).

# Conclusion

11.5.29 With the implementation of the mitigation measures and good site practices mentioned above, adverse water quality impacts are not expected during construction and operation phase of the Project.

## 11.6 Waste Management

### Identification and Evaluation of Wastes Implications

- 11.6.1 The construction works associated with the site formation and infrastructural works for the Project include site clearance, site formation and slope works and are expected to result in the generation of a variety of wastes which can be divided into distinct categories based on their composition and ultimate method of disposal. The identified waste types include:
  - Construction and Demolition (C&D) materials;
  - Chemical wastes; and
  - General refuse.

# **Construction Phase**

#### Construction and Demolition Material

- 11.6.2 Major C&D material will be generated from site formation works and will likely comprise of excavated soil. The preliminary estimated quantity of C&D materials to be generated by the Project will exceed 50,000m³. Therefore, Construction and Demolition Materials Management Plan (C&DMMP) is required in a later stage in accordance with Section 4.1.3 of Chapter 4 of PAH for Civil Engineering Works.
- 11.6.3 The inert C&D materials that are generated will be reused on site as far as practicable.



The estimated quantity of inert C&D materials to be reused has been provided in **Table 11.3**.

- 11.6.4 It is considered that the surplus inert C&D material which cannot be reused during the construction of the Project will be disposed of at the appropriate public fill reception facilities available at the time of construction, subject to the necessary approval of the Public Fill Committee (PFC) provided under the jurisdiction of the CEDD.
- 11.6.5 Non-inert C&D material will be separated from inert C&D materials. The non-inert C&D materials would be reused and recycled as much as possible before disposal of at landfill. The estimated quantities of inert and non-inert C&D materials to be generated and disposed are summarized in **Table 11.3**. It should be noted that the quantities are subject to change based on the final design for the Project.

| Table 11.3 Quantity of C&D materials to be generated and Proposed Outlets |
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| Construction Activity                                       | Total C&D<br>Materials (m <sup>3</sup> ) | Inert C&D Materials<br>Generated (m <sup>3</sup> )(1) | Inert C&D<br>Materials reused<br>(m³)(1)                               | Inert C&D<br>Materials to be<br>disposed (m <sup>3</sup> )(1) | Non-inert C&D<br>Material to be<br>disposed (m <sup>3</sup> )(2) |
|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| Site clearance, tree removal                                | 37,000                                   | 1,850   | 0  | 1,850   | 35,150   |
| Formation of Haul Road and soil/rock excavation             | 361,000                                  | 342,950   | 8,000  | 334,950   | 18,050   |
| Slope works, construction of retaining wall and bored piles | 44,000                                   | 41,800  | 0  | 41,800  | 2,200  |
| Road improvement works                                      | 700                                      | 665   | 332  | 333   | 35   |
| Sewerage, drainage and water supply works                   | 2900                                     | 2755  | 1377   | 1378  | 145  |
| Utilities diversions  | 300                                      | 285   | 142  | 143   | 15   |
| Total   | 445,900                                  | 390,305   | 9,851  | 380,454   | 55,595   |
| Proposed outlets for the C&D materials                      |  |   | Reuse in the site or<br>other project<br>required filling<br>materials | Public Fill Reception<br>Facilities                           | Landfill   |

Remarks:

- 1. Inert C&D Materials include: soil and rock, broken concrete, asphalt, bitumen and granular materials.
- 2. Non-inert C&D Materials include: vegetation, bamboo, timber, paper and plastic.

#### Chemical Waste

- 11.6.6 It is anticipated that potential plant and vehicle maintenance will generate a small amount of chemical waste during the construction period that will require disposal. Typically, these include:
  - Solid wastes, such as empty fuel/lubricant drums, used oil/air filters and scrap batteries; and
  - Liquid wastes, such as waste oils/grease, spent solvents/detergents, which may be halogenated, and possibly spent acid/alkali from battery maintenance.
- 11.6.7 The volume of chemical waste that will be generated will depend upon the total number of plant and vehicles, and how much maintenance actually required to be carried out on site by the Contractor. Considering the nature and scale of the construction works, it is expected that only small quantities of chemical waste (i.e. a few hundred litres per month) will be generated.



11.6.8 Provided the waste is properly handled, stored and disposed of, no unacceptable impacts are expected.

#### General Refuse

- 11.6.9 The construction workforce is expected to generate refuse such as waste papers, plastic packaging and possibly food wastes. Such refuse will be collected on-site, separately from C&D material by an appropriate waste collector employed by the Contractor. It is expected that there will be no canteen provided on-site.
- 11.6.10 The approximate number of construction workers for this Project is estimated to be 40 people per day during construction phases. With reference to the Monitoring of Solid Waste in Hong Kong 2018, the municipal solid waste disposal rate is 1.53 kg per capita per day. Based on the above assumptions, the estimated quantity of waste generated during construction will be approximately 60 kg per day.
- 11.6.11 Prior to disposal off-site, such wastes will have to be temporarily put in a suitably covered storage area where it will have to be regularly cleaned and maintained to avoid attracting vermin and pests. With proper on-site handling and storage as well as regular disposal of these wastes, no adverse impacts are anticipated.

### **Operation Phase**

- 11.6.12 During operation phase, the Site will be residential and accommodate a population of a few thousand. The identified waste types include:
  - Municipal solid waste from residents and the proposed school; and
  - · Chemical waste from maintenance works.
- 11.6.13 The proposed residential development will accommodate a population of about 6480 and the proposed school will be assumed to occupy about 780 people after full occupation. With reference to the Monitoring of Solid Waste in Hong Kong 2018, the municipal solid waste disposal rate is 1.53 kg per capita per day. Based on the above assumptions, the estimated quantity of waste generated during operation will be approximately 11,200 kg per day.
- 11.6.14 The waste is expected to potentially comprise of food waste, paper, wood, plastic, etc. Waste separation provisions are recommended to be included within Site so that waste could be sorted for material recovery as far as practicable (e.g. plastics, metals, glass, etc.). Different containers should be provided for the storage of different recyclable materials and the remaining waste types collected and stored in the Refuse Collection Point (RCP) and disposed of in a landfill/refuse transfer stations by waste collector.

#### Chemical Waste

- 11.6.15 Minor maintenance works will be conducted by estate management and are expected to generate minimal amount of chemical waste. All chemical waste generated shall be properly collected and disposed of in accordance with Waste Disposal (Chemical Waste) (General) Regulation.
- 11.6.16 Estate management will need to register with EPD as a Chemical Waste Producer (CWP), as presented in EPD's "A Guide to the Registration of Chemical Waste Producers". Chemical waste should be collected by licensed chemical waste collectors and disposed of at the Chemical Waste Treatment Centre (CWTC) in Tsing Yi or other licensed chemical waste treatment facility. The handling, storage and



disposal of chemical waste should make reference to EPD's *Code of Practice on the Packaging, Labelling and Storage of Chemical Wastes*. With the proper storage, handling and disposal of this waste type, no adverse environmental impact is anticipated.

### Mitigation Measures

## Construction Phase – Mitigation Measures

- 11.6.17 It is anticipated that adverse waste management related impacts will not be encountered, provided that good site practices are adhered to by the Contractor. In line with the Hong Kong Government's position on waste minimization, the practice of avoiding and minimizing waste generation and waste recycling should be adopted as far as practicable throughout the Project construction process. Recommended mitigation measures to be implemented throughout the course of the construction phase of the Project includes:
  - (i) An on-site environmental coordinator employed by the Contractor should be identified prior to the outset of the work. Prior to commencement of the Project, the environmental coordinator shall prepare a Waste Management Plan (WMP) as part of the Environmental Management Plan in accordance with the requirements set out in the ETWB TCW No. 19/2005, Environmental Management on Construction Sites, for the Engineer's Representative (ER) approval. The WMP shall include monthly and yearly Waste Flow Tables (WFT) that indicate the amounts of waste generated, recycled and disposed of (including the final disposal location), which will be regularly updated.
  - (ii) The Contractor's waste management practices and effectiveness shall also be audited by the Engineer on regular basis.
  - (iii) The reuse/recycling of all materials on site shall be investigated and exhausted prior to treatment/disposal off-site;
  - (iv) Good site practices shall be adopted from the commencement of works to avoid the generation of waste, reduce cross contamination of waste and to promote waste minimization;
  - (v) Open stockpile of C&D material should be covered with tarpaulin sheetings to prevent runoff and dust generation.
  - (vi) All waste materials shall be sorted on-site into inert and non-inert C&D materials, and where the materials can be recycled or reused, they shall be further segregated. Inert material, or public fill will comprise stone, rock, masonry, brick, concrete and soil which is suitable for land reclamation and site formation whilst non-inert materials include all other wastes generated from the construction process such as plastic packaging and vegetation (from site clearance);



- (vii) The Contractor shall be responsible for identifying what materials can be recycled/reused, whether on-site or off-site. In the event of the latter, the Contractor shall make arrangements for the collection of the recyclable materials. Any remaining non-inert waste shall be collected and disposed of to the landfill whilst any inert C&D materials shall be re-used on site as far as possible. Alternatively, if no use of the inert material can be found on-site, the materials can be delivered to a public fill reception facility after obtaining the appropriate license;
- (viii) In order to monitor the disposal of C&D materials and solid waste at public fill reception facilities and landfill respectively, and to control fly-tipping, a trip ticket system shall be implemented by the Contractor, in accordance with the contract and the requirements of DEVB TCW No. 6/2010 "Trip Ticket System for Disposal of Construction and Demolition Material";
- (ix) Under the Waste Disposal (Chemical Waste) (General) Regulation, the Contractor shall register as a chemical waste producer if chemical wastes such as spent lubricants, paints, etc. are generated on-site. Only licensed chemical waste collectors shall be employed to collect any chemical waste generated on-site. The handling, storage, transportation and disposal of chemical wastes shall be conducted in accordance with the Code of Practice on the Packaging, Labelling and Storage of Chemical Wastes and A Guide to the Chemical Waste Control Scheme both published by the EPD;
- (x) A sufficient number of covered bins shall be provided on-site for the containment of general refuse to prevent visual impacts and nuisance to the sensitive surroundings. These bins shall be cleared daily and the collected waste disposed of to the nearest refuse transfer station. Further to the issue of ETWB TCW No. 6/2002A, Enhanced Specification for Site Cleanliness and Tidiness, the Contractor is required to maintain a clean and hygienic site throughout the Project works;
- (xi) Sufficient recycling bins should be placed at prominent places at the construction site to encourage recycling. A 4-bin recycling system for paper, metals, plastics and glass should be adopted. All recyclable materials should be collected by recyclers;
- (xii) Toolbox talks should be provided to workers about the concepts of site cleanliness and appropriate waste management procedures, including waste reduction, reuse and recycling; and
- (xiii) The Contractor shall comply with all relevant statutory requirements and Guidelines and their updated versions that may be issued during the course of the Project construction.

## <u>Operation Phase – Mitigation Measures</u>

Municipal solid waste from residents

11.6.18 Waste separation provisions are recommended to be included within Site so that waste could be sorted for material recovery as far as practicable (e.g. plastics, metals, glass, etc.). Different containers should be provided for the storage of different recyclable materials and the remaining waste types collected and transported to the



nearest Landfill/Refuse Transfer Stations by waste collector.

- 11.6.19 Municipal solid waste should be stored properly in covered bins and collected by waste collectors on a daily basis. With proper collection procedure implemented, no adverse impacts are anticipated.
- 11.6.20 In order to minimize potential odour nuisance from the management and transportation of waste, refuse collection vehicles with metal tailgate cover and waste water sump tank should be used. At least daily collection should be arranged by the waste collector for disposal of.

Chemical Waste

11.6.21 All chemical waste shall be properly stored in accordance with the Code of Practice on the Packaging, Labelling and Storage of Chemical Waste before collection for disposal by a licensed chemical waste collector.

### Conclusion

- 11.6.22 The construction activities associated with the proposed works will generate a variety of wastes including inert and non-inert C&D materials, chemical wastes and general refuse. The estimated quantities of total C&D material to be generated by the Project is approximately 445,900 m³ while the estimated quantities of chemical waste and general refuse is a few hundred litres per month and 60kg per day respectively. With the implementation of the mitigation measures, adverse impacts due to the storage, handling and transportation of C&D materials and general refuse is not expected. It is expected that the quantity of chemical waste, such as lubricating oil and solvent produced from plant maintenance would be small and adverse impacts due to the storage, handling and disposal of chemical waste is also not expected. C&DMMP would be prepared in accordance with Section 4.1.3 "Construction and Demolition Materials" of the Project Administration Handbook for Civil Engineering Works.
- 11.6.23 For operation phase, the estimated quantity of waste generated during operation will be approximately 10,800 kg per day. With the implementation of the recommended mitigation measures, adverse impact due to the handling, storage and disposal of municipal solid waste from residents and chemical waste from maintenance works during operation phase is not expected.

#### 11.7 Land Contamination

### Relevant Legislations, Standards & Guidelines

- 11.7.1 This assessment has been undertaken based on the following:
  - The Practice Guide for Investigation and Remediation of Contaminated Land, dated August 2011 issued by the EPD;
  - Guidance Note for Contaminated Land Assessment and Remediation, dated August 2007 issued by the EPD; and
  - The Guidance Manual for use of Risk-Based Remediation Goals for Contaminated Land Management, dated December 2007 issued by the EPD.



### Assessment Methodology

- 11.7.2 In order to identify and undertake an initial evaluation of the potential land contamination impacts within the Site, the following tasks have been undertaken:
  - A Desktop Study of the Site, with a view to reviewing and identifying current and historical land uses; and
  - Completion of site visit to the Site, to identify and document the existing land uses, and to observe the general environmental conditions associated with the Project and the surrounding areas.
- 11.7.3 The following sources of information have been collated and reviewed during the Desktop Study:
  - Representative historical aerial photographs (1963 2018) and topographic map of the Site were reviewed;
  - Information on Dangerous Goods and Incident Reports from the Fire Services Department (FSD);
  - Information on any registered Chemical Waste Producers from the EPD Regional Office;
  - Representative photographs of features that were taken during site visit of the Site;

#### Identification of Potential Land Contamination

- 11.7.4 Historical aerial photographs and topographic maps were reviewed to identify previous land uses at the Site and any previous contaminative activities. The Site was a rural area with agricultural until 1980s. The surrounding area of the Site was developed into high-rise residential buildings, but the Site remained as a hilly woodland with a few village houses.
- 11.7.5 A site visit was conducted on 27th November 2018 to identify, where possible, potential sources of land contamination within and in the vicinity of the Site based on existing land uses/operations. The purpose of the visit was to identify signs of suspected land contamination, such as signs of staining or discoloration of the ground surface at the Site and any odours.
- 11.7.6 The Site was a hilly woodland. A few footpath was available within the Site for access to village. A few village houses were observed on site. No sign of surface staining or spillages were observed in the Site. No potentially contaminative activities were carried out in the Site.
- 11.7.7 A request was made to the FSD regarding the following:
  - Records of any Dangerous Goods Store(s) within the Site Areas; and
  - Records of any reported accidents or spillage/leakage within the Site Areas.
- 11.7.8 A response from the FSD was received on 12 October 2018. FSD advised that neither records of dangerous goods license, fire incidents nor incidents of spillage/leakage of dangerous goods were found in connection with the Site.
- 11.7.9 No chemical spillage / leakage was recorded by EPD Environmental Compliance Division Regional Office (North) Tai Po in the Site in the past five years from 2018.



- 11.7.10 The EPD office was also consulted with regards to any records of Chemical Waste Producers (CWP). According to the EPD's records, there were no CWP was registered for the Site in the past five years from 2018.
- 11.7.11 Previous site occupation included residential and agricultural. No potential land contaminating activity or sign of contamination were identified during site visit and historical review. No potential land contaminating hotspot such as generator and transformer was identified during site visit. No potential land contamination is expected in the Site.
- 11.7.12 The Site and works area were covered by vegetation, woodland and some low-rise building structures in the past. The proposed sewerage, drainage and water mains are located on the existing paved road. Based on the review of historical aerial photographs, there are no identified existing land uses with potential land contamination concern within and in the vicinity of the Site, such as vehicle repair workshops and petrol stations. Therefore, potential land contamination is not anticipated in the Site and works area for the proposed sewerage, drainage and water mains.

#### Conclusion

11.7.13 The land contamination assessment was undertaken by reviewing historical and current land uses and site visit. No potential land contamination impacts have been identified based on the review of the past and present land-uses on site. There is no need for further investigation on potential land contamination.



### 12. PRELIMINARY QUANTITATIVE RISK ASSESSMENT

#### 12.1 Introduction

- 12.1.1 A high pressure underground town gas pipeline running along Tolo Highway which is close to the proposed public housing development at To Yuen Tong, Tai Po is identified.
- 12.1.2 The preliminary quantitative risk assessment (QRA) study intends to assess the risks posed by the pipeline and to ensure their individual risk and societal risk level comply with the Hong Kong Risk Guideline and relevant guidelines, taking into account the proposed public housing development.

# 12.2 Background Information

### High Pressure Underground Pipeline

12.2.1 According to the Hong Kong and China Gas Company (HKCG), there is an existing high pressure underground pipeline running along Tolo Highway where the proposed public housing development will be located. The pipeline is 600mm in diameter with a wall thickness of 12.7mm. The pipeline operates at 35 barg and it is buried at least 1.1m below ground level. The alignment of the underground pipeline and the proposed housing development are shown in **Figure 12.1** below.

## Proposed Public Housing Development

12.2.2 The Site for the proposed public housing development is located at To Yuen Tung, Tai Po (shown as item 11 in **Figure 12.1**). The public housing development will provide around 2,400 units (a 10% design buffer has been allowed in the number of units for design flexibility, i.e. not more than 2,640 units). In addition, a school and community and social welfare facilities will also be provided.

# Town Gas

12.2.1 Town gas is a mixture mainly consisting of hydrogen, methane, carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide. It is flammable due to the presence of hydrogen and methane. It is also toxic in nature due to the presence of carbon monoxide. Since town gas is lighter than air, it will rise and dissipate in air upon leakage.



250m Study Zone Fixed Population Road Population
HP Towngas Pipe 15

Figure 12.1 Population Map



## 12.3 Hazard Identification and Frequency Assessment

### High Pressure Underground Pipeline

- 12.3.1 According to the Hong Kong and China Gas Company, there is no historical record of town gas leakage from the high pressure pipeline. Therefore, international database needs to be reviewed to identify the potential causes of leakage from the pipeline. In this study, the 10th Gas Pipeline Incidents Report from the European Gas Pipeline Incident Data Group (EGIG) has been made reference.
- 12.3.2 Based on the database, the six major causes of the leakage incident and their contribution are given in **Table 12.1**.

Table 12.1: Major Causes of Leakage and their Contribution

| Cause                                 | Contribution (1970 to 2016)<br>(%) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| External Interference                 | 46.5                               |
| Corrosion                             | 16.7                               |
| Construction Defects/Material Failure | 16.5                               |
| Hot Tap                               | 4.5                                |
| Ground Movement                       | 8.4                                |
| Others and Unknown                    | 7.4                                |

### Meteorological Data

12.3.3 Meteorological data have been obtained from Tai Po Tau Weather Station for 2017 where wind speed, stability class, weather class and wind direction are available. The probability for each weather class at a particular wind direction have been used for the study.

### **Event Tree Analysis**

12.3.4 Fault sequences with individual frequencies have been generated using event tree analysis. Event tree have been developed to systematically identify the sequence of development of ultimate hazardous events after an initial leakage incident. The possible ultimate hazardous events include fireball, jet fire, flash fire and toxic release.

#### **Orientation**

12.3.5 Orientation refers to the direction of the town gas being ejected from the pipeline. For the high pressure underground pipeline, the release could happen in vertical and incline (i.e. 45°) direction.

### **Ignition Probability**

12.3.6 When flammable gas is released from the pipeline, the gas can be immediately ignited upon release. If immediate ignition does not happen, the gas will disperse



in the atmosphere to form gas plume which could be ignited upon meeting an ignition source (i.e. delayed ignition). Un-ignited gas will disperse along the distance with dilution by air.

12.3.7 The ignition probability can be estimated by referring to Cox, Lees and Ang model.

### **Ignition Source**

12.3.8 RiskTool is capable of using ignition information to predict the probability of a flammable cloud being ignited (delayed ignition) as the cloud moves downwind over an ignition source. The following offsite ignition sources include the roads and population area.

# 12.4 Consequence Analysis

- 12.4.1 Consequence analysis includes both source term modeling and dispersion modeling.
- 12.4.2 Source term modeling is a model used to describe how materials are discharged from the process (e.g. pipeline). It provides a description of the discharge rate, the total quantity discharged and the state of the discharge (i.e. solid/liquid/gas).
- 12.4.3 Dispersion modeling is subsequently used to describe how the material is transported and dispersed downwind. Software Phast 8.0, which is coded by DNV, has been used to conduct both the source term and dispersion modeling for different physical effects including fireball, flash fire, jet fire, vapor cloud explosion (VCE), thermal radiation and toxicity.

#### 12.5 Risk Results

#### Individual Risk

12.5.1 The individual risk result for the high pressure underground town gas pipeline is shown in **Figure 12.2** below. The highest individual risk level is 1E-8 per year which is much lower than the 1E-5 per year. It is complied with the Hong Kong Risk Guideline.





Figure 12.2 Individual Risk Contour

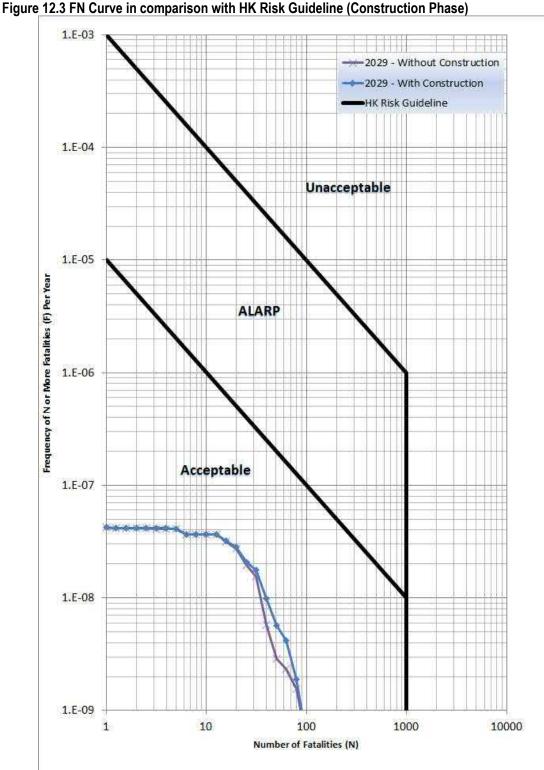
# Societal Risk

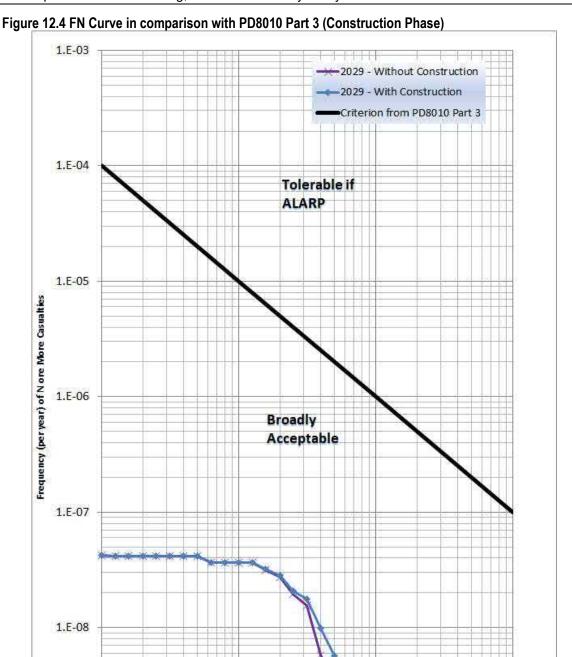
12.5.2 The societal risk level for both Construction and Operation phases of the proposed public housing development are within "Acceptable" region based on Hong Kong Risk Guidelines and PD8010 Part 3 FN Criterion as shown on **Figure 12.3 to Figure 12.6** below respectively.

#### 12.6 Conclusion

- 12.6.1 A QRA study has been conducted for the Underground High Pressure Town Gas Pipeline, taking into account the construction and operation phases of the proposed public housing development.
- 12.6.2 It could be concluded that both individual risk and societal risk level are in compliance with the Hong Kong Risk Guidelines and PD 8010 Part 3, no further mitigation measure is required.









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**Number of Casualties** 

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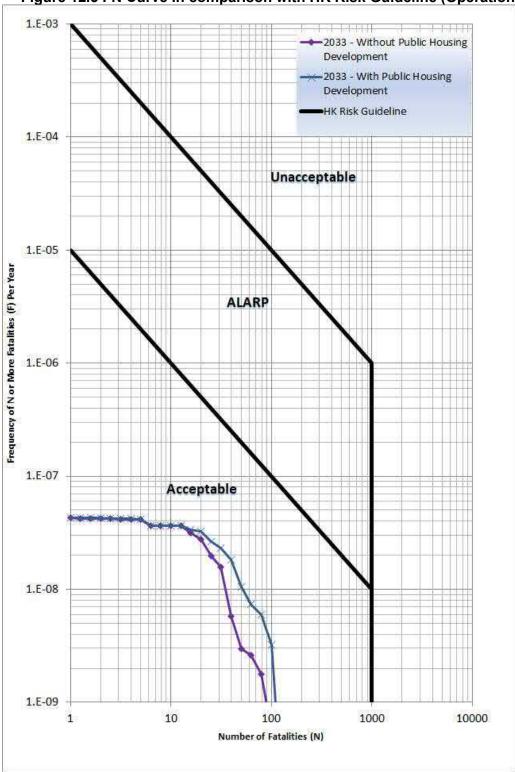
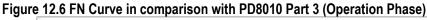
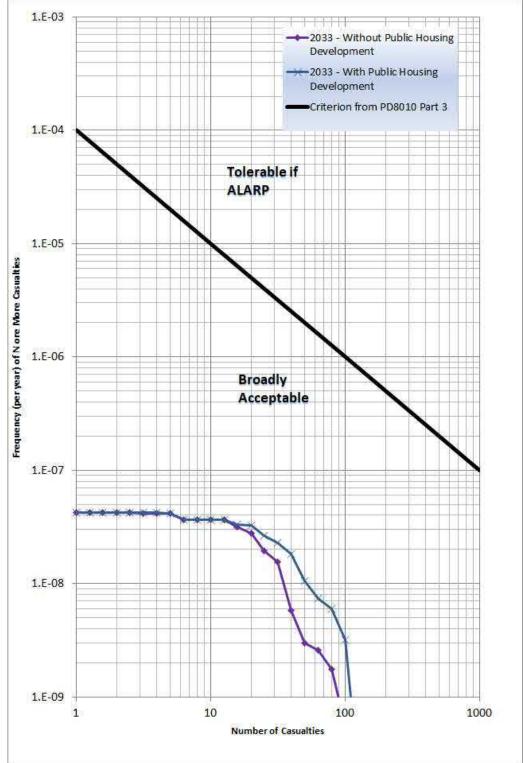


Figure 12.5 FN Curve in comparison with HK Risk Guideline (Operation Phase)









#### 13. PRELIMINARY LANDSCAPE AND VISUAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

#### 13.1 Introduction

13.1.1 This chapter presents the assessment of the potential landscape and visual impacts associated with the proposed development. Key Landscape Resources (LRs), Landscape Character Areas (LCAs) and Visually Sensitive Receivers (VSRs) that are likely to be affected due to the proposed development are identified, and the potential landscape and visual impacts are assessed and evaluated.

# 13.2 Assessment Methodology

# Preliminary Landscape Impact Assessment (LIA) Methodology

- 13.2.1 The methodology for this Preliminary LIA is based on *EIAO Guidance Note No.* 8/2010. The landscape impacts have been assessed according to the following procedures:
  - Identification of the Baseline Landscape Resources (LRs) and Landscape Character Areas (LCAs) found within the Study Area
  - Assessment of the Degree of Sensitivity of the LRs and LCAs
  - Identification of Potential Sources of Landscape Change
  - Prediction of the Magnitude of Landscape Change
  - Identification of Potential Landscape Mitigation Measures
  - Prediction of Landscape Impact Significance
  - Prediction of Acceptability of Impacts

## Preliminary Visual Impact Assessment Methodology

- 13.2.2 The methodology follows the requirements set out in Town Planning Board Guidelines on Submission of Visual Impact Assessment for Planning Applications to the Town Planning Board (*TPB PG-No.41*). Appraisal of visual impacts is not objective science but is based upon a structured and reasoned evaluation of predicted impacts, informed by professional judgement and experience. The methodology adopted for this visual appraisal consists of:
  - Identification of Baseline Conditions (Assessment Area, Visual Elements and Resources and Viewing Points);
  - Identification of Potential Sources of Impact;
  - Identification of Potential Mitigation Measures;
  - Appraisal of Significance of Visual Impacts; and
  - Evaluation of Overall Visual Impact.



## 13.3 Summary of Tree Survey and Tree Treatment

## <u>Introduction</u>

13.3.1 Tree survey within and in the immediate vicinity of the Site (i.e. inside and within 10m of the Site) and the extent of road widening works has been carried out.

## **Existing Condition of the Trees**

- 13.3.2 A total of **1,414no.** trees were surveyed, including **1,334no.** trees within and in the vicinity of the Site, and **80no.** trees associated with road widening works at the junctions of Ma Wo Road and Tat Wan Road; of Nam Wan Road and Tat Wan Road; and of Kwong Wang Street and Tai Po Road Yuen Chau Tsai.
- 13.3.3 The surveyed tree species within and in the vicinity of the Site are summarised in **Table 13.1** below in order of quantity present:

Table 13.1 – Summary of Tree Species within and in the Vicinity of the Site

| Scientific Name                      | Chinese<br>Name | Quantity | % of Total<br>Quantity | Origin | Conservation<br>Status  |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|------------------------|--------|---|
| Alangium chinense                    | 八角楓             | 173      | 12.97%                 | Native | Nil   |
| Aporosa dioica                       | 銀柴              | 121      | 9.07%                  | Native | Nil   |
| Schefflera heptaphylla               | 鵝掌柴             | 89       | 6.67%                  | Native | Nil   |
| Machilus gamblei                     | 黃心樹             | 81       | 6.07%                  | Native | Nil   |
| Acacia confusa                       | 台灣相思            | 78       | 5.85%                  | Exotic | Nil   |
| Acronychia pedunculata               | 山油柑             | 69       | 5.17%                  | Native | Nil   |
| Machilus sp.                         | 潤楠(屬)           | 68       | 5.10% Native           | Nil    |   |
| Dimocarpus longan                    | 龍眼              | 65       | 4.87%                  | Exotic | Nil   |
| Macaranga tanarius var.<br>tomentosa | 血桐              | 48       | 3.60%                  | Native | Nil   |
| Cratoxylum cochinchinense            | 黄牛木             | 42       | 3.15%                  | Native | Nil   |
| Clausena lansium                     | 黃皮              | 35       | 2.62%                  | Exotic | Nil   |
| Cinnamomum camphora                  | 樟               | 34       | 2.55%                  | Native | Nil   |
| Ficus hispida                        | 對葉榕             | 33       | 2.47%                  | Native | Nil   |
| Canthium dicoccum                    | 魚骨木             | 24       | 1.80%                  | Native | Nil   |
| Ficus variegata var.<br>chlorocarpa  | 青果榕             | 21       | 1.57%                  | Native | Nil   |
| Litsea monopetala                    | 假柿樹             | 21       | 1.57%                  | Native | Nil   |
| Celtis sinensis                      | 朴樹              | 20       | 1.50%                  | Native | Nil   |
| Sterculia lanceolata                 | 假蘋婆             | 18       | 1.35%                  | Native | Nil   |
| Ixonanthes reticulata                | 黏木              | 17       | 1.27%                  | Native | Recorded in<br>AFCD's book<br>"Rare and<br>Precious<br>Plants of<br>Hong Kong"<br>(2003) (Status) |



| Scientific Name        | Chinese<br>Name | Quantity | % of Total<br>Quantity | Origin | Conservation<br>Status   |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------|------------------------|--------|--|
|                        |                 |          |                        |        | in China: Vulnerable) Listed on the China Plant Red Data Book as a "Vulnerable" species  |
| Machilus chekiangensis | 浙江潤楠            | 14       | 1.05%                  | Native | Nil  |
| Ficus microcarpa       | 細葉榕             | 11       | 0.82%                  | Native | Nil  |
| llex rotunda           | 鐵冬青             | 11       | 0.82%                  | Exotic | Nil  |
| Rhus succedanea        | 野漆樹             | 11       | 0.82%                  | Native | Nil  |
| Bauhinia x blakeana    | 洋紫荊             | 10       | 0.75%                  | Native | Nil  |
| Citrus maxima          | 柚               | 10       | 0.75%                  | Exotic | Nil  |
| Bridelia tomentosa     | 土蜜樹             | 7        | 0.52%                  | Native | Nil  |
| Leucaena leucocephala  | 銀合歡             | 7        | 0.52%                  | Exotic | Nil  |
| Litchi chinensis       | 荔枝              | 7        | 0.52%                  | Exotic | Nil  |
| Litsea cubeba          | 木薑子             | 7        | 0.52%                  | Native | Nil  |
| Syzygium hancei        | 韓氏蒲桃            | 7        | 0.52%                  | Native | Nil  |
| Aleurites moluccana    | 石栗              | 6        | 0.45%                  | Exotic | Nil  |
| Garcinia oblongifolia  | 嶺南山竹子           | 6        | 0.45%                  | Native | Nil  |
| Michelia x alba        | 白蘭              | 6        | 0.45%                  | Exotic | Scheduled<br>under Cap 96  |
| Microcos nervosa       | 破布葉             | 6        | 0.45%                  | Native | Nil  |
| Pygeum topengii        | 臀果木             | 6        | 0.45%                  | Native | Nil  |
| Acacia auriculiformis  | 耳果相思            | 5        | 0.37%                  | Exotic | Nil  |
| Aquilaria sinensis     | 土沉香             | 5        | 0.37%                  | Native | Protected under Cap 586 Recorded in AFCD's book "Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong" (2003) (Status in China: Near Threatened) Listed on the China Plant Red Data Book as an "Vulnerable" species |
| Carallia brachiata     | 竹節樹             | 5        | 0.37%                  | Native | Nil  |
| Endospermum chinense   | 黃桐              | 5        | 0.37%                  | Native | Nil  |



| Scientific Name               | Chinese<br>Name | Quantity | % of Total<br>Quantity | Origin | Conservation<br>Status |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------|------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| Machilus pauhoi               | 刨花潤楠            | 5        | 0.37%                  | Native | Nil                    |
| Mangifera indica              | 芒果              | 5        | 0.37%                  | Exotic | Nil                    |
| Viburnum odoratissimum        | 珊瑚樹             | 5        | 0.37%                  | Native | Nil                    |
| Averrhoa carambola            | 楊桃              | 4        | 0.30%                  | Exotic | Nil                    |
| Choerospondias axillaris      | 南酸棗             | 4        | 0.30%                  | Native | Nil                    |
| Elaeocarpus hainanensis       | 水石榕             | 4        | 0.30%                  | Exotic | Nil                    |
| Ficus binnendijkii            | 阿里垂榕            | 3        | 0.22%                  | Exotic | Nil                    |
| Juniperus chinensis 'Kaizuca' | 龍柏              | 3        | 0.22%                  | Exotic | Nil                    |
| Ligustrum sinense             | 山指甲             | 3        | 0.22%                  | Exotic | Nil                    |
| Morus alba                    | 桑樹              | 3        | 0.22%                  | Native | Nil                    |
| Sapium discolor               | 山烏桕             | 3        | 0.22%                  | Native | Nil                    |
| Schima superba                | 木荷              | 3        | 0.22%                  | Native | Nil                    |
| Scolopia saeva                | 廣東刺柊            | 3        | 0.22%                  | Native | Nil                    |
| Zanthoxylum avicennae         | 簕欓花椒            | 3        | 0.22%                  | Native | Nil                    |
| Archidendron clypearia        | 猴耳環             | 2        | 0.15%                  | Native | Nil                    |
| Canarium pimela               | 烏欖              | 2        | 0.15%                  | Exotic | Nil                    |
| Diospyros morrisiana          | 羅浮柿             | 2        | 0.15%                  | Native | Nil                    |
| Dracaena fragrans             | 巴西鐵樹            | 2        | 0.15%                  | Exotic | Nil                    |
| Eriobotrya japonica           | 枇杷              | 2        | 0.15%                  | Exotic | Nil                    |
| Eucalyptus exserta            | 窿緣桉             | 2        | 0.15%                  | Exotic | Nil                    |
| Liquidambar formosana         | 楓香              | 2        | 0.15%                  | Native | Nil                    |
| Melicope pteleifolia          | 蜜茱萸             | 2        | 0.15%                  | Native | Nil                    |
| Phyllanthus emblica           | 餘甘子             | 2        | 0.15%                  | Native | Nil                    |
| Archontophoenix alexandrae    | 假檳榔             | 1        | 0.07%                  | Exotic | Nil                    |
| Bischofia javanica            | 秋楓              | 1        | 0.07%                  | Native | Nil                    |
| Carica papaya                 | 木瓜              | 1        | 0.07%                  | Exotic | Nil                    |
| Claoxylon indicum             | 白桐樹             | 1        | 0.07%                  | Native | Nil                    |
| Cleistocalyx nervosum         | 水翁              | 1        | 0.07%                  | Native | Nil                    |
| Diospyros kaki                | 柿               | 1        | 0.07%                  | Exotic | Nil                    |
| Elaeocarpus balansae          | 大葉杜英            | 1        | 0.07%                  | Exotic | Nil                    |
| Elaeocarpus sylvestris        | 山杜英             | 1        | 0.07%                  | Native | Nil                    |
| Eucalyptus tereticornis       | 細葉桉             | 1        | 0.07%                  | Exotic | Nil                    |
| Ilex rotunda var. microcarpa  | 小果鐵冬青           | 1        | 0.07%                  | Native | Nil                    |
| Lindera communis              | 香葉樹             | 1        | 0.07%                  | Native | Nil                    |
| Litsea glutinosa              | 潺槁樹             | 1        | 0.07%                  | Native | Nil                    |



| Scientific Name        | Chinese<br>Name | Quantity | % of Total<br>Quantity | Origin  | Conservation<br>Status |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------|------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| Machilus breviflora    | 短序潤楠            | 1        | 0.07%                  | Native  | Nil                    |
| Mallotus paniculatus   | 白楸              | 1        | 0.07%                  | Native  | Nil                    |
| Osmanthus fragrans     | 桂花              | 1        | 0.07%                  | Exotic  | Nil                    |
| Osmanthus matsumuranus | 牛矢果             | 1        | 0.07%                  | Native  | Nil                    |
| Pinus massoniana       | 馬尾松             | 1        | 0.07%                  | Native  | Nil                    |
| Sapium sebiferum       | 烏桕              | 1        | 0.07%                  | Native  | Nil                    |
| Sarcosperma laurinum   | 肉實樹             | 1        | 0.07%                  | Native  | Nil                    |
| Syzygium jambos        | 蒲桃              | 1        | 0.07%                  | Exotic  | Nil                    |
| Tetradium glabrifolium | 棟葉吳茱萸           | 1        | 0.07%                  | Native  | Nil                    |
| Trema orientalis       | 異色山黄麻           | 1        | 0.07%                  | Native  | Nil                    |
| Dead tree              | 死樹              | 34       | 2.55%                  | Unknown | Nil                    |
|                        | Total           | 1,334    | 100%                   |         |                        |

13.3.4 The species of trees in this tree survey for proposed road widening works at the junctions of Ma Wo Road and Tat Wan Road, of Nam Wan Road and Tat Wan Road, and of Kwong Wang Street and Tai Po Road – Yuen Chau Tsai are summarised in **Table 13.2** below:

Table 13.2 - Summary of Tree Species within and in the vicinity of Road Widening Works

| Scientific Name                      | Chinese<br>Name | Quantity | % of Total Quantity | Origin | Conservation<br>Status |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|---------------------|--------|------------------------|
| Juniperus chinensis                  | 圓柏              | 38       | 47.50%              | Exotic | Nil                    |
| Eucalyptus exserta                   | 窿緣桉             | 7        | 8.75%               | Exotic | Nil                    |
| Ravenala madagascariensis            | 旅人蕉             | 7        | 8.75%               | Exotic | Nil                    |
| Aleurites moluccana                  | 石栗              | 6        | 7.50%               | Exotic | Nil                    |
| Senna siamea                         | 鐵刀木             | 6        | 6.25%               | Exotic | Nil                    |
| Leucaena leucocephala                | 銀合歡             | 3        | 3.75%               | Exotic | Nil                    |
| Hyophorbe lagenicaulis               | 酒瓶椰子            | 3        | 3.75%               | Exotic | Nil                    |
| Bauhinia x blakeana                  | 洋紫荊             | 2        | 2.50%               | Native | Nil                    |
| Cinnamomum camphora                  | 樟               | 2        | 2.50%               | Native | Nil                    |
| Ficus hispida                        | 對葉榕             | 2        | 2.50%               | Native | Nil                    |
| Archontophoenix alexandrae           | 假檳榔             | 1        | 1.25%               | Exotic | Nil                    |
| Cinnamomum burmannii                 | 陰香              | 1        | 1.25%               | Native | Nil                    |
| Ficus microcarpa                     | 細葉榕             | 1        | 1.25%               | Native | Nil                    |
| Juniperus chinensis 'Kaizuca'        | 龍柏              | 1        | 1.25%               | Exotic | Nil                    |
| Macaranga tanarius var.<br>tomentosa | 血桐              | 1        | 1.25%               | Native | Nil                    |
|                                      | Total           | 80       | 100%                |        |                        |

- 13.3.5 There are no existing trees included in the *Register of Old and Valuable Trees*.

  1no. of the existing *Ficus microcarpa* tree (T3) is with DBH greater than 1,000mm.
- 13.3.6 Moreover, a total of **28no.** existing Trees of Conservation Interest are found within and in the vicinity of the Site, as listed in **Table 13.3** and shown on **Figure 13.1**. The tree assessment schedule and tree survey photographs of existing Trees of Conservation Interest are presented in **Appendix A** and **Appendix B** respectively.

| Scientific Name          | Chinese<br>Name | Quantity   | % of the Population | Origin | Conservation Status  |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--|---------------------|--------|--|
| Michelia x alba          | 白蘭              | 6  | 0.45%               | Exotic | Scheduled under Cap 96   |
| Ixonanthes<br>reticulata | 黏木              | 17 (including 2<br>trees with<br>DBH above<br>500mm) | 1.27%               | Native | Recorded in AFCD's book "Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong" (2003) (Status in China: Vulnerable)     Listed on the China Plant Red Data Book as a "Vulnerable" species   |
| Aquilaria<br>sinensis    | 土沉香             | 5  | 0.37%               | Native | <ul> <li>Protected under Cap 586</li> <li>Recorded in AFCD's book "Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong" (2003) (Status in China: Near Threatened)</li> <li>Listed on the China Plant Red Data Book as an "Vulnerable" species</li> </ul> |
|                          | Total           | 28   | 2.09%               |        |  |

# **Summary of Tree Treatment**

13.3.7 **Table 13.4** summarises the proposed tree treatments to the existing trees inside and within 10m of the Site, and those affected by the road widening works. The proposed tree treatments are illustrated in **Figures 13.1 to 13.3**.

**Table 13.4 – Summary of Tree Treatments** 

| Location |                                       |     |              |       |    |       |
|----------|---------------------------------------|-----|--------------|-------|----|-------|
|          | Retained with minor pruning           |     | Transplanted | Total |    |       |
| (i)      | Within or in the Vicinity of the Site | 339 | 0            | 994   | 1  | 1,334 |
| (ii)     | Within Road Widening<br>Works Extent  | 37  | 4            | 21    | 18 | 80    |
|          | Total                                 | 376 | 4            | 1,015 | 19 | 1,414 |

13.3.8 **Table 13.5** summarises the proposed treatments to Trees of Particular Interest.



All trees are within or in the vicinity of the Site.

Table 13.5 – Summary of Treatments to Trees of Particular Interest

| Tree Species                  | Status                    | Tree Proposed to be |        | be    |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------|-------|
|                               |                           | Retained            | Felled | Total |
| Aquilaria sinensis<br>[土沉香]   | Conservation Interest     | 5                   | 0      | 5     |
| Ficus microcarpa<br>[細葉榕]     | Tree due to large<br>Size | 0                   | 1      | 1     |
| Ixonanthes reticulata<br>[黏木] | Conservation Interest     | 9                   | 8      | 17    |
| Michelia x alba<br>[白蘭]       | Conservation Interest     | 3                   | 3      | 6     |
|                               | Total                     | 17                  | 12     | 29    |

## Tree Planting Proposal

- 13.3.9 A new tree planting proposal is provided based on the proposed Outline Landscape Plan layout. The details of the proposal are provided in the Tree Survey Report.
- 13.3.10 The tree species selection aims to blend the proposed landscaping with the surrounding environment ecologically and visually as far as practical. The suggested tree species include *Bischofia javanica* (秋楓), *Cleistocalyx nervosum* (水翁), *Machilus chekiangensis* (浙江潤楠), *Ilex rotunda var. microcarpa* (小果鐵冬青), etc. The tree planting palette to be implemented is subject to the detailed landscape design.
- 13.3.11 As discussed in the Preliminary Ecological Assessment Report, the proposed site formation and infrastructure works would result in a loss of 1.95 ha woodland of moderate ecological value.
- 13.3.12 It is recommended to mitigate such impact by off-site compensatory measures on a like-to-like basis, and undertake woodland compensation planting with a ratio not less than 1.95ha at the unallocated government land at Lin Au. (see Figure 14.3) Sufficient justification shall be provided in case of incapable of providing 1:1 woodland compensation.
- 13.3.13 As presented in **Table 13.4**, felling of 1,015 number of trees may be required during the construction stage of the project. A minimum of 178 number of new trees are proposed to be planted within the development site and engineered slopes. Since it is assessed that there is limited space within the site boundary (outside the areas for housing and school developments) for tree compensation, it is proposed to plant more new trees at the off-site woodland compensation area at Lin Au.
- 13.3.14 The Appendix A of the DEVB TC(W) No. 4/2020 Tree Preservation has specified the compensatory planting requirement for government project, in which as far as possible it should be of a ratio not less than 1:1 in terms of number, i.e. the number of compensatory trees within the Site and off-site shall not be lower than that of the number of trees felled. A minimum no. of 1,015 trees would be required to



compensate for the trees under the Project. Sufficient justification shall be provided in case of incapable of providing 1:1 tree compensation.

- 13.3.15 Accordingly, by making reference to the "right species at the right place" principle as depicted in the "Guiding Principles on Use of Native Plant Species in Public Works Projects", i.e., planting suitable species (or species mix) in sites with suitable condition, it is recommended to plant a minimum no. of 1,015 trees in Lin Au with a mix of native tree species such as Schima superba, Sterculia lanceolata, Schefflera heterophylla, Phyllanthus emblica, Liquidambar formosana, Michelia x alba and Ixonanthes reticulata. The proposed new tree planting at Lin Au is mainly in seedling form to be planted in a woodland matrix arrangement of mixed trees species at minimum 4m spacing typical.
- 13.3.16 The details requirement and arrangement of the new tree planting, including the exact locations of the planting site, planting quantity, species mix and plant sizes, should be further developed during the detail design stage of the study and before the submission of the Tree Preservation and Removal Proposal for approval.
- 13.3.17 A minimum of 5 years post-planting monitoring programme should be undertaken by the contractor appointed by the project department to monitor the establishment of the compensated woodlands and new trees. It is anticipated that post-planting maintenance after the establishment of the woodland and trees would be minimal and similar to other vegetation on non-allocated government land on hillside, and required on an "as needed" basis.
- 13.3.18 LandsD will consider granting temporary land allocation for the off-site woodland compensation in Lin Au without a regular maintenance party and will be prepared to take over such sites from allocatees after maintenance period or full establishment of the trees subject to further review at the detailed design stage.

## 13.4 Preliminary Landscape Impact Assessment

#### Existing Landscape Resources

13.4.1 The baseline Landscape Resources (LRs) that fall within the Landscape Impact Assessment Areas together with their sensitivities to the changes are listed in Table 13.1. The locations of these LRs are mapped in Figures 13.4 and 13.5. For ease of reference, each of the LRs is given a reference identification number (Reference ID).

#### Existing Landscape Character Area

- 13.4.2 The baseline Landscape Character Areas (LCAs) that fall within the Landscape Impact Study Area together with their sensitivities to the changes are listed in Table 13.2. The locations and the characters of these LCAs are mapped and illustrated in Figures 13.6 and 13.7. For ease of reference, each of the LCAs is given a reference identification number (Reference ID).
- 13.4.3 There are **6** Landscape Character Types within the Study Area which are represented by a total of eleven Landscape Character Areas in different geographical locations.



### Potential Sources and Magnitude of Landscape Change

13.4.4 The magnitude of unmitigated impacts on **LRs** and **LCAs** associated with the construction and operation of the Development are assessed and described in **Table 13.6** and **Table 13.7** respectively.

### Construction and Operational Mitigation Measures

- 13.4.5 The proposed mitigation measures for Construction Phase (labelled **CMx**) and Operation Phase (labelled **OMx**), together with the associated funding, implementation, management and maintenance agencies, are tabulated in **Tables** 13.8 and 13.9 respectively.
- 13.4.6 The Conceptual Outline Landscape Plan is provided in **Figure 13.8**. The proposed mitigation measures are annotated on plan in **Figures 13.9 to 13.11** Combined Landscape and Visual Mitigation Measures Plans 1, 2 and 3, in cross-sections in **Figures 13.12** and **13.13**.

### Prediction of Significance of Landscape Impacts

13.4.7 The potential significances of the landscape impacts during the Construction and Operation Phases, before and after mitigation, are provided in **Tables 13.6** and **13.7**.

### Overall Assessment of Landscape Impacts

- 13.4.8 The implementation of the recommended mitigation measures will assist in the creation of an attractive new housing development that minimises adverse impacts on neighbours as far as practical, and will, to some extent, help in mitigating the three principal landscape impacts caused by the Development, namely the adverse impacts of Substantial significance on landscape resources LR1A Natural Hillside with Woodland (within and in the vicinity of the Site) and LR2A Engineered Hillsides with Woodland (within the Site) and upon the landscape character area LCA2-A Upland and Hillside Landscape Within and Adjacent to the Site.
- 13.4.9 The impact on **LR1A** represents a loss of approximately **8.5%** of that landscape resource type (i.e. Natural Hillsides with Woodland) within the Study Area.
- 13.4.10 The impact on **LR2A** represents a loss of approximately **17.8%** of that landscape resource type (i.e. Engineered Hillsides with Woodland) within the Study Area.
- 13.4.11 The impact on **LCA2-A** represents a loss of approximately **8.0%** of that landscape character type (i.e. Upland and Hillside Landscape) within the Study Area.
- 13.4.12 Other impacts are very minor in nature and considered to be of either **Slight** or **Insubstantial** significance after mitigation as shown in **Tables 13.6** and **13.7**.
- 13.4.13 In conclusion, although there are adverse impacts of substantial significance upon two landscape resources and one landscape character area, these are mitigated to a certain degree by the proposed mitigation measures which results in moderate significance. Therefore, these impacts are not considered to be "too excessive" given that the hillside and woodland are not unique and represent relatively small



percentages of similar landscape resource types and landscape character types found in the Study Area (and tiny percentages of similar landscape resource types and landscape character types found in Hong Kong) and furthermore the benefits gained by the project Development include public housing that is badly needed within the community. Therefore, the landscape impacts are categorised as **acceptable with mitigation measures**.



Table 13.6 - Significance of Impacts on Landscape Resources (LRs) during the Construction and Operation Phases, and Residual Impacts After Mitigations

| Reference<br>ID. | Landscape Resource (LR)   | Receptor<br>Sensitivity<br>(Low/<br>Medium/<br>High) | Magnitude of Change (Large/Intermediate/Small/ Negligible/None) During Construction and Operation Phases <u>BEFORE Mitigations</u> |            | g the Construction and Opera Impact Significances <u>BEFORE</u> <u>Mitigations</u> (Substantial/Moderate/Slight/ Insubstantial/None) |               | Proposed Mitigation Measures  | Impact Significances <u>AFTER Mitigations</u><br>(Substantial/Moderate/Slight/Insubstantial/<br>None) |                 |                   |
|------------------|---|--|--|------------|--|---------------|---|---|-----------------|-------------------|
|                  |   |  | Construction   | Operation  | Construction   | Operation     |   | Construction  | Operation Phase |                   |
|                  |   |  | Phase  | Phase      | Phase  | Phase         |   | Phase   | Day 1           | After 10<br>Years |
| LR1A             | Natural Hillsides with<br>Woodland (within and in<br>the Immediate Vicinity of<br>the Site) | High   | Large  | Large      | Substantial  | Substantial   | Construction: CM1,<br>CM6<br>Operation: OM3,<br>OM4, OM5, OM7,<br>OM8 | Substantial   | Substantial     | Moderate          |
| LR1B             | Natural Hillsides with Woodland (beyond Site)   | High   | None   | None       | None   | None          | -   | None  | None            | None              |
| LR2A             | Engineered Hillsides with Woodland (within the Site)  | High   | Large  | Large      | Substantial  | Substantial   | Construction: CM1<br>Operation: OM3,<br>OM5                           | Substantial   | Substantial     | Moderate          |
| LR2B             | Engineered Hillsides with Woodland (beyond Site)  | High   | Negligible   | Negligible | Insubstantial  | Insubstantial | Operation: OM8,<br>OM9  | Insubstantial   | Insubstantial   | Insubstantial     |
| LR3              | Natural Hillsides With<br>Scrublands / Grasslands<br>/ Cultivated Lands                     | High   | None   | None       | None   | None          | -   | None  | None            | None              |
| LR4A             | Residential Areas with<br>Amenity Areas /<br>Landscape Areas<br>(Existing)                  | Medium   | None   | None       | None   | None          | -   | None  | None            | None              |
| LR4B             | Residential Areas with<br>Amenity Areas /<br>Landscape Areas (Under<br>Construction)        | Medium   | None   | None       | None   | None          | -   | None  | None            | None              |
| LR5              | Schools with Amenity<br>Landscaping   | Low  | None   | None       | None   | None          | -   | None  | None            | None              |
| LR6              | Village Type Development with Vegetated Areas   | Medium   | None   | None       | None   | None          | -   | None  | None            | None              |



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| Reference<br>ID. | Landscape Resource (LR)   | Receptor<br>Sensitivity<br>(Low/<br>Medium/<br>High) | Magnitude of Change<br>(Large/Intermediate/Small/<br>Negligible/None) During<br>Construction and Operation<br>Phases <u>BEFORE Mitigations</u> |                    | Impact Significances <u>BEFORE</u> <u>Mitigations</u> (Substantial/Moderate/Slight/ Insubstantial/None) |                    | Proposed Mitigation Measures                                  | Impact Significances <u>AFTER Mitigations</u><br>(Substantial/Moderate/Slight/Insubstantial/<br>None) |                 |                   |
|------------------|---|--|--|--------------------|---|--------------------|---|---|-----------------|-------------------|
|                  |   |  | Construction   | Operation          | Construction  | Operation          |   | Construction  | Operation Phase |                   |
|                  |   |  | Phase  | Operation<br>Phase | Phase   | Operation<br>Phase |   | Phase   | Day 1           | After 10<br>Years |
| LR7A             | Public Open Spaces / Sitting Out Areas with Amenity Landscaping | Medium   | None   | None               | None  | None               | -   | None  | None            | None              |
| LR7B             | Public Open Spaces  | Medium   | None   | None               | None  | None               | -   | None  | None            | None              |
| LR8              | Public Streets with<br>Amenity Landscaping                      | Medium   | Small  | Small              | Slight  | Slight             | Construction: CM1,<br>CM2, CM3, CM6,<br>CM7<br>Operation: OM9 | Slight  | Slight          | Slight            |
| LR9              | Engineered Slopes along<br>Highways with Vegetated<br>Surfaces  | Low  | Small  | Small              | Insubstantial   | Insubstantial      | Operation: OM8  | Insubstantial   | Insubstantial   | Insubstantial     |
| LR10             | Petrol Filling Station with<br>Amenity Landscape                | Low  | None   | None               | None  | None               | -   | None  | None            | None              |
| LR11             | Streams   | High   | None   | None               | None  | None               | -   | None  | None            | None              |
| LR12             | Tai Po River<br>(Channelised)                                   | Medium   | None   | None               | None  | None               | -   | None  | None            | None              |



Table 13.7 - Significance of Impacts on Landscape Character Areas (LCAs) during the Construction and Operation Phases, and Residual Impacts After

Mitigations

| ID.    | Landscape Character<br>Area (LCA)   | Receptor<br>Sensitivity<br>(Low/ |              |            | Proposed<br>Mitigation | on            |  |               |               |                   |
|--------|---|----------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------------------|---------------|--|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
|        | (===,   | Medium/<br>High)                 | Construction | Operation  | Construction           | Operation     | Measures   | Construction  | Operation     | n Phase           |
|        |   |                                  | Phase        | Phase      | Phase                  | Phase         |  | Phase         | Day 1         | After 10<br>Years |
| LCA1-A | Settled Valley Landscape  – Wun Yiu and environs                                    | High                             | None         | None       | None                   | None          | -  | None          | None          | None              |
| LCA1-B | Settled Valley Landscape – along Tai Po River                                       | High                             | None         | None       | None                   | None          | -  | None          | None          | None              |
| LCA2-A | Upland and Hillside<br>Landscape – Within and<br>adjacent to the Site               | High                             | Large        | Large      | Substantial            | Substantial   | Construction:<br>CM1, CM6<br>Operation: OM1,<br>OM2, OM3,<br>OM4, OM5,<br>OM6, OM7,<br>OM8 | Substantial   | Moderate      | Moderate          |
| LCA2-B | Upland and Hillside<br>Landscape – West of<br>Pan Chung Tsuen                       | High                             | None         | None       | None                   | None          | -  | None          | None          | None              |
| LCA2-C | Upland and Hillside<br>Landscape - Southwest<br>of Tolo Highway                     | High                             | None         | None       | None                   | None          | -  | None          | None          | None              |
| LCA2-D | Upland and Hillside<br>Landscape – East of<br>Shan Tong Road                        | High                             | None         | None       | None                   | None          | -  | None          | None          | None              |
| LCA3-A | Urban Peripheral Village<br>Landscape – Pan Chung<br>Tsuen, Ma Wo and Ma<br>Wo Road | High                             | Negligible   | Negligible | Insubstantial          | Insubstantial | Construction:<br>CM1, CM2,<br>CM3, CM6, CM7<br>Operation: OM9                              | Insubstantial | Insubstantial | Insubstantial     |



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| ID.    | Landscape Character<br>Area (LCA)   | Receptor<br>Sensitivity<br>(Low/ | (Large/Intermo<br>Negligible/No<br>Construction a | Magnitude of Change (Large/Intermediate/Small/ Negligible/None) During Construction and Operation Phases BEFORE Mitigations  Impact Significances BEFORE Mitigations (Substantial/Moderate/Slight/ Insubstantial/None)  Proposed Mitigation |               | Mitigations bstantial/Moderate/Slight/ Insubstantial/None) Proposed Mitigation |   | Moderate/Slight/ |               |                   |
|--------|---|----------------------------------|---|---|---------------|--|---|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
|        | ,   | Medium/<br>High)                 | Construction                                      | Operation   | Construction  | Operation  | Measures  | Construction     | Operation     | on Phase          |
|        |   | 9,                               | Phase   | Phase   | Phase         | Phase  |   | Phase            | Day 1         | After 10<br>Years |
| LCA4-A | Residential Urban<br>Landscape – Upper Ma<br>Wo Road  | Medium                           | None  | None  | None          | None   | -   | None             | None          | None              |
| LCA4-B | Residential Urban Landscape – Wan Tau Tong Estate, Tai Po Market Station Development, Tat Wan Road and Nam Wan Road | Medium                           | Negligible  | Negligible  | Insubstantial | Insubstantial  | Construction:<br>CM1, CM2,<br>CM3, CM6, CM7<br>Operation: OM9 | Insubstantial    | Insubstantial | Insubstantial     |
| LCA4-C | Residential Urban<br>Landscape – New Mid-<br>Rise Development on<br>Shan Tong Road                                  | Medium                           | None  | None  | None          | None   | -   | None             | None          | None              |
| LCA4-D | Residential Urban<br>Landscape – Wang Fuk<br>Court  | Medium                           | Negligible  | Negligible  | Insubstantial | Insubstantial  | Operation: OM9  | Insubstantial    | Insubstantial | Insubstantial     |
| LCA5-A | Transportation Corridor<br>Landscape – Tolo<br>Highway  | Low                              | Small   | Small   | Insubstantial | Insubstantial  | Operation: OM8  | Insubstantial    | Insubstantial | Insubstantial     |
| LCA5-B | Transportation Corridor<br>Landscape – MTR East<br>Rail Line  | Low                              | None  | None  | None          | None   | -   | None             | None          | None              |
| LCA5-C | Transportation Corridor<br>Landscape – Tai Po<br>Road   | Low                              | Negligible  | Negligible  | Insubstantial | Insubstantial  | Operation: OM9  | Insubstantial    | Insubstantial | Insubstantial     |
| LCA6-A | Residential Urban Fringe<br>Landscape – Kwong Fuk<br>Park   | Medium                           | None  | None  | None          | None   | -   | None             | None          | None              |



**Table 13.8 - Proposed Construction Phase Mitigation Measures** 

| Reference<br>ID | Landscape & Visual Mitigation Measures   | Funding<br>Agency         | Implementation<br>Agency | Management<br>and<br>Maintenance<br>Agency |
|-----------------|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| CM1             | Minimised construction areas and temporary works areas                           | ArchSD,<br>CEDD &<br>HKHA | Relevant<br>Contractor   | ArchSD,<br>CEDD &<br>HKHA                  |
| CM2             | Minimised construction period  | ArchSD,<br>CEDD &<br>HKHA | Relevant<br>Contractor   | ArchSD,<br>CEDD &<br>HKHA                  |
| СМЗ             | Minimised construction traffic   | ArchSD,<br>CEDD &<br>HKHA | Relevant<br>Contractor   | ArchSD,<br>CEDD &<br>HKHA                  |
| CM4             | Erection of decorative screens/construction hoardings                            | ArchSD,<br>CEDD &<br>HKHA | Relevant<br>Contractor   | ArchSD,<br>CEDD &<br>HKHA                  |
| CM5             | Avoidance of excessive height and massing of construction buildings              | ArchSD,<br>CEDD &<br>HKHA | Relevant<br>Contractor   | ArchSD,<br>CEDD &<br>HKHA                  |
| CM6             | Protection of retained trees and transplanting of affected trees where practical | ArchSD,<br>CEDD &<br>HKHA | Relevant<br>Contractor   | ArchSD,<br>CEDD &<br>HKHA                  |
| СМ7             | Control of Night Lighting  | ArchSD,<br>CEDD &<br>HKHA | Relevant<br>Contractor   | ArchSD,<br>CEDD &<br>HKHA                  |

Table 13.9 - Proposed Operation Phase Mitigation Measures

| Reference<br>ID | Landscape Mitigation Measures  | Funding<br>Agency | Implementation<br>Agency | Managemen<br>t and<br>Maintenanc<br>e Agency |
|-----------------|--|-------------------|--------------------------|--|
| OM1             | Sensitive building design in terms of scale, height and massing  | HKHA              | НКНА                     | НКНА   |
| OM2             | Sensitive architectural treatment of building façades  | HKHA              | НКНА                     | НКНА   |
| ОМЗ             | Provision of amenity planting & 30% greenery area within the Public Housing Development Site                             | HKHA              | НКНА                     | НКНА   |
| OM4             | Provision of amenity planting & 20% greenery area within the School Site   | EDB               | ArchSD                   | EDB/ Future<br>School SSB                    |
| OM5             | Street level shade tree planting (within the Site Boundary)  | HKHA              | НКНА                     | НКНА   |
| ОМ6             | Sensitive architectural treatment of pedestrian zone building edges facing public roads                                  | НКНА              | НКНА                     | НКНА   |
| ОМ7             | Tree planting in toe planter   | CEDD              | CEDD                     | EDB/ Future<br>School SSB/<br>HKHA           |
| OM8             | Landscape treatment of formed engineered slope and retaining walls   | CEDD              | CEDD                     | EDB/ Future<br>School SSB/<br>HKHA           |
| ОМ9             | Remedial planting along Ma Wo Road, Tat<br>Wan Road, Nam Wan Road, Kwong Wang<br>Street and Tai Po Road – Yuen Chau Tsai | CEDD              | CEDD                     | LCSD   |



#### Notes:

- The proposed mitigation measures, management, and maintenance agency shall be agreed with the relevant government departments before implementation.
- 2. "ArchSD" stands for "Architectural Services Department".
- 3. "CEDD" stands for "Civil Engineering and Development Department".
- 4. "EDB" stands for "Education Bureau".
- 5. "HKHA" stands for "Hong Kong Housing Authority".
- 6. "LCSD" stands for "Leisure and Cultural Services Department".
- 7. "SSB" stands for "School Sponsoring Body".

# 13.5 Preliminary Visual Impact Assessment

#### **Assessment Area**

13.5.1 The Visual Envelope (VE) is the area within which any part of the proposed project (including the proposed road widening works) can be seen. The VE is delimited by a combination of nearby high-rise residential blocks, surrounding hill slopes and distant ridgelines which restrict the VE to an area within a **5.5km** radius of the Site (see **Figures 13.14** and **13.15**).

## **Key Public Viewing Points**

13.5.2 Eleven Key Public Viewing Points within the VE have been identified. These are listed in **Table 13.10**. Their respective locations are shown in **Figures 13.14** and **13.15**. The photos of Public Viewing Points are shown in **Figures 13.16 to 13.26**.

# Potential Sources of Visual Impact

- 13.5.3 Potential sources of visual impact caused by the proposed Development include the following:
  - Site formation works that involve the removal of extensive areas of existing natural hillside and woodland in order to create the development platforms.
  - The proposed Development that comprises three public housing blocks with a
    height of +135.0mPD, a carpark block at a height of about +56.0mPD and a
    18-classroom school at a height of about +49mPD, the associated vehicular
    and pedestrian accesses and engineered slopes on the south hillside of the
    Development. The proposed site layout and the section of the Development
    are illustrated in Figures 10.1 to 10.3 of this report.
  - Road improvement works that involve construction of internal roads and modification of existing Ma Wo Road and Ma Shing Path.
  - Road widening works that involve modification of short sections of road at the junction of Ma Wo Road and Tat Wan Road, and the junction of Nam Wan Road and Tat Wan Road.

## Appraisal of Visual Change

13.5.4 The visual impacts of the proposed Development on the key public viewing points are summarised in **Table 13.10**.



# Proposed Visual Mitigation Measures

13.5.5 The proposed landscape and visual mitigation measures for the Operation Phase are tabulated in **Table 13.9** together with the associated funding, implementation, management and maintenance agencies and the proposed implementation programme. Please refer to **Figures 13.9 to 13.13** for the combined mitigation measures for landscape and visual.

# Overall Assessment of Visual Impacts

- 13.5.6 The scale and height of the proposed Development is generally compatible and visually coherent with the existing Tai Po urban landscape, although the location of the Development in land zoned "Green Belt" at the southern edge of Tai Po town creates some adverse visual impacts on the immediate surroundings due to the loss of the hillside greenery as well as the erection of the three tall public housing blocks that will create some visual obstruction of existing views from nearby viewing points to the surrounding landscape backdrop.
- 13.5.7 In total 11 viewing points (VPs) were assessed, 7 of which are predicted to experience visual impacts of **Slight** or **Insubstantial** significance primarily due to their considerable distances from the Site, another 3 of which (**VPs 2.1, 2.2** and **2.4**) are predicted to experience visual impacts of **Moderate** significance owing to their closer proximity to the Site and the scale of the Development affecting the local visual composition and creating some visual obstruction of the landscape backdrop, and the remaining **VP 2.3** is predicted to experience visual impacts of **Substantial** significance due to the very close proximity to the Site. Despite mitigation measures, including sensitive building design and treatment, and amenity planting, are being proposed to reduce the visual impacts as much as practical, the physical bulk of the buildings projecting above the horizon will still be very dominant, therefore the residual visual impact will remain **Substantial** after mitigations.
- 13.5.8 The scale and height of the proposed Development is generally compatible and visually coherent with the existing Tai Po urban landscape. Most of the key public viewing points will experience insubstantial impacts, while those that will receive moderate to substantial impacts are within south Tai Po town due to their close proximity to the Project Site.
- 13.5.9 In overview, and in accordance with the parameters described in *TPB PG-No.41*, the overall visual impact significance of the proposed Development is considered **Slightly Adverse**.



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Table 13.10 – Magnitude of Visual Change during Operation Phase Before and After Mitigations

| Table I         | 3.10 – Magnitude of  | Visual C                            | nange during  | Operation i  |   | and Aiter i   | intigations   |  |   |                |
|-----------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|---|--|---|----------------|
| Reference<br>ID | Key Visual Sensitive<br>Receivers (VSRs)                     | Sensitive<br>to Visual<br>Change (T | Duration and<br>Frequency of<br>Impacts<br>(Temporary/<br>Permanent & | Magnitude of<br>Change<br>(Large/<br>Intermediate/<br>Small/ | Degree of<br>Visibility of<br>Source(s)<br>of Visual<br>Impact<br>(Full/Partial/<br>Obscured)<br>& Distance | Potential<br>Blockage<br>of<br>Existing<br>View<br>(Full/ | Visual Impact<br>Significance<br><u>Before</u><br><u>Mitigations</u><br>(Substantial/ | Proposed<br>Operation<br>Phase<br>Mitigation<br>Measures | Impact Significances <u>After Mitigations</u> (Substantial/Moderate/Slight/Insubstantial/None)  Operation Phase |                |
|                 |  | Medium/<br>Low)                     | Intermittent/<br>Continuous)  | Negligible/<br>None)   | Between Viewers & Nearest Source(s) of Impact   | Partial/<br>Slight/<br>Negligible<br>/None)               | Moderate/Slight/<br>Insubstantial/<br>None)   |  | Day 1   | After 10 years |
| VP1.1           | View from Wilson Trail<br>No.7 (South of the<br>Site)        | High                                | Permanent,<br>Continuous  | Small  | Partial,<br>1.6km   | Negligible  | Slight  | OM1, OM2   | Insubstantial   | Insubstantial  |
| VP1.2           | View from Grassy Hill<br>Peak                                | High                                | Permanent,<br>Continuous  | Negligible   | Partial,<br>3.2km   | Negligible  | Insubstantial   | OM1, OM2   | Insubstantial   | Insubstantial  |
| VP1.3           | View from Maclehose<br>Trail No.8 (Southwest<br>of the Site) | High                                | Permanent,<br>Continuous  | Negligible   | Partial,<br>3.8km   | Negligible  | Insubstantial   | OM1, OM2   | Insubstantial   | Insubstantial  |
| VP1.4           | View from Tai To Yan<br>Peak                                 | High                                | Permanent,<br>Continuous  | Negligible   | Partial,<br>4.7km   | Negligible  | Insubstantial   | OM1, OM2   | Insubstantial   | Insubstantial  |
| VP1.5           | View from Pak Tai To<br>Yan Peak                             | High                                | Permanent,<br>Continuous  | Negligible   | Partial,<br>4.6km   | Negligible  | Insubstantial   | OM1, OM2   | Insubstantial   | Insubstantial  |
| VP1.6           | View from Cloudy Hill (North of the Site)                    | High                                | Permanent,<br>Continuous  | Negligible   | Partial,<br>2.8km   | Negligible  | Insubstantial   | OM1, OM2   | Insubstantial   | Insubstantial  |
| VP1.7           | View from Wilson Trail<br>No.8 (West of the Site)            | High                                | Permanent,<br>Continuous  | Negligible   | Partial,<br>0.9km   | Negligible  | Insubstantial   | OM1, OM2   | Insubstantial   | Insubstantial  |
| VP2.1           | View from Wun Yiu<br>Minibus Station                         | Medium                              | Permanent,<br>Continuous  | Intermediate   | Partial,<br>400m  | Slight  | Moderate  | OM1, OM2   | Moderate  | Moderate       |
| VP2.2           | View from Tai Po<br>River Promenade                          | High                                | Permanent,<br>Continuous  | Intermediate   | Partial, 70m  | Partial   | Moderate  | OM1, OM2   | Moderate  | Moderate       |
| VP2.3           | View from Junction of<br>Tat Wan Road and Ma<br>Wo Road      | Medium                              | Permanent,<br>Continuous  | Large  | Full, 60m   | Full  | Substantial   | OM1, OM2,<br>OM5, OM6                                    | Substantial   | Substantial    |
| VP2.4           | View from Podium<br>Garden at Tai Po<br>Complex              | High                                | Permanent,<br>Continuous  | Intermediate   | Partial,<br>520m  | Slight  | Moderate  | OM1, OM2   | Moderate  | Moderate       |



#### 14. PRELIMINARY ECOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

# 14.1 Ecological Baselines

#### General Description

14.1.1 As shown in the **Figure 14.1**, the site formation area, which is primarily a wooded habitat composed with a mix of plantation, orchard and woodland, is wholly surrounded by developed area including the Tat Wan Road and a high-rise housing (Wan Tau Tong Estate) on the east, the Tolo Highway in the south, the Ma Shing Path and mid-rise housing (The Balmoral) on the west, as well as the Ma Wo Road and the open carparks on the north. Nevertheless, a wooded area is located on the northwest corner of the 500m Study Area; and the southern part of the Study Area, i.e., area south of the Tolo Highway, is composed of a mosaic of village houses, cultivated field, wasteland, woodland and plantation. The channelized Tai Po River which is mostly covered by concrete and run alongside the Tat Wan Road in the south before turning eastward towards the Tolo Harbour, and there are several mountain streams on the west and southwest parts of the Study Area that are far beyond from the Site and would not be affected by the proposed development.

# Literature Review

14.1.2 A literature review and ecological field survey has been undertaken to establish the ecological baseline of the 500m Study Area; and the surveying/sampling strategy as well as the methodological approach has made reference to the EIAO GN 7/2010 and 10/2010. Given that the potential ecological impact of the proposed site formation and infra-structure works would primarily relate to land-taking and disturbance, as such expect to be localised and confined to the Site and their immediate vicinities, the survey have focused on describing the habitat characteristics of the potential affected area as well as the presence of any species of conservation interest within and in the vicinity of the areas to be directly or indirectly affected by the project.

## **Ecological Baseline Survey**

14.1.3 On the other hand, based on the guiding principle stated in the Section 3.2 and 3.3 of the EIAO Guidance Note No. 7/2010, and considered the site characteristics of the Study Area as a whole as described above, a methodology paper on the baseline ecological survey, which covered a 4 months period in the wet season, has been prepared for AFCD's review and comment before the commencement of the data collection process.

## **Ecological Habitat**

14.1.4 6 habitat types have been categorised and delineated within the Study Area, and their respective coverage is presented in **Table 14.1** below and illustrated in **Figure 14.2**.



Table 14.1 Ecological Habitat within the Study Area and Sites of the Project

| Habitat                    | Study Area /ha | Sites <sup>(1)</sup> /ha |
|----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Woodland                   | 25.83          | 1.95                     |
| Plantation                 | 11.87          | 0.65                     |
| Shrubland-Grassland Mosaic | 15.98          | 0                        |
| Cultivated Land            | 3.00           | 0                        |
| Developed Area             | 60.88          | 1.58                     |
| Watercourse                | 2.91           | 0                        |

Remarks: (1) Sites include the areas within the boundary of "Site Formation" and "Infrastructure" as shown in Figure 14.2.

## Flora and Fauna

#### Flora

- A flora survey focused on the potential impacted area has been undertaken in this study to describe the floristic characteristics of the habitats and identify the presence of any plant species of conservation interest within the Study Area, and a total number of 356 plant species has been recorded, among which 4 species of conservation interest has been recorded, namely the Incense Tree Aquilaria sinensis (土沉香), the shrub Hong Kong Pavetta Pavetta hongkonensis (香港大沙葉), the climbing plant Luofushan Joint-fir Gnetum luofuense (羅浮買麻藤), as well as the Small Persimmon Diospyros vaccinioides (小果柿). On the other hand, the tree Ixonanthes reticulata (黏木), a species considered as vulnerable in China but common in Hong Kong, was recorded during the tree survey undertaken for this project. The exotic tree White Champaca Michelia x alba (白蘭), which is also listed under the Forestry Regulations (Cap. 96), were found planted among the village area and the woodland would not be considered as species of conservation interest in the assessment.
- 14.1.6 Aquilaria sinensis is common in Hong Kong but under the threat of illegal felling and over-exploitation in southern China including Hong Kong. This species is scheduled under the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (Cap. 586) and listed in the "Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong"; and it is also listed as "Vulnerable" in the IUCN Red List and Red List of China Higher Plants, and included in the Illustration of Rare & endangered plant in Guangdong Province. Wild individual of this species in China is under State protection (Category II). 29 no. of this species in different growing stages were recorded at the woodland within the site formation area, but their DBH are all < 95mm and most of the recorded plants are seedlings ranged from 30cm to 1.2m in height, and appeared in healthy condition. Nonetheless, trunk damage has also been noted for some plants >2m tall. On the other hand, 30 plants with dbh <95mm and 5 trees has also been recorded in the woodland beyond the site formation boundary during the ecological survey and tree survey respectively.
- 14.1.7 The tree *Ixonanthes reticulata* is locally common but listed as "Vulnerable" in IUCN Red List as well as Red List of China Higher Plants. Eleven individuals of this species which were all in fair or good condition has been recorded among the woodland within the site formation area and 6 individuals were recorded in the woodland outside the site formation area during the tree survey undertaken in this project.



- 14.1.8 Three Hong Kong Pavetta *Pavetta hongkonensis* were found in the under-storey of the woodland, and it is listed under the Cap.96, and one of them was recorded within the site formation area. The shrub Small Persimmon *Diospyros vaccinioides* is listed as "Critically Endangered" in the IUCN Red List, and "Endangered" in the Red List of China Higher Plants. This species is very common on the hillside of Hong Kong and 3 patches composed with ~ 12 plants were found scattered among the shrubland-grassland mosaic on the hillside at the southwestern part of the Study Area.
- 14.1.9 The climber Luofushan Joint-fir *Gnetum luofuense* is locally common but listed as "Near Threatened" by the IUCN Red List because of the threat from habitat loss, and 2 patches of this species were found among the woodland within the site formation area.

#### Fauna

- 14.1.10 A total of 5 mammals, 28 birds, 8 herpetofauna, 28 butterflies, 9 odonates, 3 freshwater fishes and 1 crustacean have been recorded during the ecological field survey within the Study Area; among which 9 of them has been considered as species of conservation interest locally, nationally or internationally. However, all of them are considered to be common/very common and/or widely distributed in Hong Kong, except the butterfly forget-me-not (咖灰蝶) which has been listed as very rare in the AFCD's biodiversity database.
- 14.1.11 All of the bats are protected in Hong Kong by the Cap. 170, and both of the Shortnosed Fruit Bat *Cynopterus sphinx* (短吻果蝠) and Japanese Pipistrelle *Pipistrellus abramus* (東亞家蝠) are very common and widely distributed in urban and countryside areas throughout Hong Kong. Two records of each bat species were made during the survey.
- 14.1.12 The exotic and introduced Pallas's Squirrel *Callosciurus erythraeus* (赤腹松鼠) is common in Hong Kong and fairly widely distributed in woodlands in the New Territories, and it is protected locally under the Cap. 170. Two sightings of this animal were made in the woodland and one sighting was made in the plantation and within the site formation area.
- 14.1.13 A low abundance of four bird species of conservation interest were noted during the field survey, in which the two ardeids species Little Egret (小白鷺) (5 individuals) and Chinese Pond Heron (池鷺) (a single individual) were occasionally found foraging, roosting or perching within the Tai Po River, and 2 records of the Chinese Hwamei (畫眉) were made at the woodland within the site formation area. The two ardeids have been categorised as "potential regional concern" and "regional concern" for their restrictedness in breeding and/or roosting sites, and the latter is protected under the Cap. 586. All of these three species are common and widely distributed in Hong Kong.
- 14.1.14 On the other hand, 6 sightings of Black Kite (黑鳶) soaring over the Study Area have been made during the survey, especially in area south of the Highway. This species is protected in Hong Kong under the Cap. 170 and Cap. 586, and it is also a "Class II" protected animal under Special State Protection in China; and it is common and widely distributed in Hong Kong. The restrictedness in breeding and/or roosting sites of this species is considered as a local concern by Fellowes.
- 14.1.15 The butterfly Forget-me-not *Catochrysops strabo* (咖灰蝶) is considered to be very



rare by AFCD because its local population has been dramatically reduced in recent years, and two individuals were recorded in the engineering slope west of the Site Formation area. This species inhabit open habitat and can be found in wasteland and shrubland.

14.1.16 8 endemic freshwater crabs *Cryptopotamon anacoluthon* (鰓刺溪蟹) which is listed as "Vulnerable" in the IUCN Red List were recorded in a semi-natural stream near the western boundary of the Study Area. This species is widely distributed within Hong Kong and usually be found in shaded shallow streams with clear or unpolluted, fast-flowing waters, rocky substratum, and leaf-litters, etc.

# 14.2 Ecological Impacts

- 14.2.1 Based on the recommended site formation scheme and layout plan of the project, as well as the ecological baseline established for the Site, the key ecological impacts of the proposed site formation and infra-structure project where ecological mitigation would be required has been identified, including:
  - Loss of 1.95 ha Woodland with moderate ecological value
  - Potential direct loss of floral species of conservation interest within or adjacent to the site formation area.
- 14.2.2 The habitat map and species of conservation interest of the preliminary ecological impact assessment is presented in **Figure 14.2**.

# 14.3 Mitigation Measures

#### Mitigation for Direct Loss of Woodland

- 14.3.1 It has been identified that the site clearance and land-taking processes during the construction phase would result in a loss of 1.95 ha woodland. Ecological mitigation measures would be required such that unacceptable residual ecological impact would not be resulted from the proposed development. Given the land use conflict between in-situ woodland conservation and the proposed site formation work, it is recommended to mitigate such impact by off-site compensatory measures on a like-to-like basis, and undertake woodland compensation planting with a ratio not less than 1.95ha at the unallocated government land at Lin Au, where the area is mostly covered by a mosaic of shrubland-grassland and the compensated habitat could form a continuous woodland cover with the existing woodland on the hillside when the trees matured. Sufficient justification shall be provided in case of incapable of providing 1:1 wood land compensation. The potential area for woodland compensation in Lin Au is shown in **Figure 14.3**.
- 14.3.2 A detailed Woodland Compensatory Plan (WCP) should be prepared by a Plant Ecologist with relevant experience and submitted to AFCD and the future maintenance department for review during the Investigation and Detail Design stage of the project and before the commencement of the site clearance work. The WCP should detail the planting approach including the planting plan, planting schedule and programme, as well as the monitoring and maintenance requirements.



- 14.3.3 The necessity and nature of any pre-planting site preparation works, such as weeding and soil improvement, should also be reviewed during the preparation of the WCP, and the proposed planting schedule should make reference to the "Guiding Principles on Use of Native Plant Species in Public Works Projects" issued by the Greening Office, DEVB, and include a mix of native tree, shrub, herbaceous ground covers as well as climbing plants wherever practicable.
- 14.3.4 Wherever possible, the compensatory planting should be scheduled at the earliest stage of the construction program, and a minimum of 5 years post-planting monitoring programme should be undertaken by the contractor appointed by the project department to monitor the establishment of the compensated woodlands. It is anticipated that post-planting maintenance after the establishment of the woodland would be minimal and similar to other vegetation on unallocated government land on hillside, and required on an "as needed" basis.

## Mitigation for Potential Direct Loss of Flora of Conservation Interest

- 14.3.5 Four floral species of conservation interest has been recorded within the secondary woodland to be directly affected under the recommended site formation scheme during the ecological survey, and the following mitigation measures are recommended to avoid, minimize and if necessary compensate the loss of those species under the project.
- 14.3.6 During the detail design stage of the project, the engineer should explore the opportunities to refine the site boundary as such to preserve *in-situ* those plants located near the edge of the work site boundary identified in this feasibility study to minimize the number of those plants to be affected by the project.
- 14.3.7 Furthermore, before the commencement of any site clearance work, a detailed baseline vegetation survey with the objective to identify the presence and location of floral species of conservation interest, including but not limited to those recorded in this Study, should be undertaken by an experienced Plant Ecologist with at least 3 years' experience in vegetation survey in woodland habitat. The survey should cover all work areas to be directly impacted by the proposed development, as well as 5m from the work site boundary to earmark any floral species of conservation interest recorded. The detail vegetation survey should also follow the numbering/tagging and reporting requirements for tree survey as stipulated in the prevailing technical circular on tree preservation, and the results should be presented in a plant schedule and location plan regardless the size or form of the recorded species.
- 14.3.8 The suitability for transplanting the recorded plant should be assessed on an individual basis and make reference to the evaluation criteria as suggested in the "Guidelines for Tree Transplanting" issued by the Tree Management Office, DEVB as far as applicable; and a "Transplanting Proposal for Flora of Conservation Interest" detailed with the transplanting arrangement, such as program, operation; location of the receptor sites (preferably in the similar habitats adjacent to the Site or within the woodland compensation area), as well as the monitoring requirements should be prepared by a Plant Ecologist with relevant experience and submitted to AFCD as well as the future maintenance department of the transplanted plants for review before the commencement of the transplanting work.
- 14.3.9 Should any of those plants is unavoidably be felled under the project, compensatory planting with a ratio not less than 1:1 in terms of quantity, should



be undertaken during the woodland compensatory planting.

<u>Mitigation Measures for Potential Disturbance to Habitat and Species adjacent to the Site</u>

14.3.10 In order to avoid and/or minimize the potential disturbance to the nearby habitats and the inhabit wildlife, mitigation measures related to good site practice and construction approach during the site clearance work and site management are summarized in **Table 14.2** below.

Table 14.2 Ecological Mitigation Measures Recommended for the Construction Stage

| e 14.2 Ecologica |   | witigation measures Recommended for the Constitution Stage  |
|------------------|---|---|
|                  | Objectives                              | Measures  |
|                  | Disturbance<br>Avoidance                | <ul> <li>Properly democratize the site boundary with fencing to prevent any infringement into the adjacent habitats;</li> <li>Avoid soil storage or stockpiling of any material against trees adjacent to the Site;</li> <li>Prohibit on-site burning of waste;</li> <li>Excavated material should be properly covered or promptly disposed</li> <li>Staff training/toolbox talks on the ecological importance of the adjacent habitats</li> <li>Prohibit extraction of water from the adjacent stream courses for whatever use during the construction process or by the site staff</li> <li>Prohibit feeding of wild animals (notably wild boar), and fruits and food remains, should be properly stored in appropriate receptacles, and disposed daily</li> <li>The Livistona chinensis trees within the Site should be checked for the presence of any roosted bat by an Ecologist; and those trees could only be felled in the absence of any roosted bats.</li> </ul> |
|                  | Minimization of Disturbance to Wildlife | <ul> <li>cut down vegetation in stages before groundwork takes place to disperse any wildlife that is sheltering in the immediate area of the work</li> <li>Wherever feasible, the site clearance and ground work should be proceeded south- or east-ward and preferably in one direction as such to minimize the temporal habitat fragmentation during the site clearance process and maintain a passage for wildlife.</li> </ul>  |

14.3.11 Furthermore, promptly and effective implementation of mitigation measures related to the control of noise, dust and waste management as recommended in the Preliminary Environmental Review Report would also lower the potential disturbance to the ecological environment of the areas adjacent to the Site.

# 14.4 Summary

With the implementation of the recommended mitigation measures, unacceptable residual impact would not be anticipated from the loss of ecological habitats and potential disturbance to wildlife caused by the proposed site formation and infrastructure works.



#### 15. PRELIMINARY AIR VENTILATION ASSESSMENT

#### 15.1 General

15.1.1 In order to demonstrate that the proposed development has considered various air ventilation aspects and that there is no adverse impact on the pedestrian level in the vicinity of the Site, a qualitative Expert Evaluation on Air Ventilation (AVA) was conducted to support the rezoning proposal from air ventilating point of view.

# 15.2 Proposed Development Proposal

15.2.1 The development will consist of three T-shape domestic blocks with a building height of +135mPD and a low-rise podium block (consisting of retail accommodations at around +21mPD). There is also a carpark block (around +56mPD) and 18 class room school with outdoor sport court to be constructed within the development. The preliminary master layout plan of the proposed development is shown on **Figure 15.1** below.

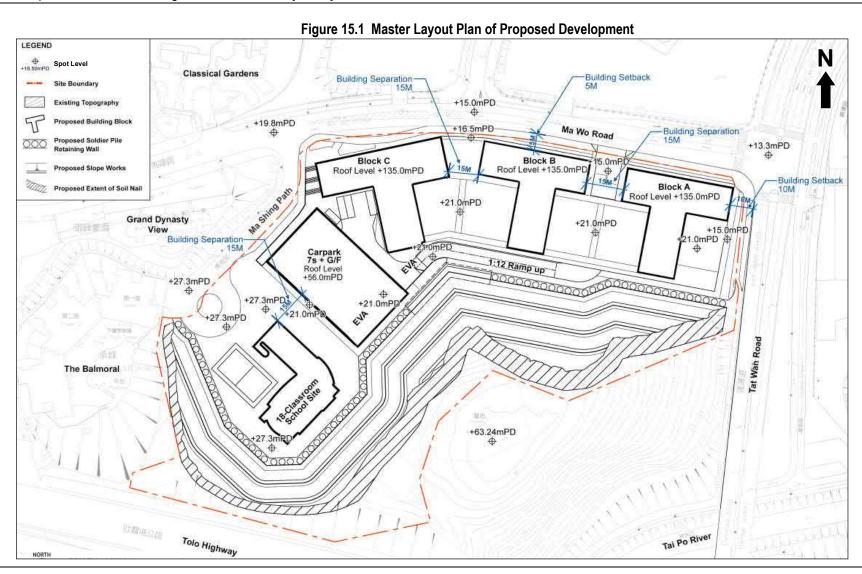
#### **Building Disposition**

- 15.2.2 As illustrated by **Figure 15.1** below, 15m wide building separation between the carpark block and school is provided for ESE and SE prevailing winds to maintain good ventilation within the Site.
- 15.2.3 In addition, a 15m wide building separation between the domestic blocks are created for SSW and S prevailing winds. Furthermore, the podium rooftop is reduced to 21mPD for effective wind penetration.

#### Podium Setback

15.2.4 The podium of proposed development will be set back according to SBD guidelines to enhance wind environmental quality at pedestrian level and mitigate street canyon effects. Approx. 10m wide distance is kept from the centerline of the adjacent roadway (Tat Wan Road) to allow SSW and S prevailing wind from the slope of Tai Mo Shan and Grassy Hill to circulate through Tat Wan Road and thus permitting wind penetration towards Tai Po inner areas.



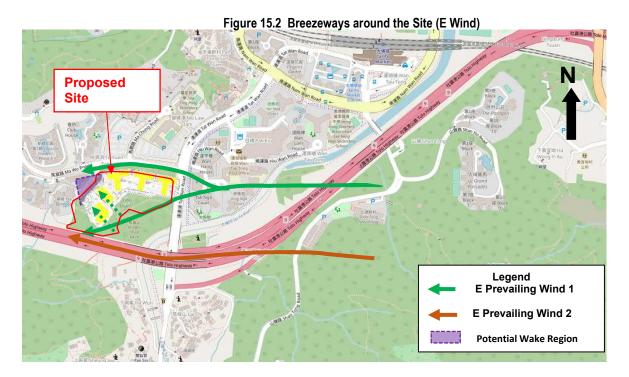




# 15.3 Evaluation of the wind environment under proposed development layout

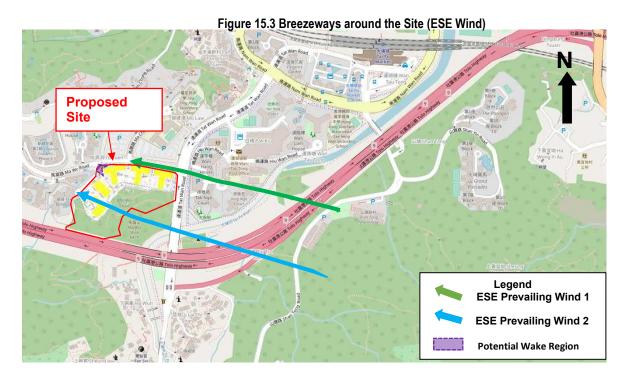
# **E Prevailing Wind**

- 15.3.1 As illustrated by **Figure 15.2** below, the E wind (green arrow) will be divided into two streams by the development's domestic towers (yellow area). A portion of the wind will be diverted and travels along Ma Wo Road towards Classical Garden Phase 1 whilst the other portion flows through the Site and circulates along Tolo Highway and towards the Tai Po upper regions.
- 15.3.2 Since the proposed development may block some portion of wind from the E prevailing direction, potential wake regions which covers Grand Dynasty View Block 30 and 31 is anticipated However, building separations (green dotted arrow) are designated between the school and carpark block, and between carpark block and domestic block C to mitigate against this adverse ventilation impact.



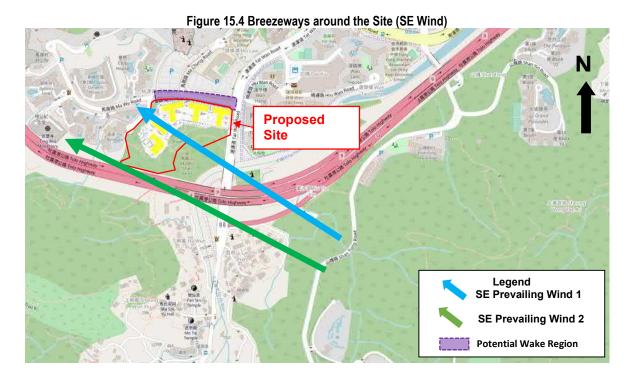
## **ESE Prevailing Wind**

- 15.3.3 The overall wind environment of the proposed design scenario will be similar to that of existing condition. As illustrated by **Figure 15.3** below, the proposed development creates a building separation between carpark block and school for ESE prevailing winds to maintain good ventilation.
- 15.3.4 A portion of the wind coming from Sheung Wong Yi Au will flow through the building separation at north of the proposed development and enters Ma Wo Road whilst the remaining portion of wind circulates through building separation between the carpark block and school, and reaches Ma Shing Path towards the Balmoral development.
- 15.3.5 As a result, it is expected that there will be no problematic areas under ESE prevailing wind conditions since sensitive receivers are not located within proximity of air stagnant regions.



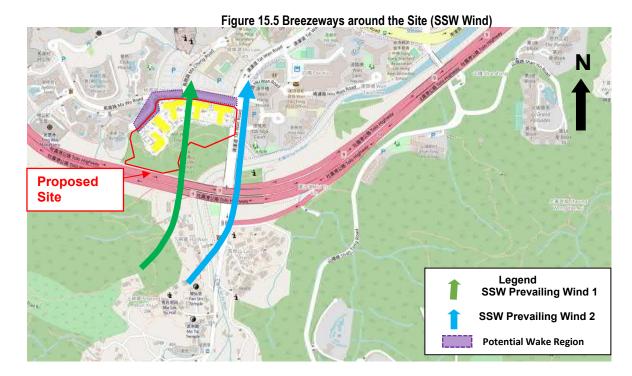
## SE Prevailing Wind

- 15.3.6 In comparison to existing conditions, the wind environment around the Site will be moderately modified under the proposed design scenario. As illustrated by **Figure 15.4** below, the SE wind 1 (blue arrow) coming from Sheung Wong Yi Au will be diverted by the proposed development's domestic tower (yellow area). A portion of the wind will penetrate through the building separation between domestic bock C and carpark block, and then skim over the low-rise podium block towards the Classical Garden development.
- 15.3.7 Moreover, a portion of the SE prevailing wind from Sheung Wong Yi Au will flow through Tolo Highway and the Site, reaching neighboring developments at the western side of the Site including, Balmoral, Ting Wai Monastery and Dynasty View.
- 15.3.8 Wind environment on Ma Wo Road will be slightly affected since part of the road is situated at potentially air stagnant regions within proximity to the proposed development (purple area). However, these adverse impacts will be mitigated by provision of wind corridors within the proposed development. Building separations (15m) are designated between domestic block A, B and C for ventilation preservation. Therefore, it is expected that the ventilation performance of the proposed scenario and existing conditions will be of similar order of magnitude.



# SSW Prevailing Wind

- 15.3.9 The wind environment around the Site will be moderately modified under the proposed design scenario. As illustrated by **Figure 15.5** below, the SSW wind 1 (green arrow) coming from slope of Tai Mo Shan will be diverted by the domestic towers of the proposed development (yellow area). A portion of the wind will penetrate through building separation between the domestic bock B and domestic bock C and skim over the low-rise podium block towards Ma Chung Road.
- 15.3.10 A portion of wind (blue arrow) coming from Tai Mo Shan will flow through the building separation at the east of the proposed development and enters Tat Wan Road towards Yat Nga Court.
- 15.3.11 Building separations (15m) are designated between domestic blocks to mitigate against any possible adverse ventilation impact. This allow the provision of wind corridors within the proposed housing development to mitigate any ventilation impact to adjacent built environment.



## S Prevailing Wind

- 15.3.12 In comparison to existing conditions, the overall wind environment under the proposed design scenario will be similar of a similar pattern under SSW prevailing wind. As illustrated by **Figure 15.6** below, the S wind 1 (blue arrow) coming from slope of Tai Mo Shan will be diverted by domestic towers (yellow area) within the development. A portion of the wind will penetrate through the building separation between domestic bock B and domestic bock C, and then skim over the low-rise podium block towards Ma Chung Road.
- 15.3.13 A portion of wind (green arrow) coming from Tai Mo Shan will circulate through the building separation at the eastern side of the proposed development and enters Tat Wan Road towards Yat Nga Court.
- 15.3.14 Building separations (15m) are designated between domestic blocks to mitigate against any possible adverse ventilation impact. This allow the provision of wind corridors within the proposed housing development to mitigate any ventilation impact to adjacent built environment. Therefore, it is expected that ventilation performance of the proposed scenario and existing conditions will be of similar order of magnitude.

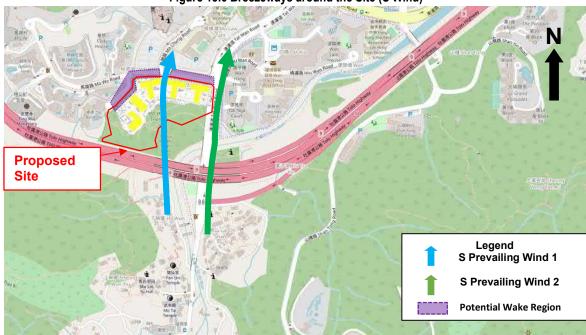


Figure 15.6 Breezeways around the Site (S Wind)

# 15.4 Recommendation for the proposed development design in Study Area

15.4.1 Based on the analysis in section 15.3, potential wind problematic areas have been identified as Ma Wo Road and Grand Dynasty View Block 30 and 31 under S, SE, SSW, E prevailing wind directions. In addition, a series of mitigation measures such as building separations and building setback have been incorporated into the proposed housing development to minimize adverse ventilation impacts on sensitive receivers and the surrounding environment.



- 15.4.2 To further minimize ventilation impacts on the surrounding sensitive receivers and improve wind environment of the Site, it is recommended that the following mitigation and improvement measures to be considered at later detailed design stage of the project:
  - The permeability of the proposed development should be at least 20% to enhance ventilation performance at the pedestrian level (as defined under APP-152 Sustainable Building Design Guidelines).
  - Cool materials should be adopted in pavements and building facades to reduce solar absorption. In addition, cool sinks such as trees and water body should also be provided, where appropriate for pedestrian level thermal comfort.

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- 15.4.3 As the area of Site at To Yuen Tung is about 3.6 hectares and consists only of three domestic towers (135mPD), low-rise podium block (around 21mPD), school and carpark block (56mPD) only, it is expected that adverse ventilation impact on surrounding pedestrian areas will not be significant, subsequent to provision of mitigation measures previously prescribed.
- 15.4.4 To further enhance the surrounding wind environment, quantitative AVA should be carried out at the detailed design stage to demonstrate that the wind performance of the future scheme is no worse off than the current scheme and for scheme design optimization.

## 15.5 Conclusion

- 15.5.1 According to the wind data analysis, annual prevailing wind of the Site are coming from ESE, E and SE directions, whilst summer prevailing winds are originating from SE, SSW and S directions. A total of 5 wind directions are considered in the qualitative analysis for both existing conditions and the proposed development design scenarios.
- 15.5.2 In essence, two building separations in alignment with ESE and SE annual prevailing wind directions have been designated (in alignment with Ma Shing Path) and these allow wind penetration through the Site and then air circulation to major roads and sensitive receivers.
- 15.5.3 Furthermore, two additional building separations in alignment with S and SSW summer prevailing wind directions will also be employed designated (in alignment with Ma Chung Road and Tat Wan Road) and these allow wind penetration through the Site and then air circulation to major roads and sensitive receivers.
- 15.5.4 In addition, proposed approx. 10m wide podium setback from centreline of Tat Wan Road allows SSW and S summer prevailing wind from the slope of Tai Mo Shan and Grassy Hill to be adequately maintained and hence mitigating against adverse ventilation impacts at Tat Wan Road and Tai Po inner areas.
- 15.5.5 In conclusion, with the provision of wind enhancement measures prescribed, it is expected that adverse ventilation impact on the Site and surrounding pedestrian



areas will be alleviated.

15.5.6 To further enhance the surrounding wind environment, quantitative AVA should be carried out at the detailed design stage to demonstrate that the wind performance of the future scheme is no worse off than the current scheme and for scheme design optimization.



## 16. PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ON EXISTING UTILITIES

- 16.1.1 Various utility undertakers and relevant Government Departments have been consulted on their existing and planned utilities in and around the vicinity of Development, which are listed as follows:
  - Chevron Hong Kong Limited (Chevron);
  - CLP Power Hong Kong Limited (CLP);
  - Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD);
  - ExxonMobil Corporation (ExxonMobil)
  - The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited (Towngas);
  - Hong Kong Broadband Network Limited (HKBN);
  - Hong Kong Telecommunications Limited (HKT);
  - Hong Kong Cable Television Limited (Cable TV);
  - Highways Department (Lighting Cable);
  - MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL); and
  - TraxComm Limited (TraxComm);
- 16.1.2 After examination of the utilities records obtained from the undertakers stated above, it is found that utilities of the following utility undertakers will be affected by the proposed site formation works of the Development:
  - CLP Power Hong Kong Limited (CLP);
  - Hong Kong Telecommunications Limited (HKT);
  - Highways Department (Lighting Cable).
- 16.1.3 The existing CLP, HKT and lighting cables within the Site are to be removed and/or diverted. To avoid affecting the commencement of the site formation works for Development, approval for the necessary diversions of the CLP/HKT/LT cables shall be obtained from the relevant Government Departments and utility undertakers. The new cables will be connected to the existing power supply network at Ma Wo Road near the north of the Development.
- 16.1.4 The demolishing/or removal programme of existing CLP, HKT and LT systems within the Site shall be agreed with CEDD, HD, HAD, CLP, HKT, HyD and other relevant departments.



#### 17. HERITAGE ASSESSMENT

#### 17.1 General

- 17.1.1 The identified heritage sites near the Site and the proposed road junction improvement works are shown in **Figure 17.1** and **Figure 17.2**.
- 17.1.2 Five declared monuments and two sites of archaeological interest are found. The information is listed in **Table 17.1** below:

| Table 17.1 Summa | ry of Declared Monuments a | and Sites of Archaeologic | al Interest |
|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
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| Heritage Site               | Heritage Value                  |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Old District Office (North) | Declared Monument               |
| Old Tai Po Police Station   | Declared Monument               |
| Fan Sin Temple              | Declared Monument               |
| Wun Yiu Pottery Kilns       | Declared Monument               |
| Island House                | Declared Monument               |
| Wun Yiu Trackway            | Site of Archaeological Interest |
| Wun Yiu                     | Site of Archaeological Interest |

# 17.2 Impact on Heritage

- 17.2.1 With reference to previous study, Wun Yiu Village was once a centre of porcelain industry in the New Territories. As early as the Ming dynasty (1368-1644), clans of Man and Tse had started manufacturing the blue and white porcelain. The Ma clan, a group of Hakka people originated from Changle county in Guangdong Province, settled in Tai Po and purchased the kilns from the Man clan in 1674 (the 13th year of Kangxi reign of the Qing dynasty). The industry declined in the early 20th century due to the competition from good quality and inexpensive porcelain produced by other coastal kilns in Guangdong. The kilns at Wun Yiu finally ceased to operate in 1932.
- 17.2.2 The nearest heritage site is the Wun Yiu Site of Archaeological Interest which is about 80m south to the site boundary at To Yuen Tung, as shown in **Figure 17.1**. The declared monument, Wun Yiu Pottery Kilns is about 270m from the development. With reference to the previous study by AMO, most of the identified key porcelain production processes were located around the Wun Yiu Pottery Kilns and to the south and west of the kilns. The proposed development will not encroach into the Wun Yiu Site of Archaeological Interest and the site boundary is distant from the declared monument, Wun Yiu Pottery Kilns.
- 17.2.3 With reference to the Environmental Review Report (November 2008) under Agreement No. CE 58/2000 Design and Construction Assignment for Widening of Tolo Highway/ Fanling Highway Between Island House Interchange and Fanling Supplementary Agreement No.3, no direct or indirect impact on Wun Yiu Site of Archaeological Interest was anticipated during both the construction and operation phases of road widening works at Tolo Highway since Wun Yiu Site of Archaeological Interest is far away (more than 50m) from the widening works. No reported archaeological findings were reported during the widening of Tolo Highway near this development which was completed on 2014.
- 17.2.4 Since the Wun Yiu Site of Archaeological Interest is originated from the Wun Yiu Kilns (270m from the development) and the Wun Yiu Site of Archaeological



Interest was segregated from this development by Tolo Highway which pose significant disturbance on the soil profile, no impact on the Wun Yiu Site of Archaeological Interest and Pottery Kilns at Wun Yiu Village are anticipated from this development.

- 17.2.5 The existing hillside within the site boundary will be excavated to form the platforms for the proposed development. The site formation general arrangement is shown in **Figures 10.1 to 10.3**. The maximum excavation depth is around 37m, which is excavated from the ground level at +64mPD to the proposed platform level at +27.3mPD as shown in Section A in **Figure 10.2**. Due to close proximity from Tolo Highway to the excavation works, monitoring stations such as ground settlement markers and tilting markers will be proposed in Tolo Highway during construction phase to control the ground movement. The Wun Yiu Site of Archaeological Interest is located at a substantial distance from the proposed excavation works. No adverse impact would be anticipated on the archaeological site during construction phase.
- 17.2.6 No impact would be anticipated on the archaeological resources during the operational phase due to the archaeological resources being away from this development.
- 17.2.7 Furthermore, as a precautionary measure, further archaeological impact assessment will be carried out in detailed design stage.
- 17.2.8 No building or structures which were built on or before 1969 was identified at this stage within the site boundary. AMO will be alert if any buildings / structures both at grade level and underground which were built on or before 1969 were identified on site.

## 17.3 Summary

- 17.3.1 There is no heritage site partly or wholly within the site boundary (inclusive of works area). There is also no heritage site within 50m of the site boundary (inclusive of works area). The heritage site refers to all declared monuments, proposed monuments, graded historic sites/building, sites of archaeological interest and Government historic sites identified by AMO.
- 17.3.2 No cultural heritage impacts are expected to occur during construction and operational phases of the Project.



# 18. IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME

# 18.1 Key Milestone and Activities

18.1.1 The milestone dates of the key activities for this project are summarized in **Table 18.1** below.

**Table 18.1 Milestone Dates of the Key Activities** 

| Keu Activities   | Milestone Dates |
|--|-----------------|
| Completion of Rezoning Exercise  | Q3 2022         |
| Commencement of Investigation Phase  | Q4 2021         |
| Commencement of Detailed Design Phase  | Q4 2022         |
| Completion of Land Resumption / Land Clearance                               | Q3 2025         |
| Commencement of Construction Phase (Site Formation and Infrastructure Works) | Q2 2024         |
| Completion of Site Formation Works for Site<br>Handover to HD                | Q1 2029         |
| Completion of Public Housing Construction                                    | Q1 2033         |

18.1.2 The proposed implementation programme as shown in **Table 18.1** above would be further reviewed in later investigation and design stage of the Project.



# 19. CONCLUSIONS

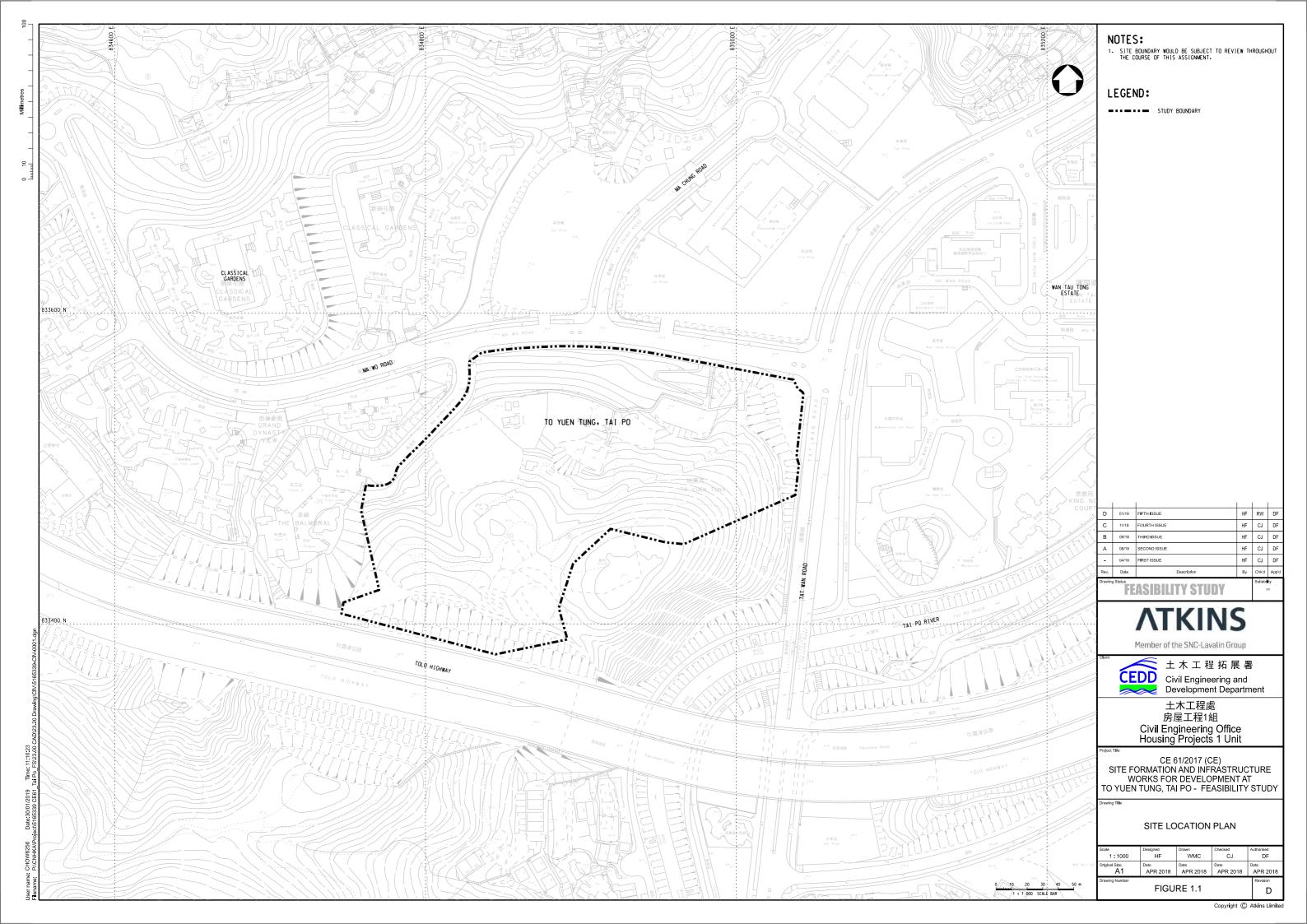
19.1.1 In conclusion, various technical assessments have demonstrated the feasibility of the proposed site formation and infrastructure works with incorporation of the appropriate mitigation measures identified.

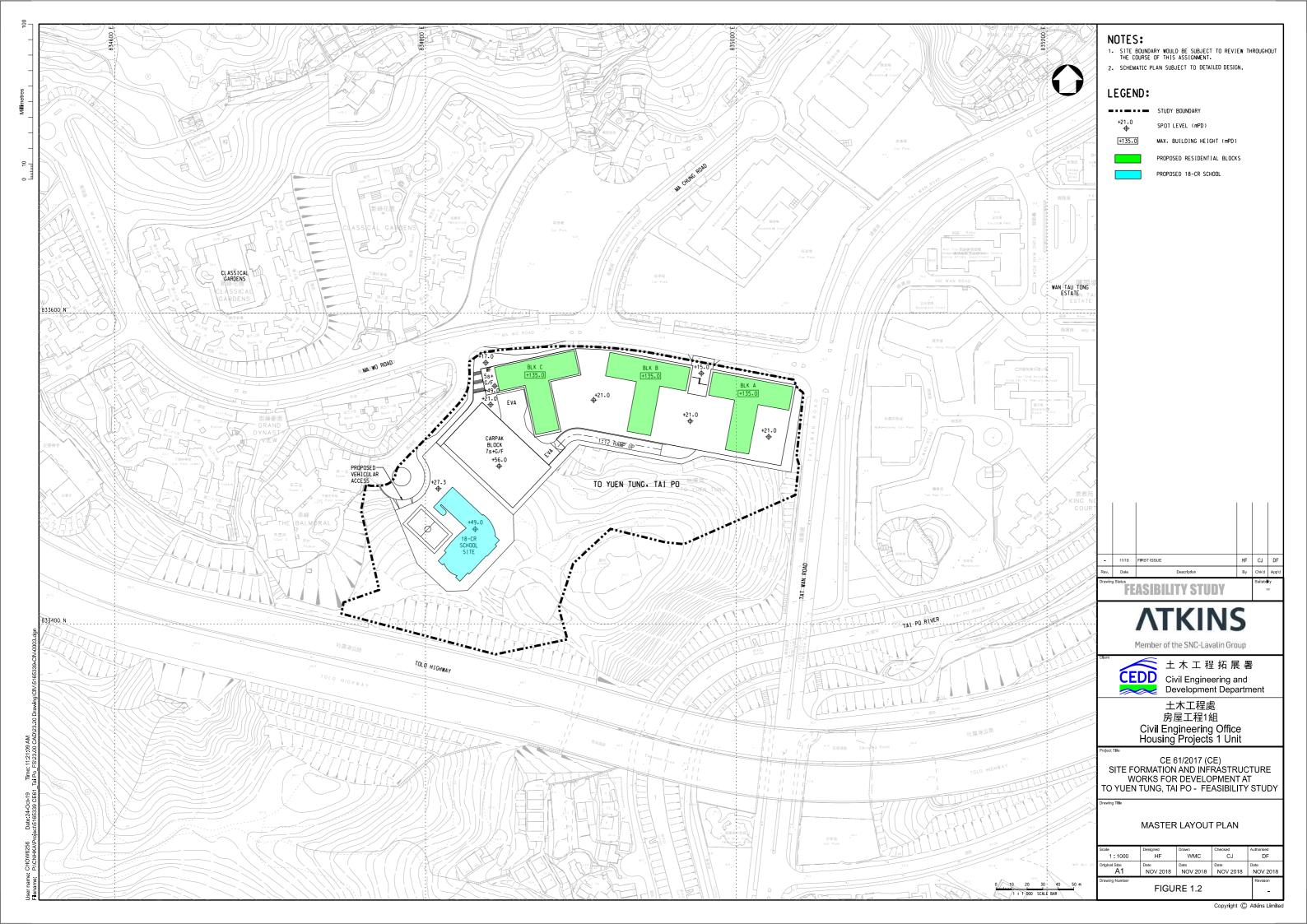


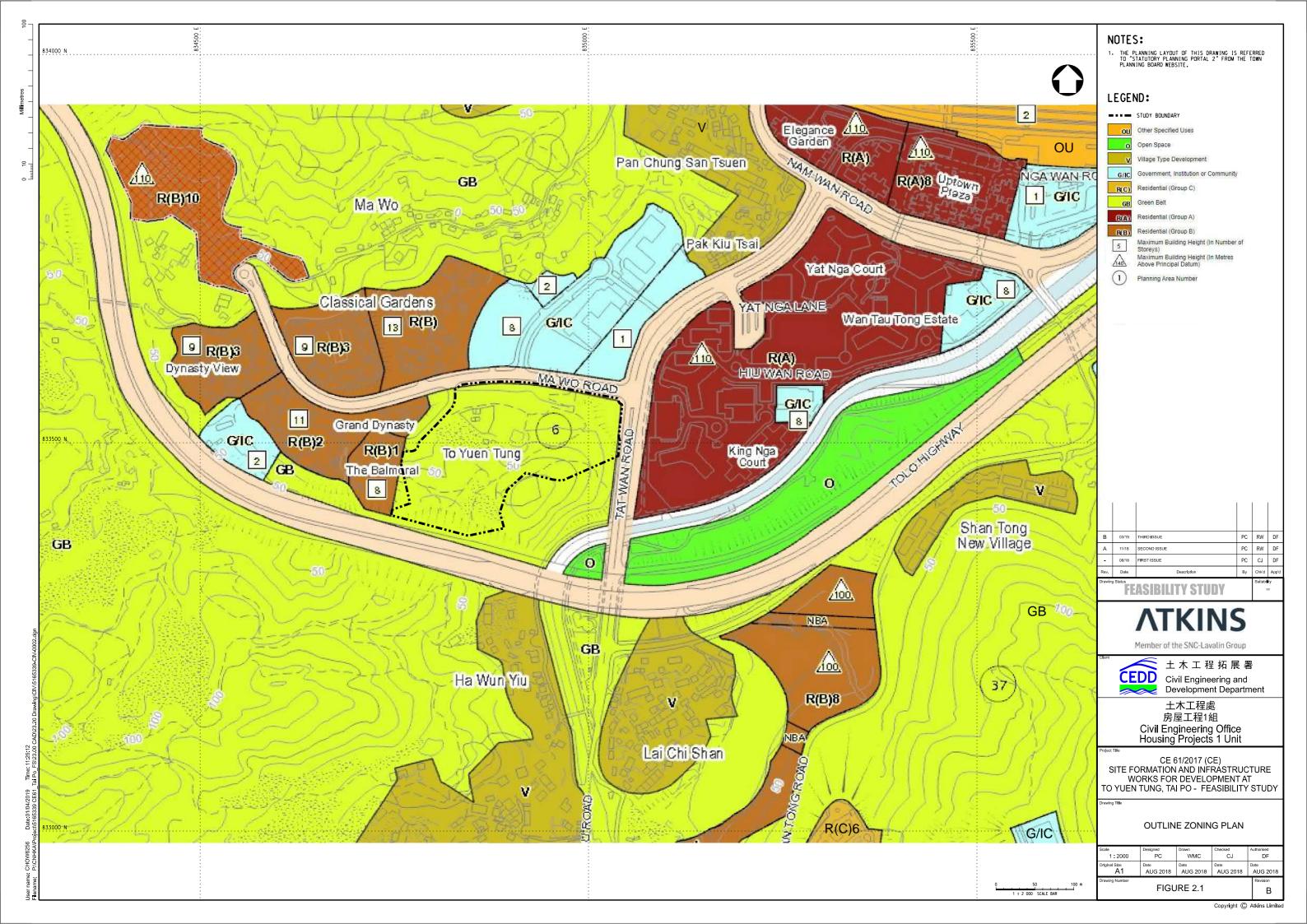
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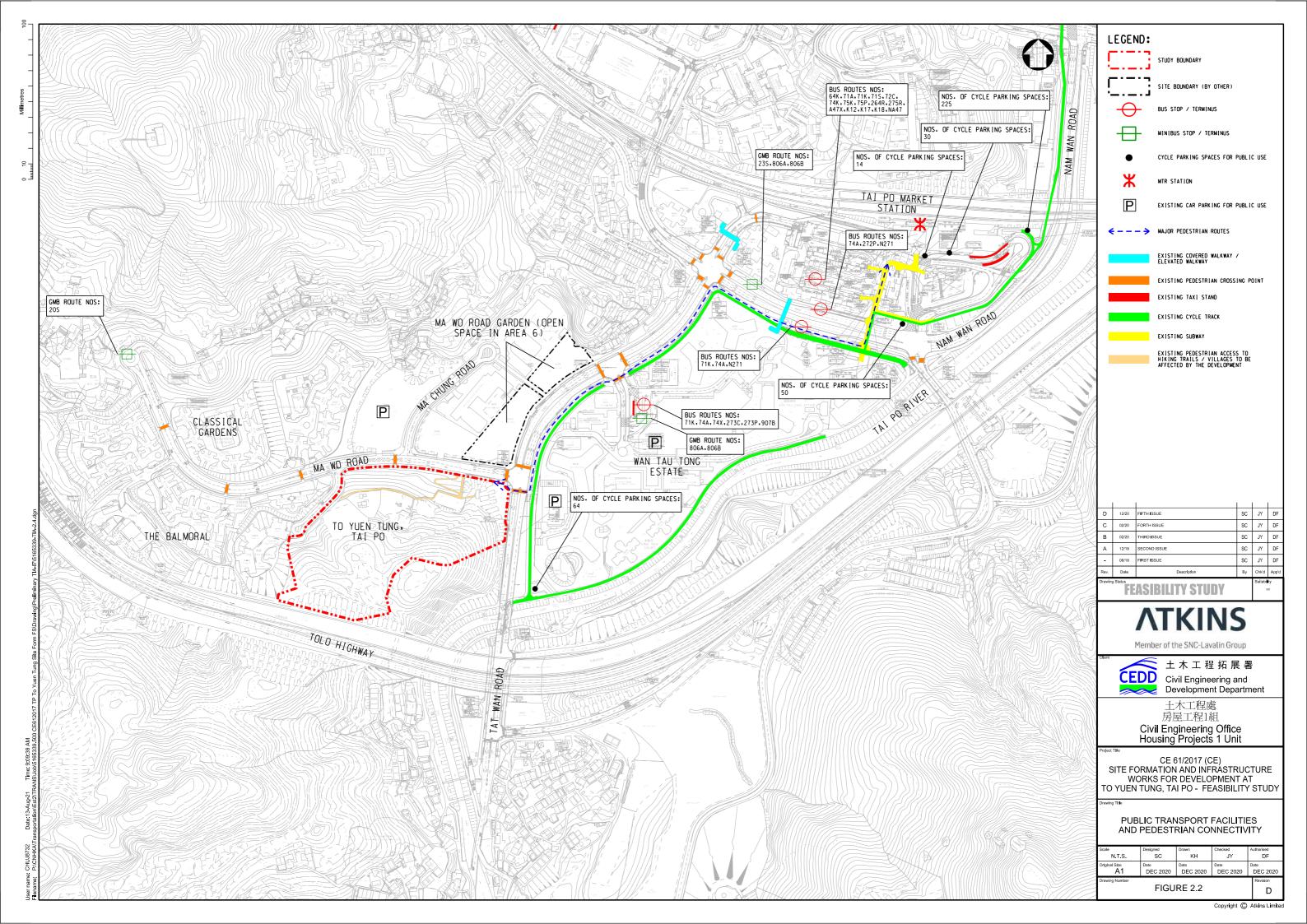
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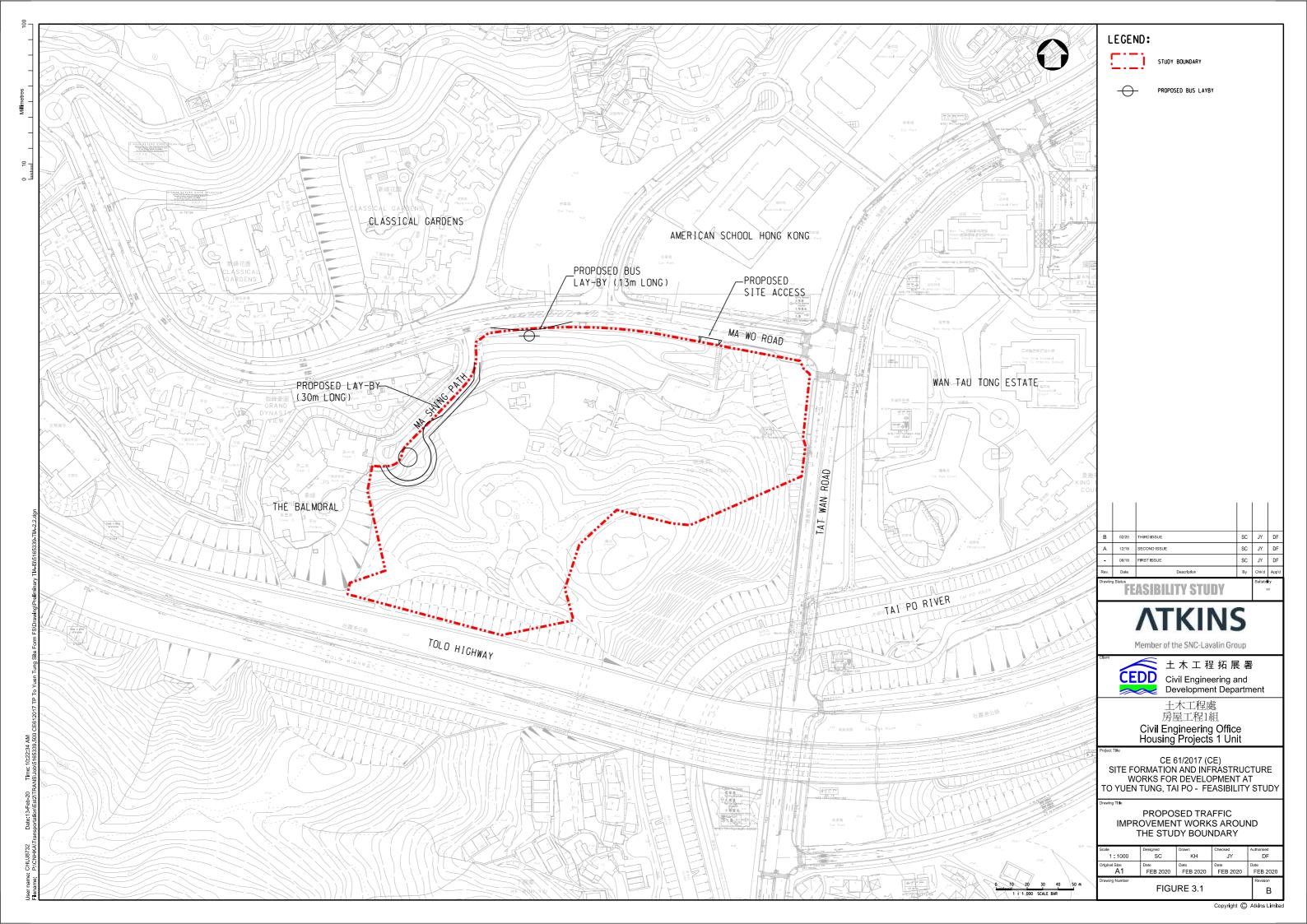


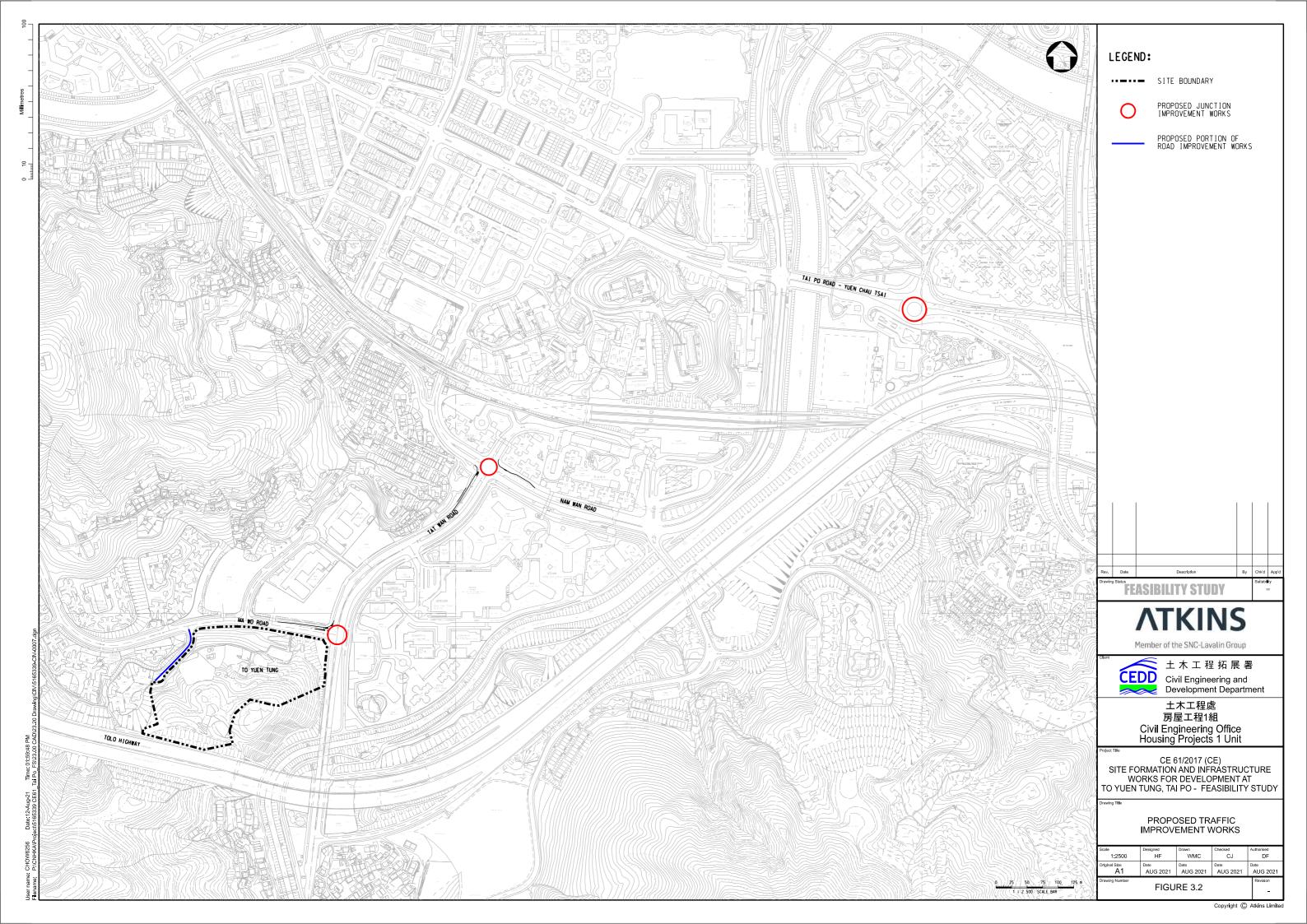


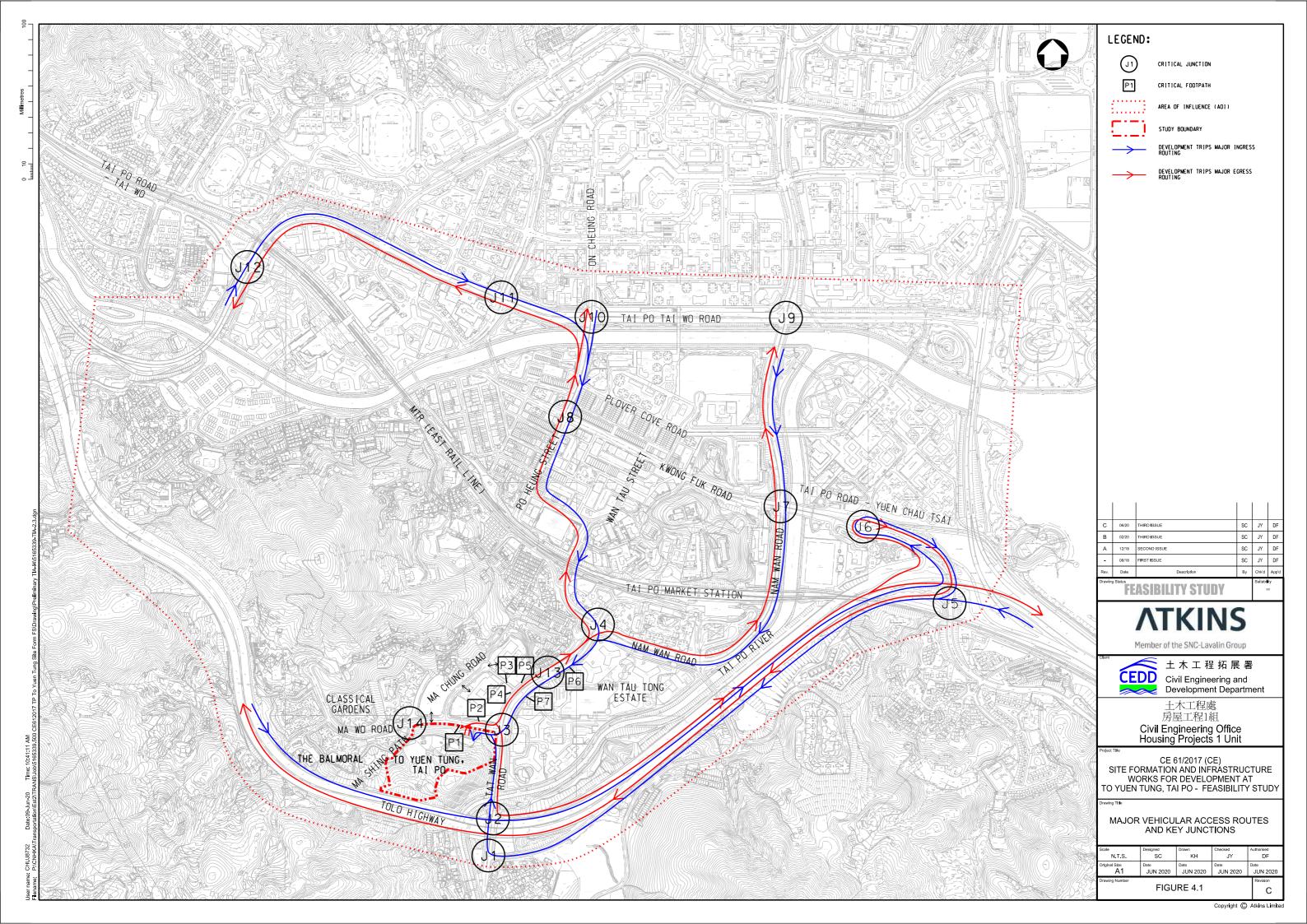


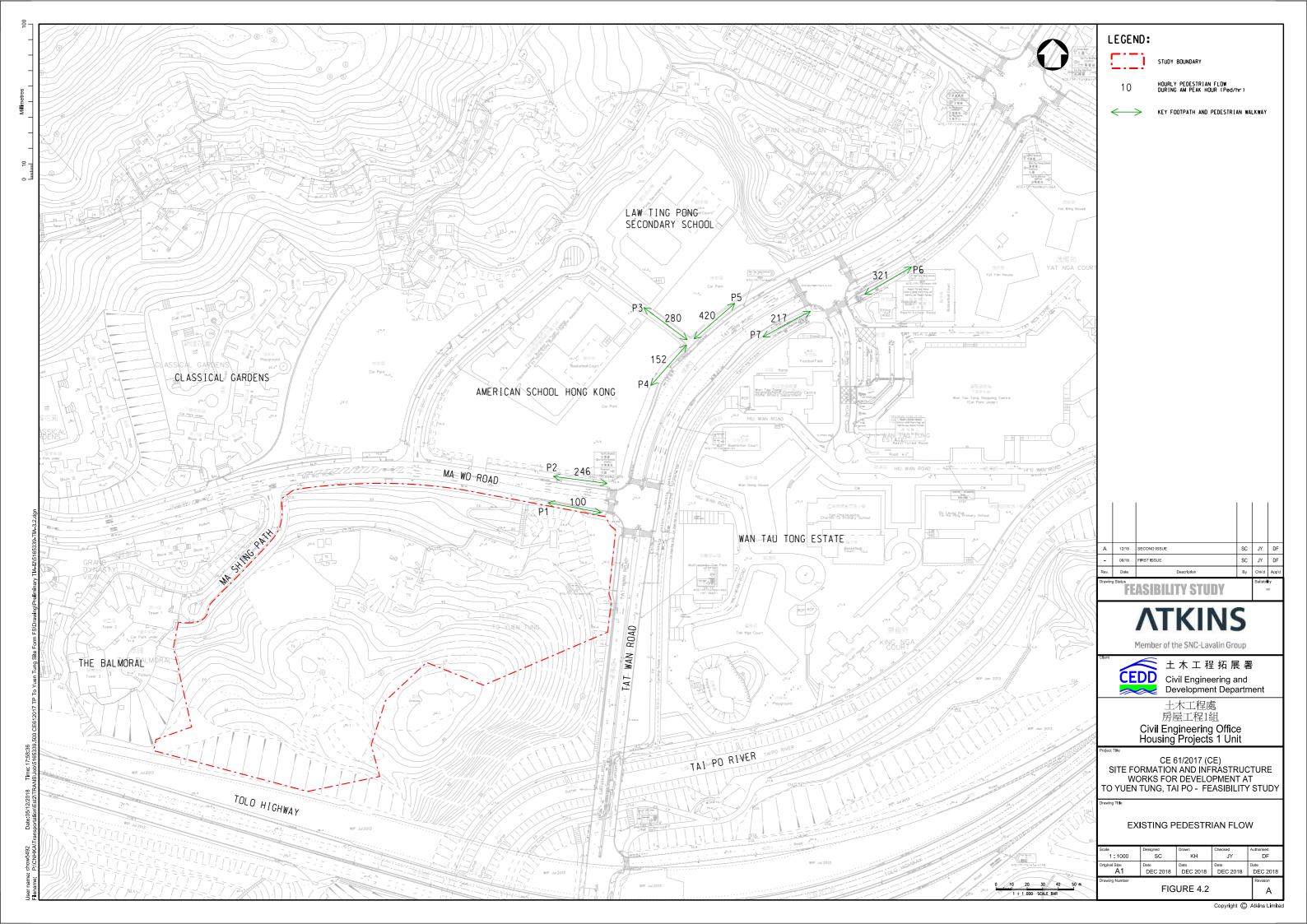


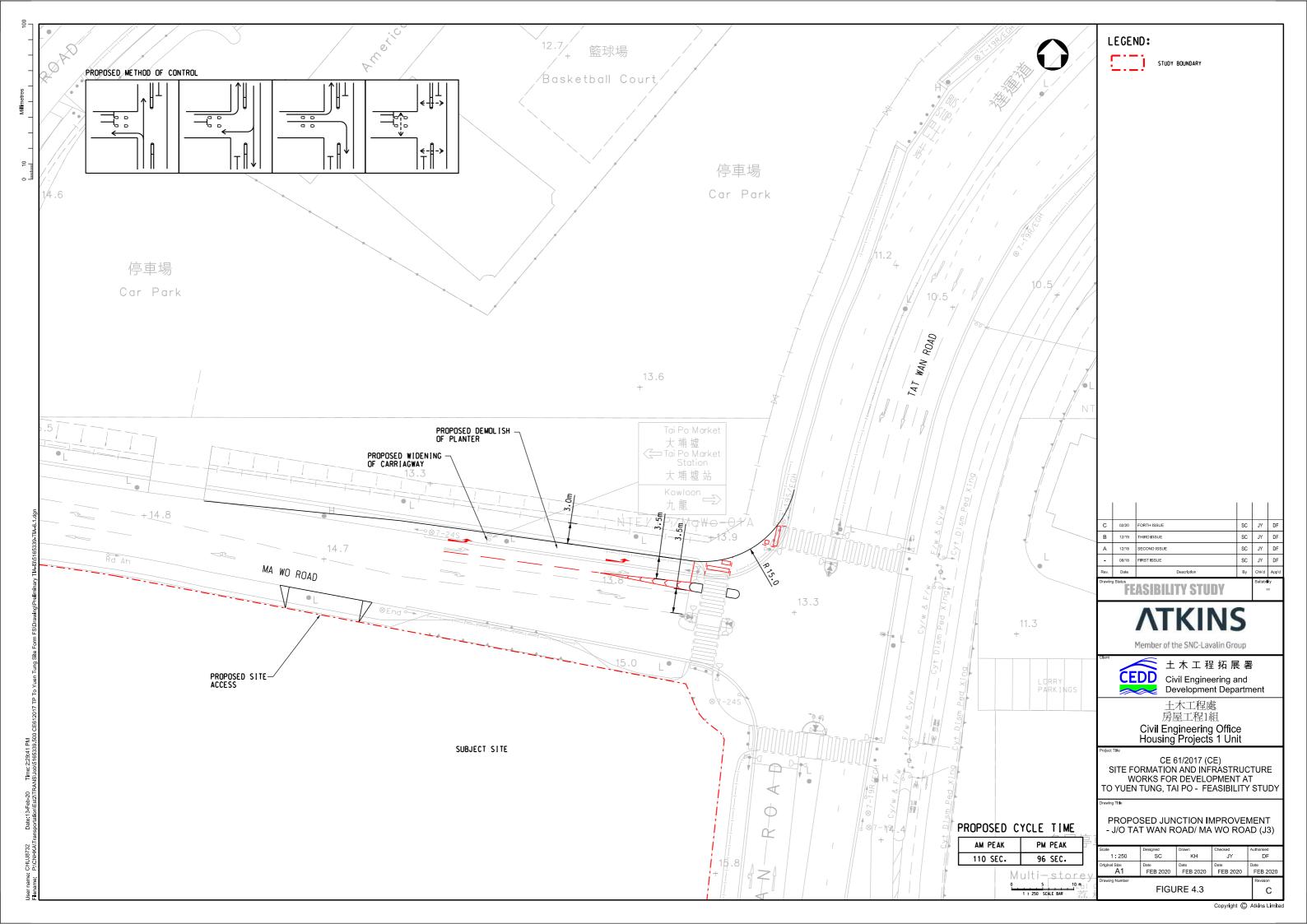


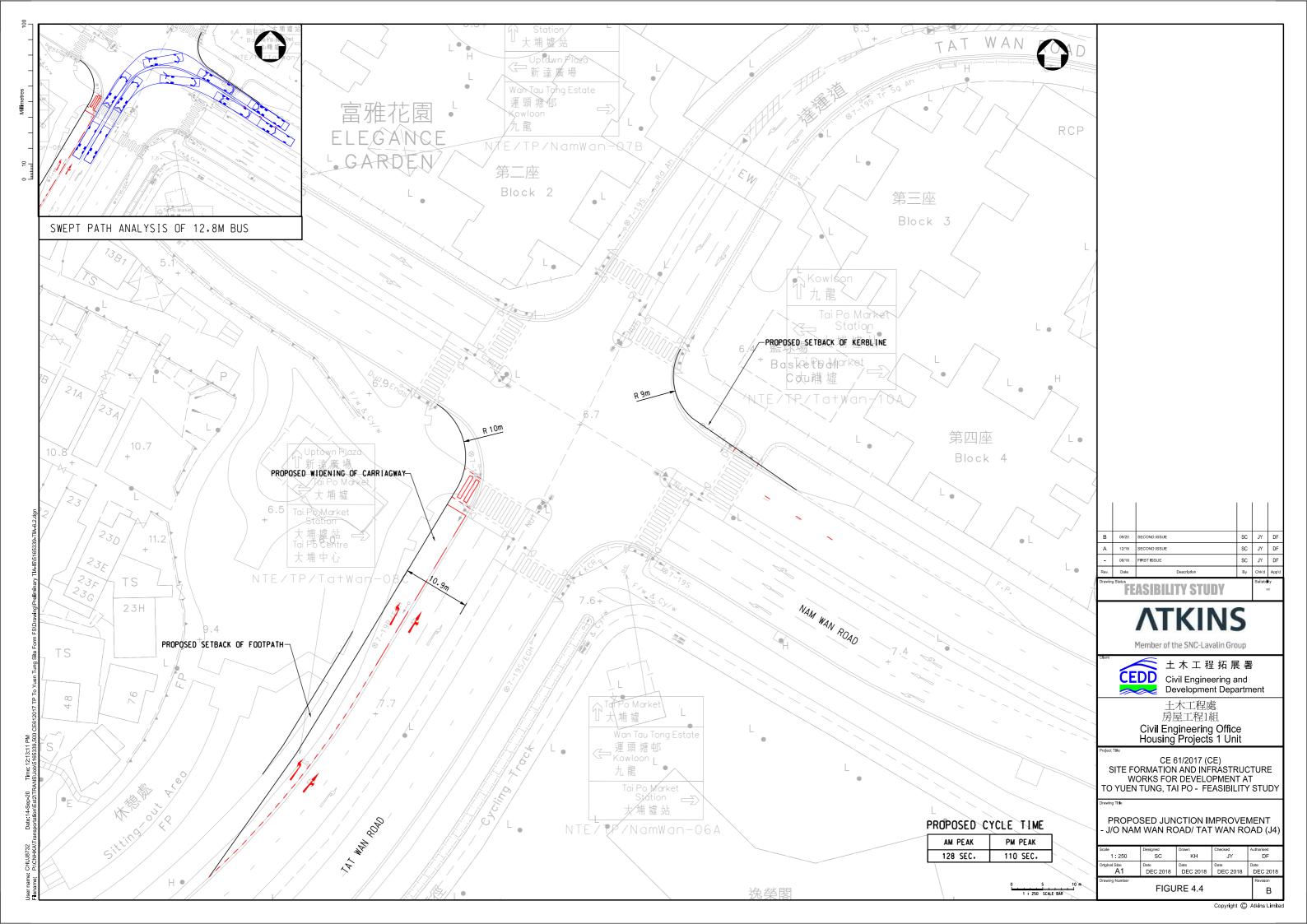


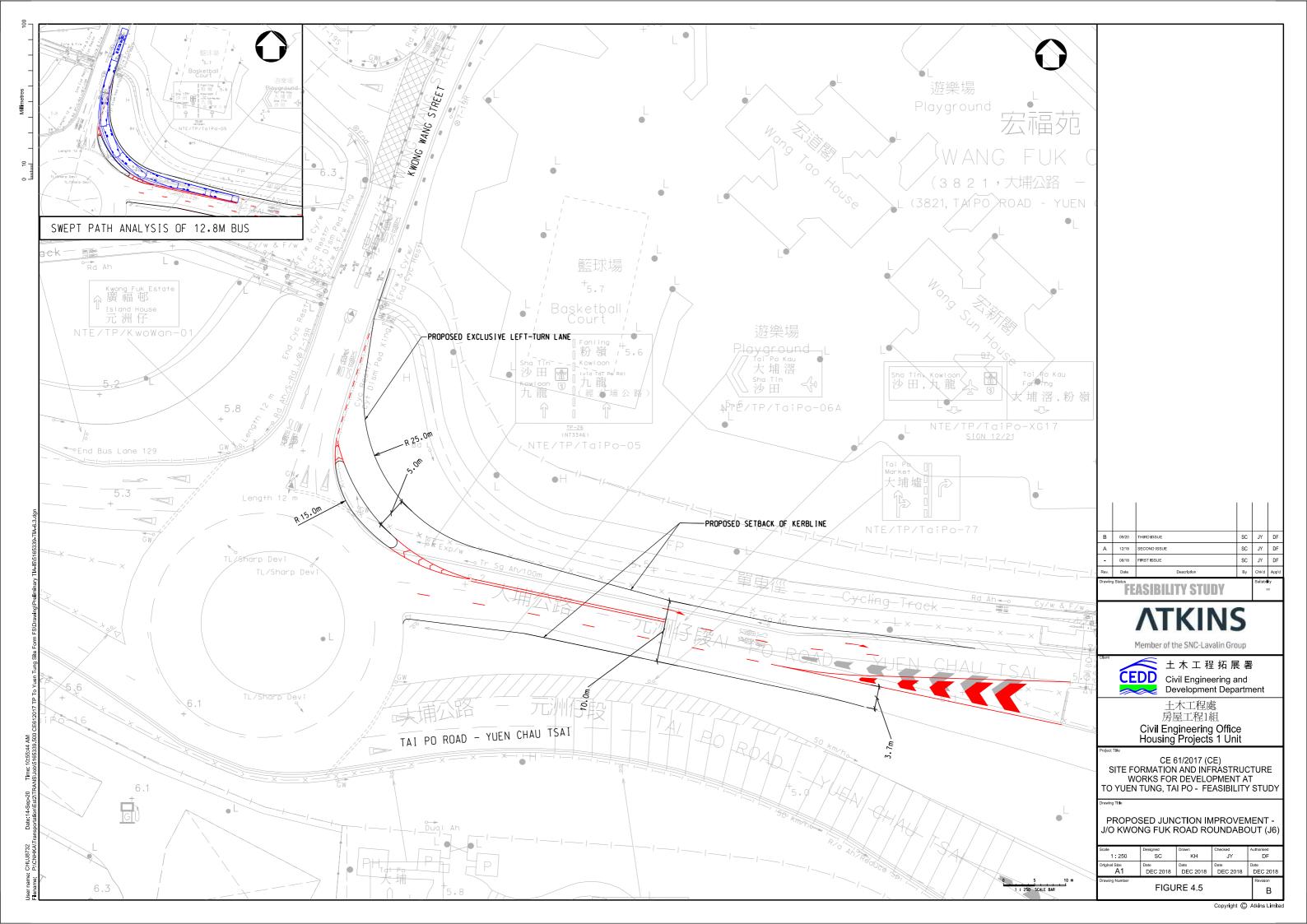


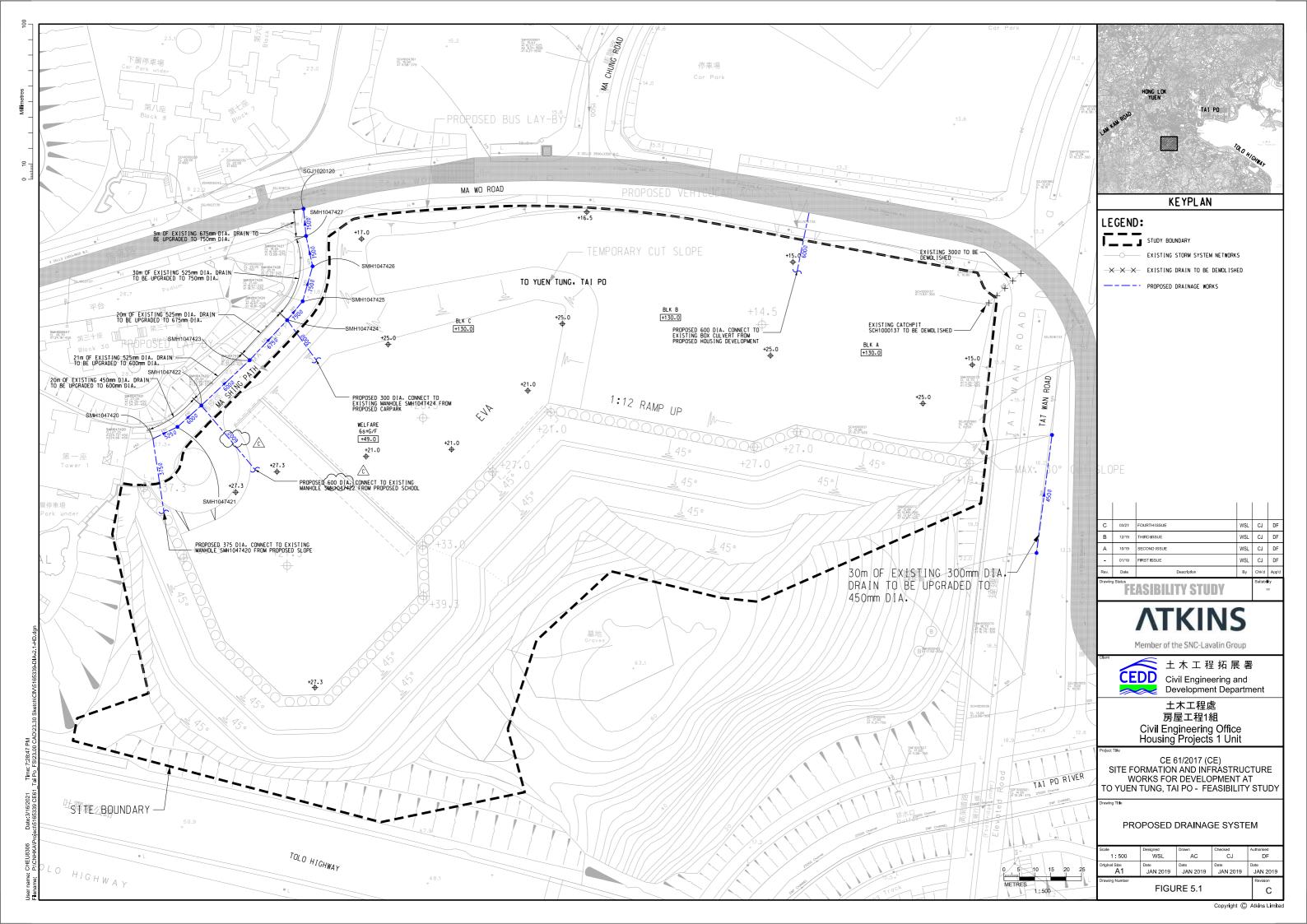


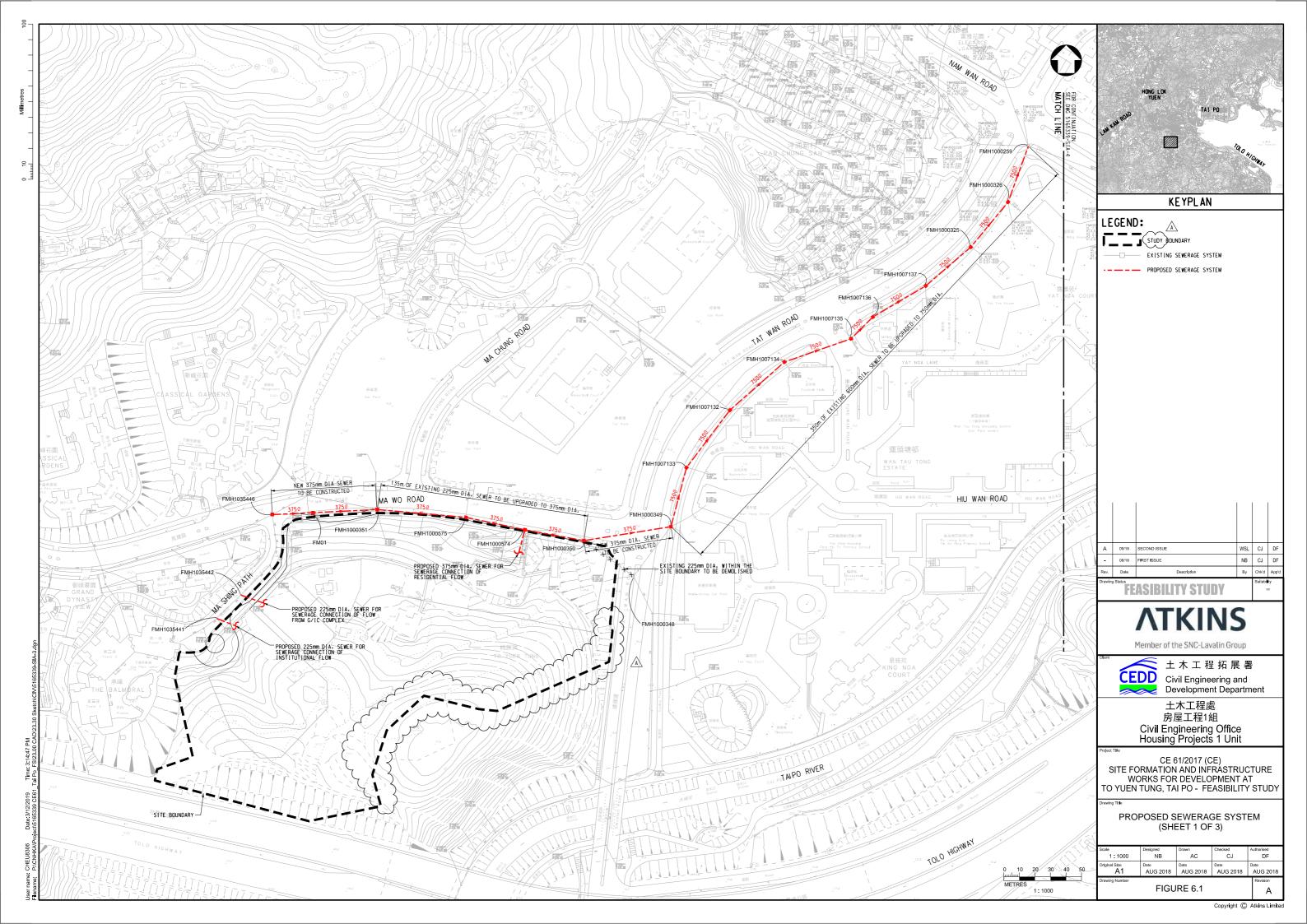


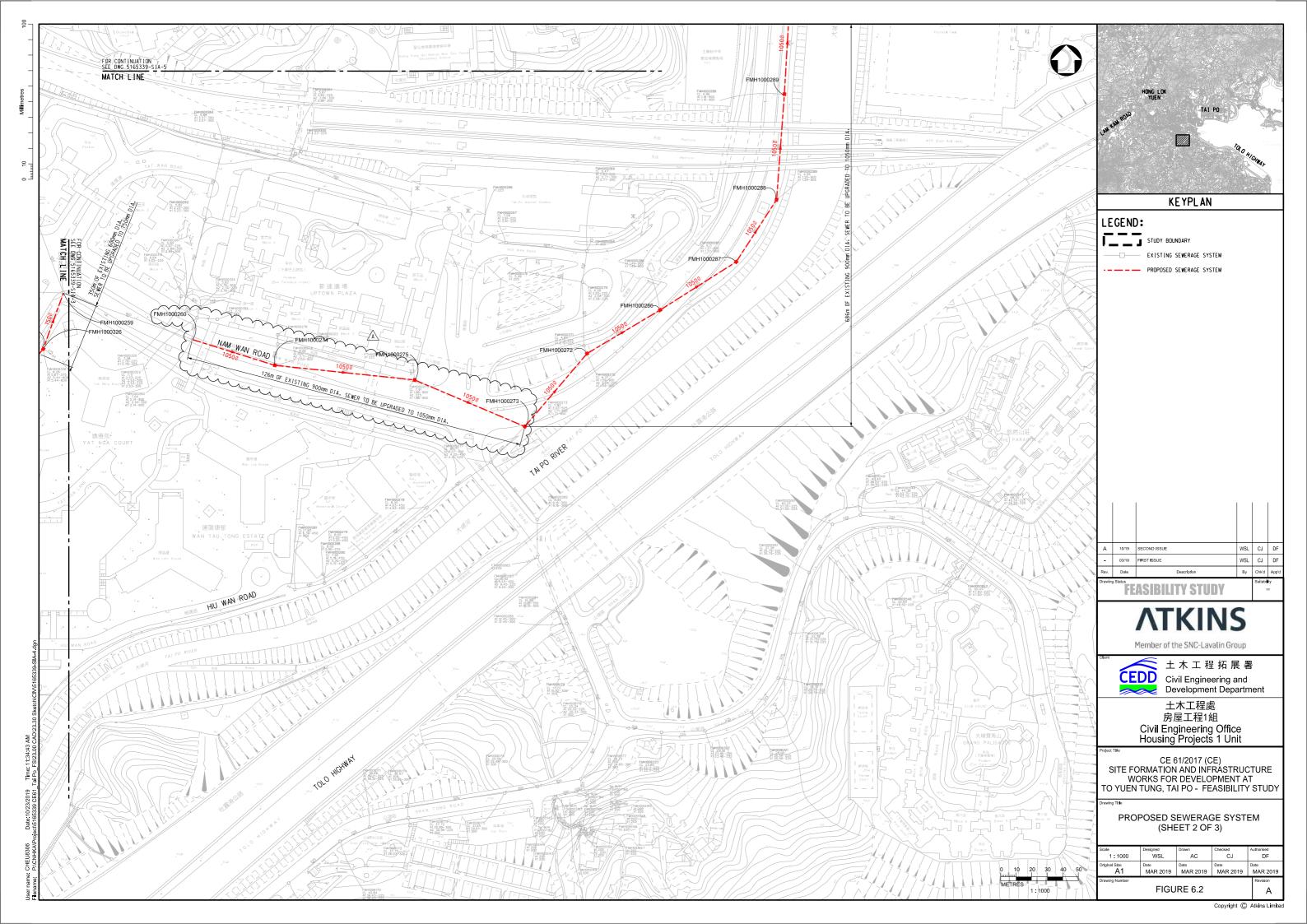


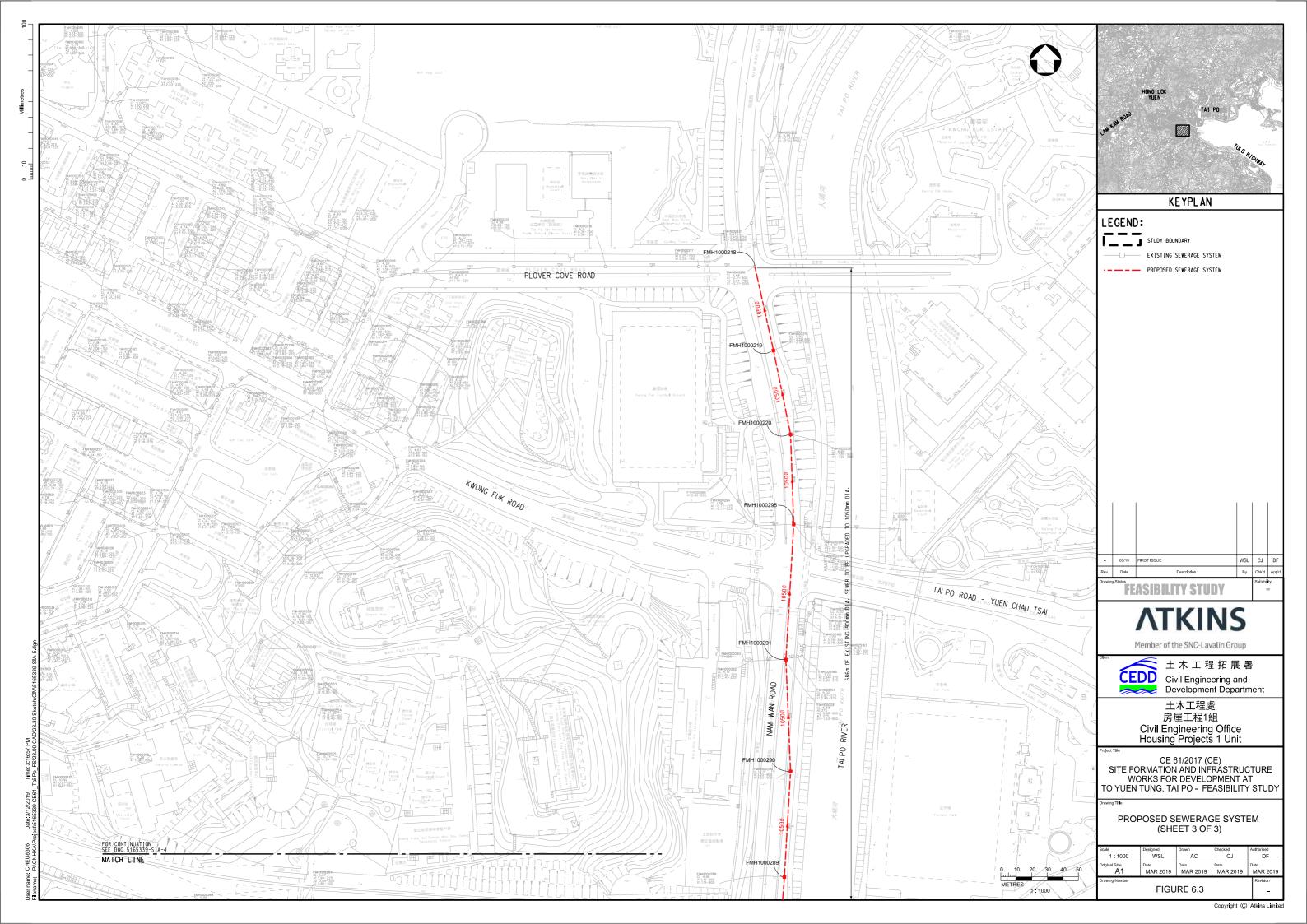


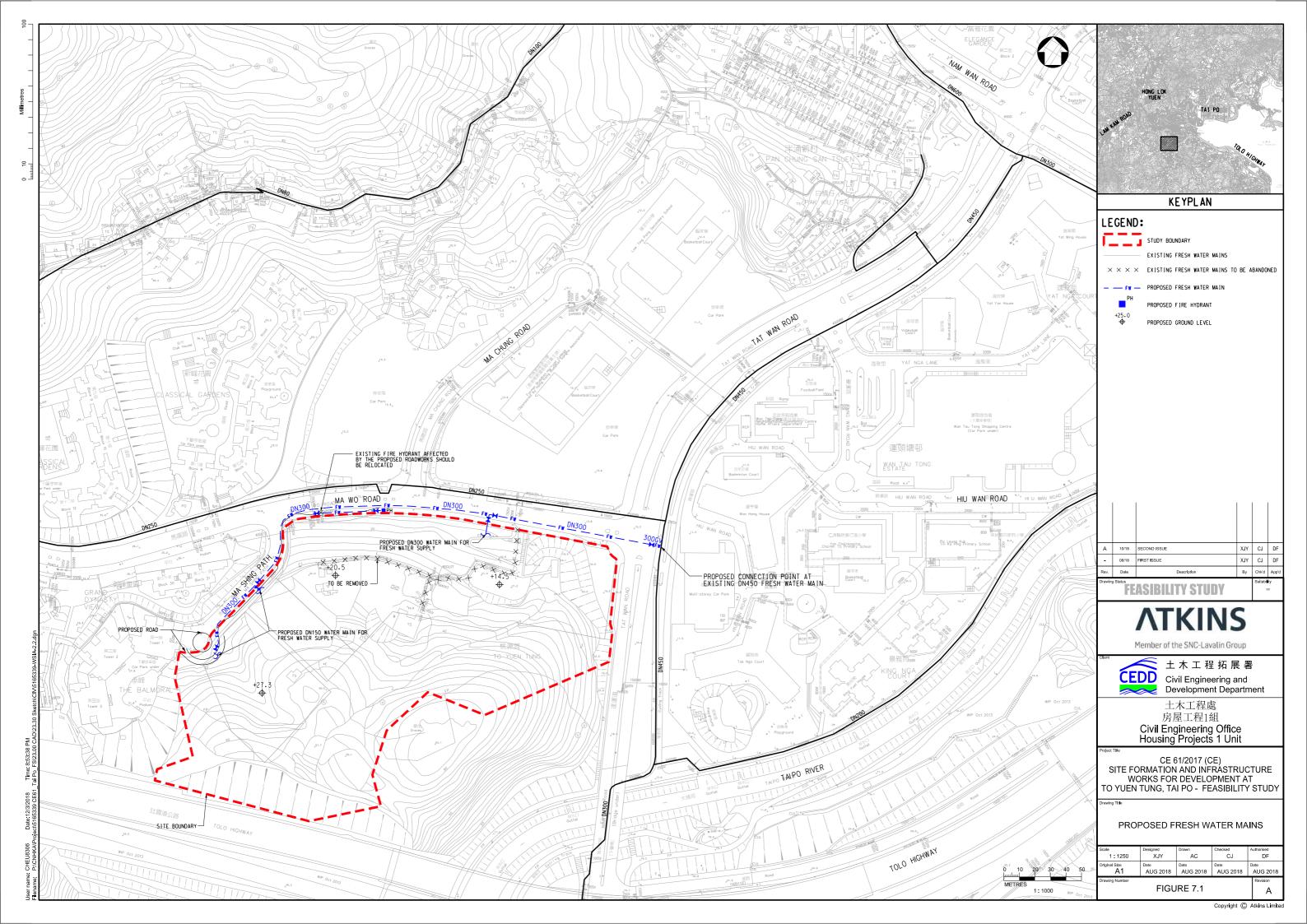


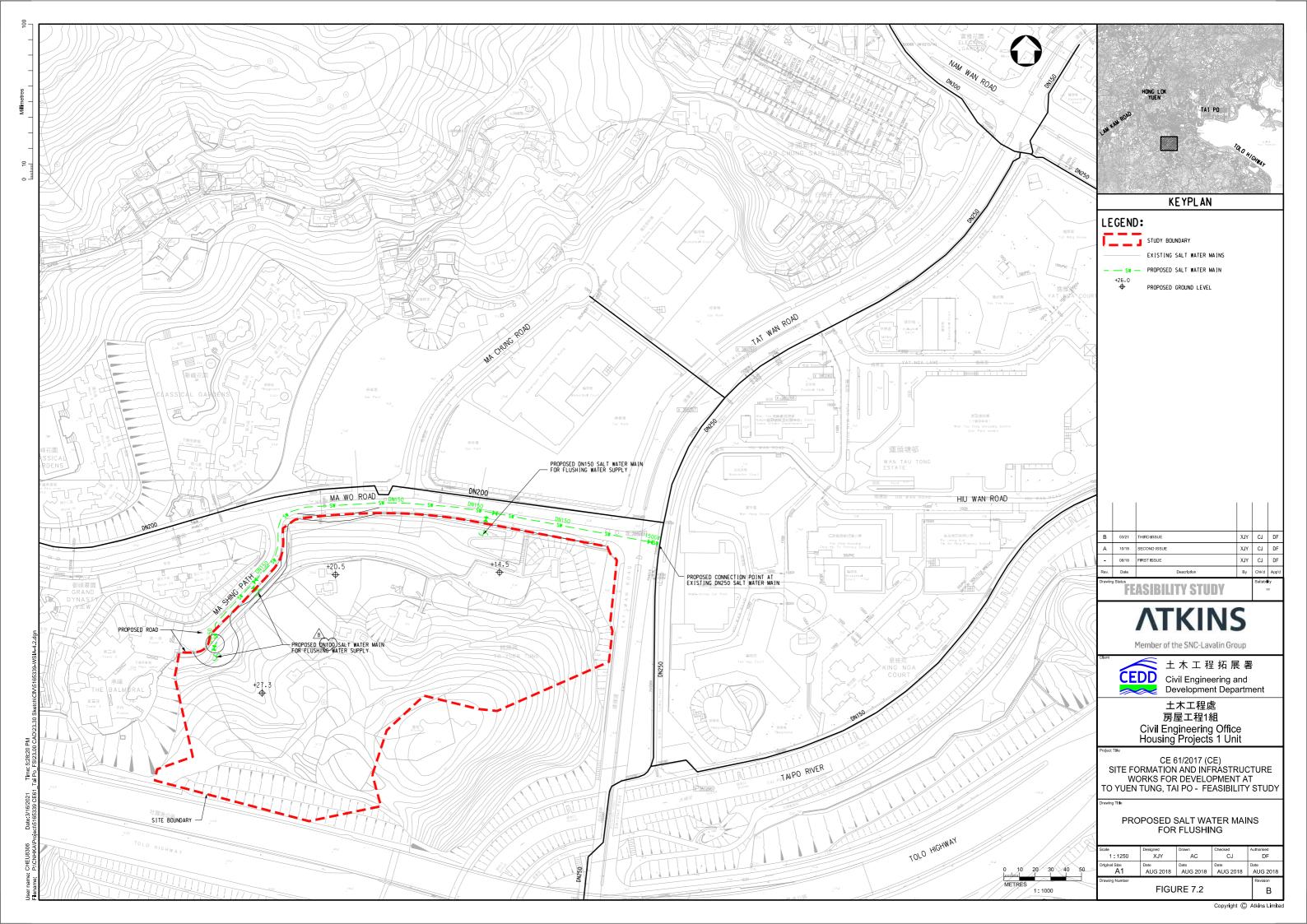


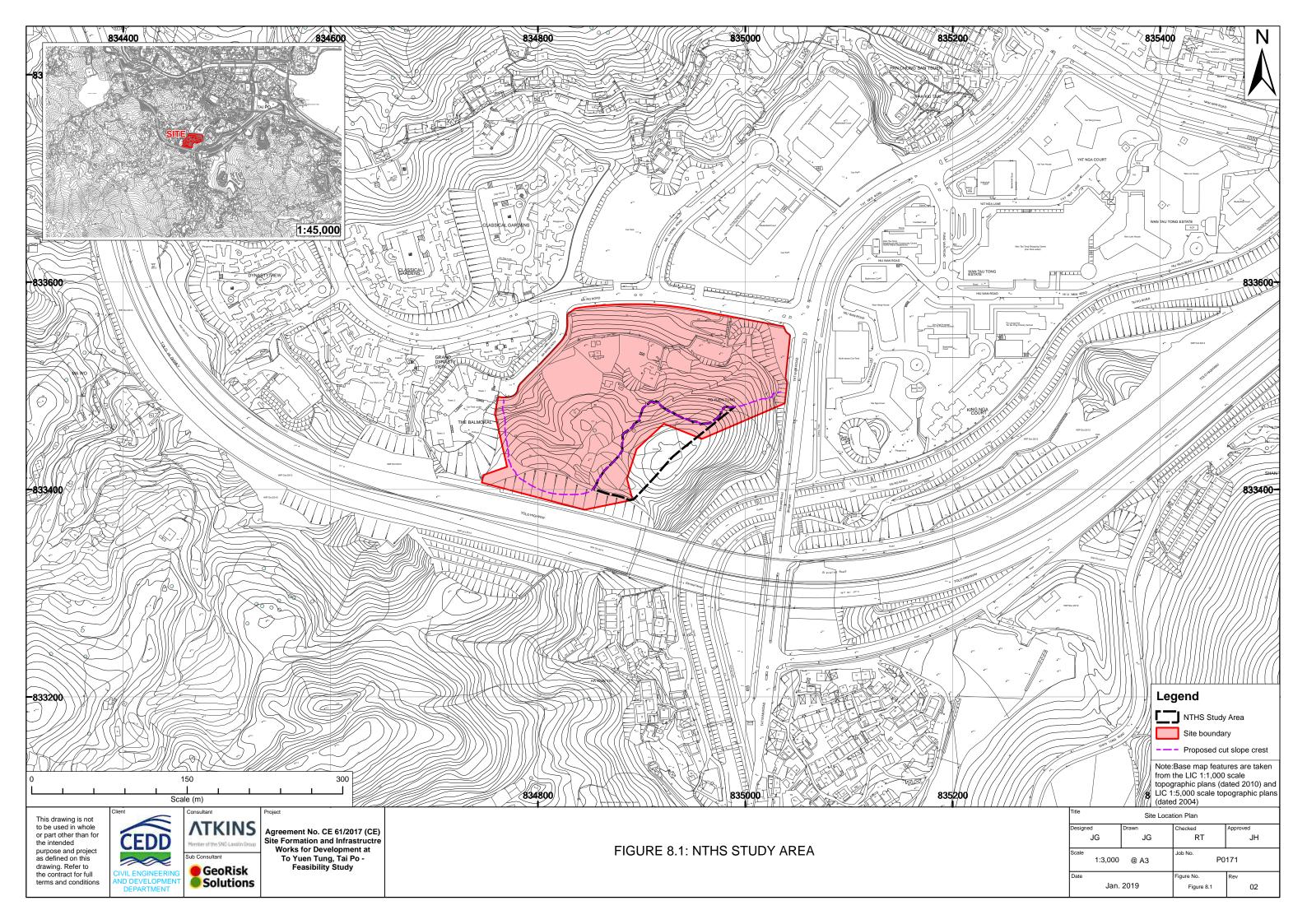


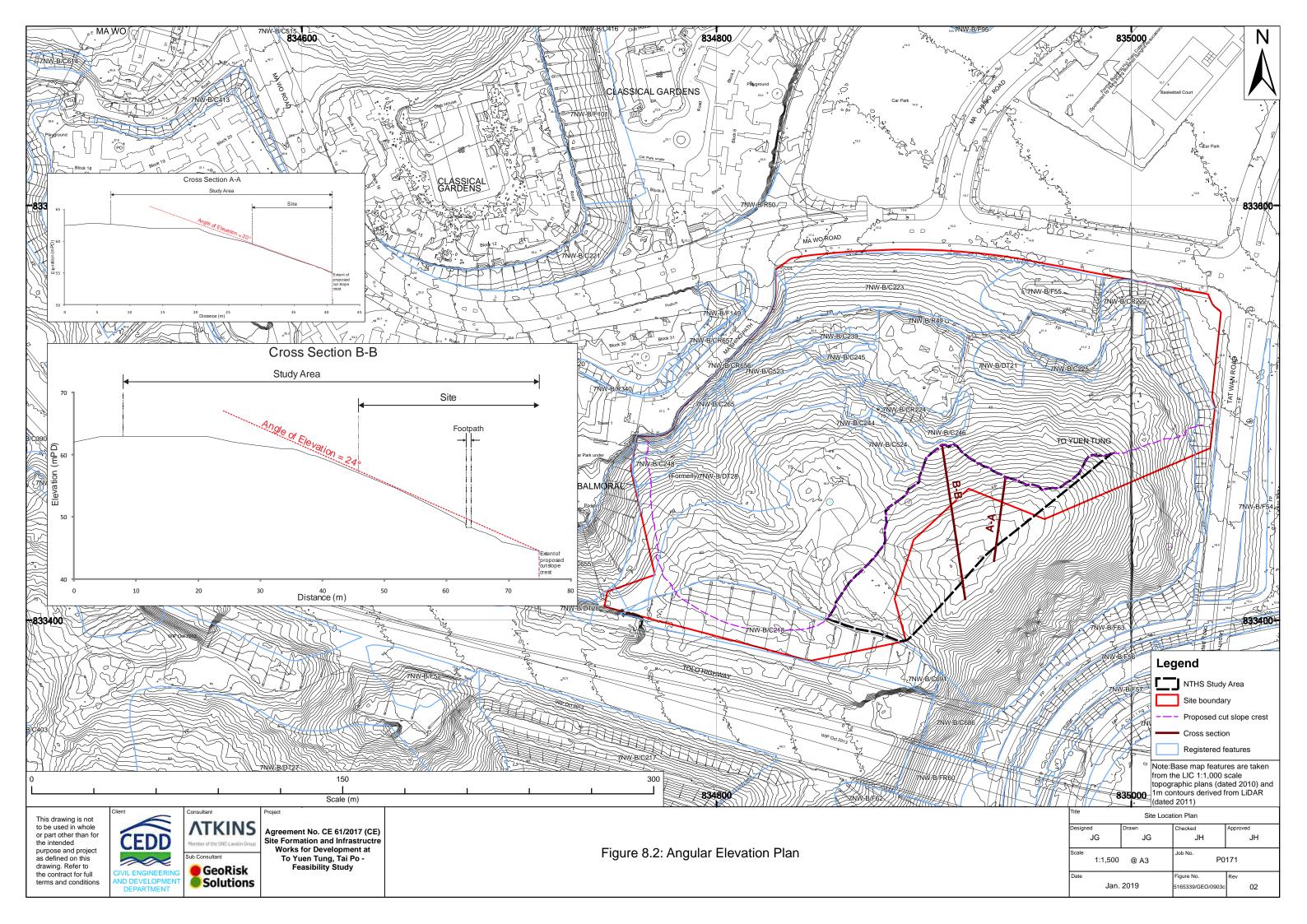


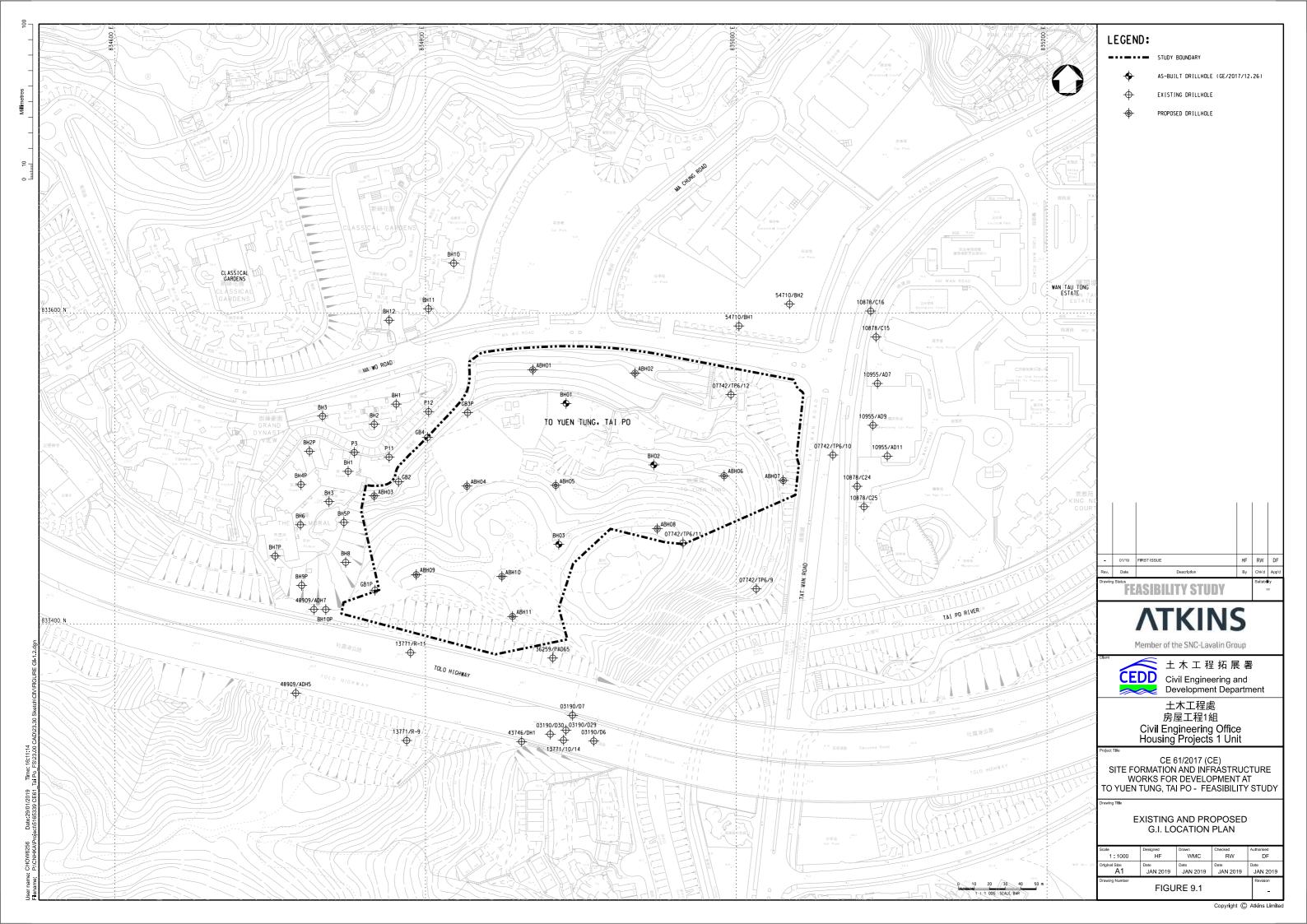


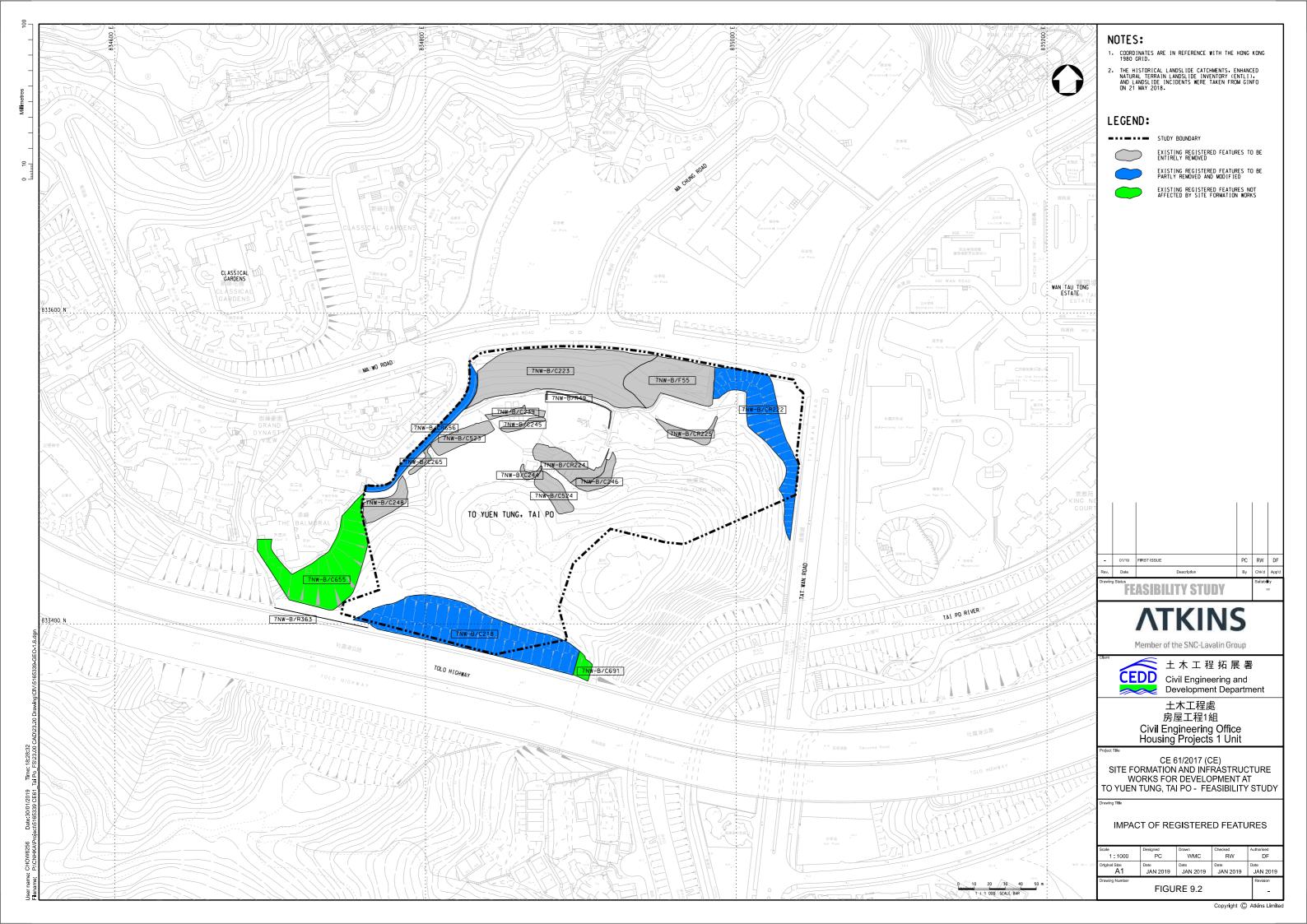


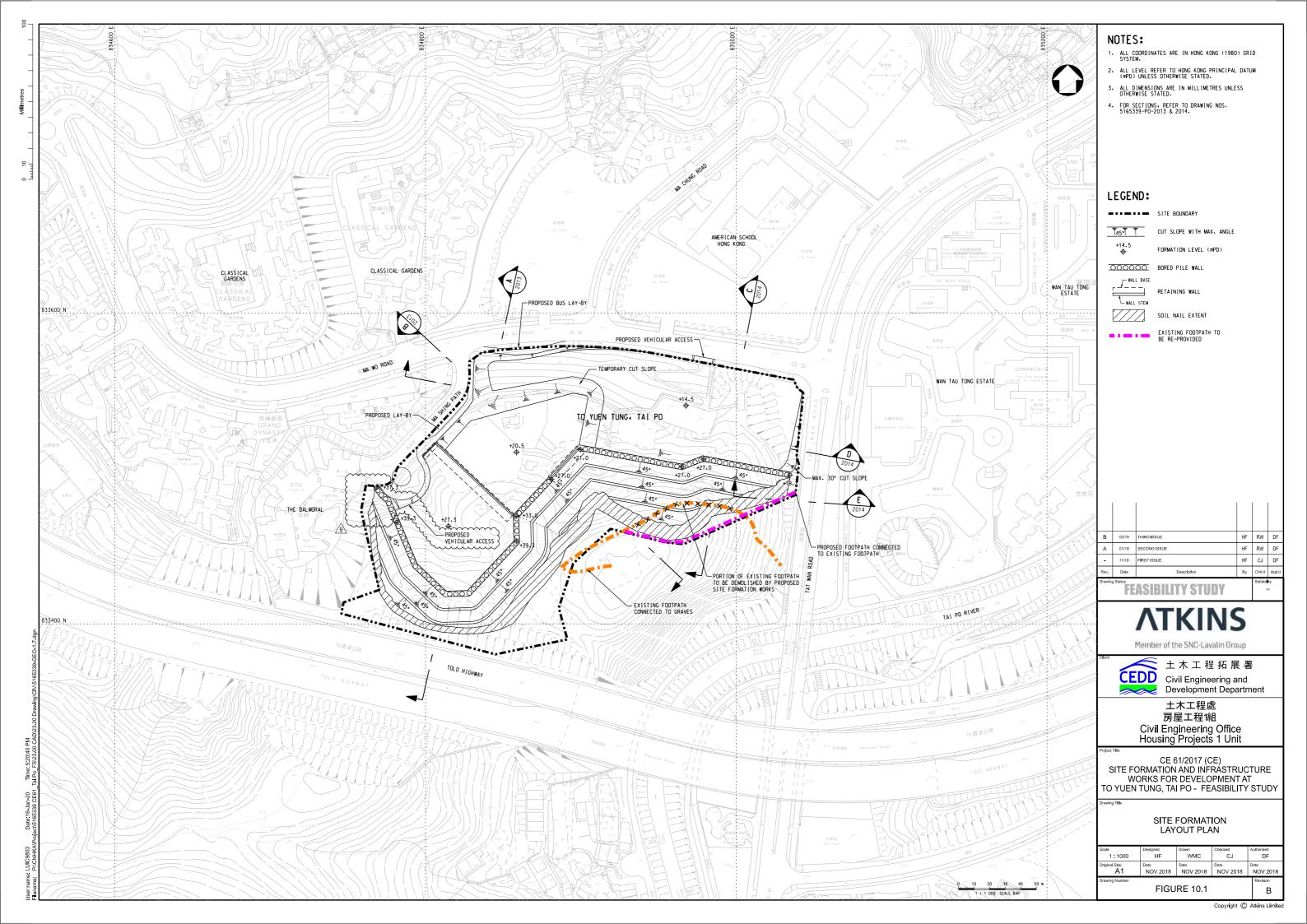


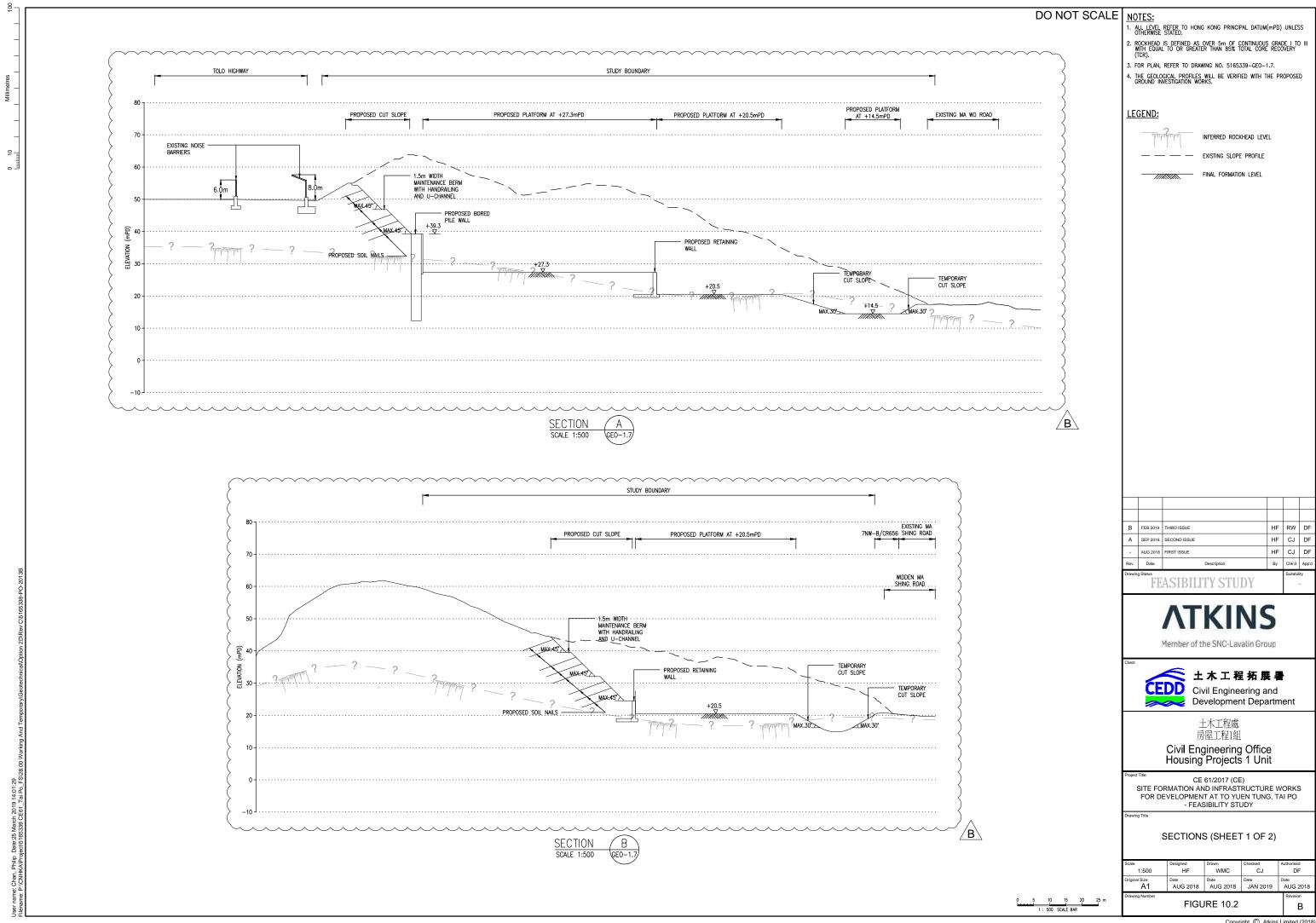


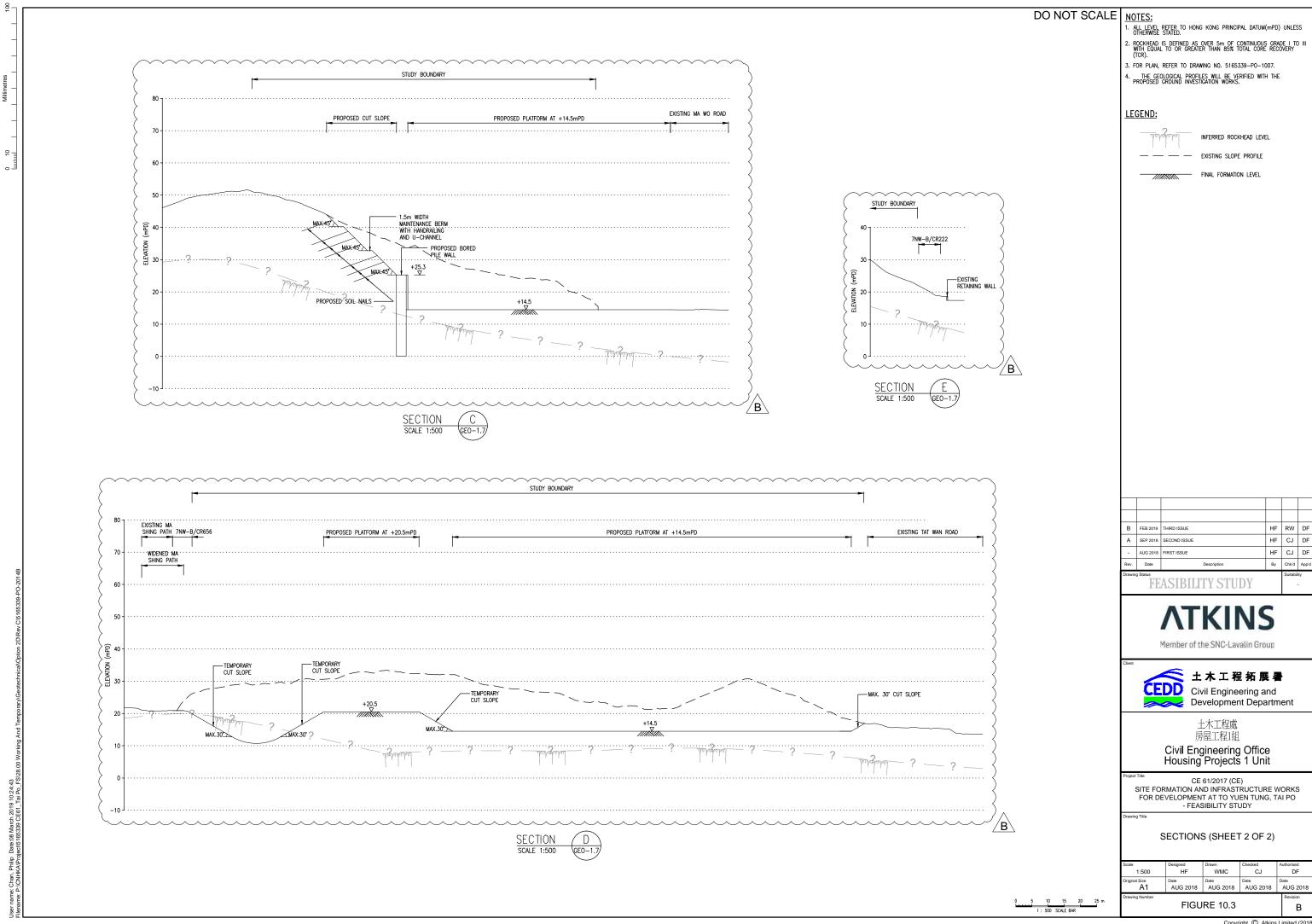




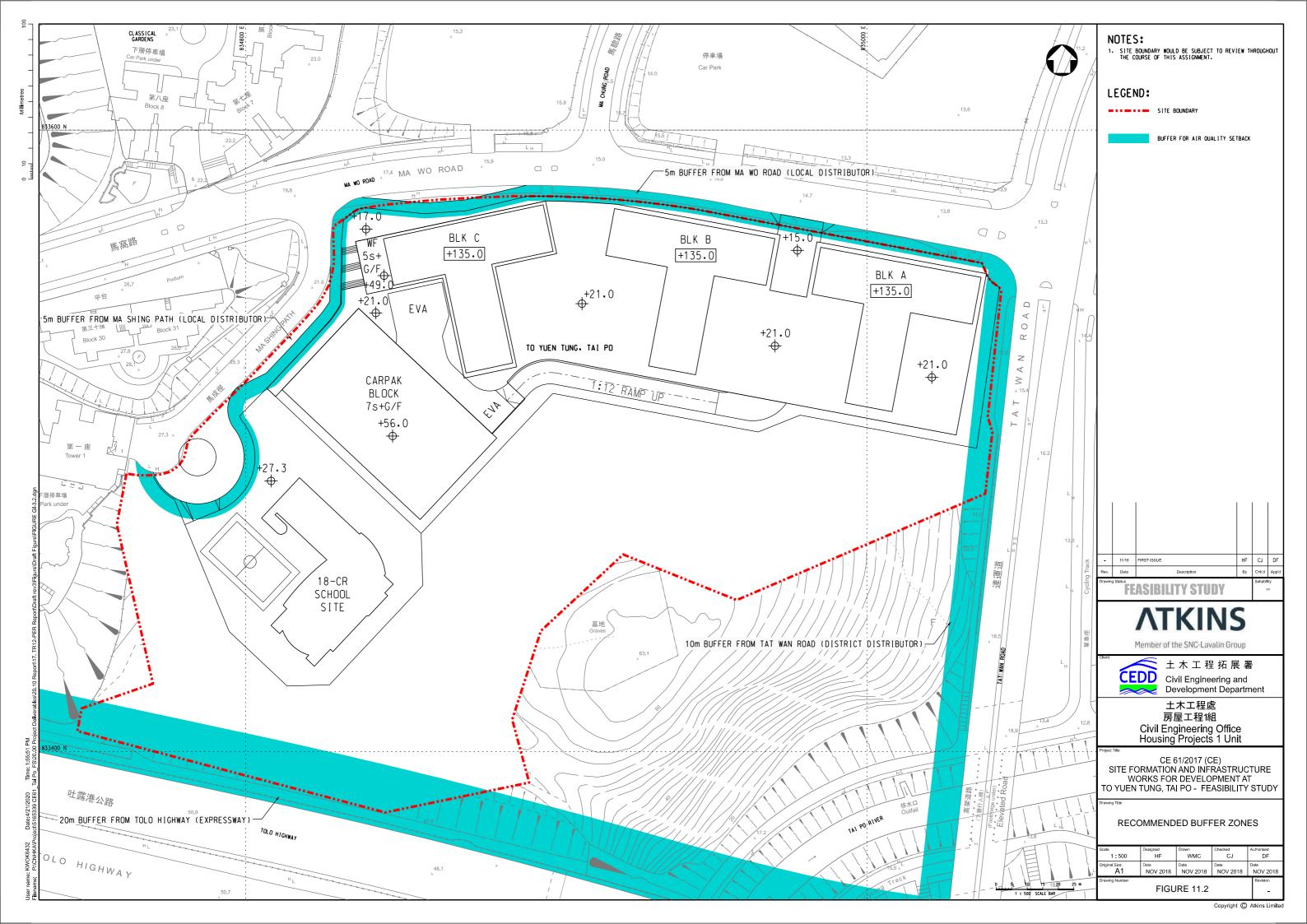


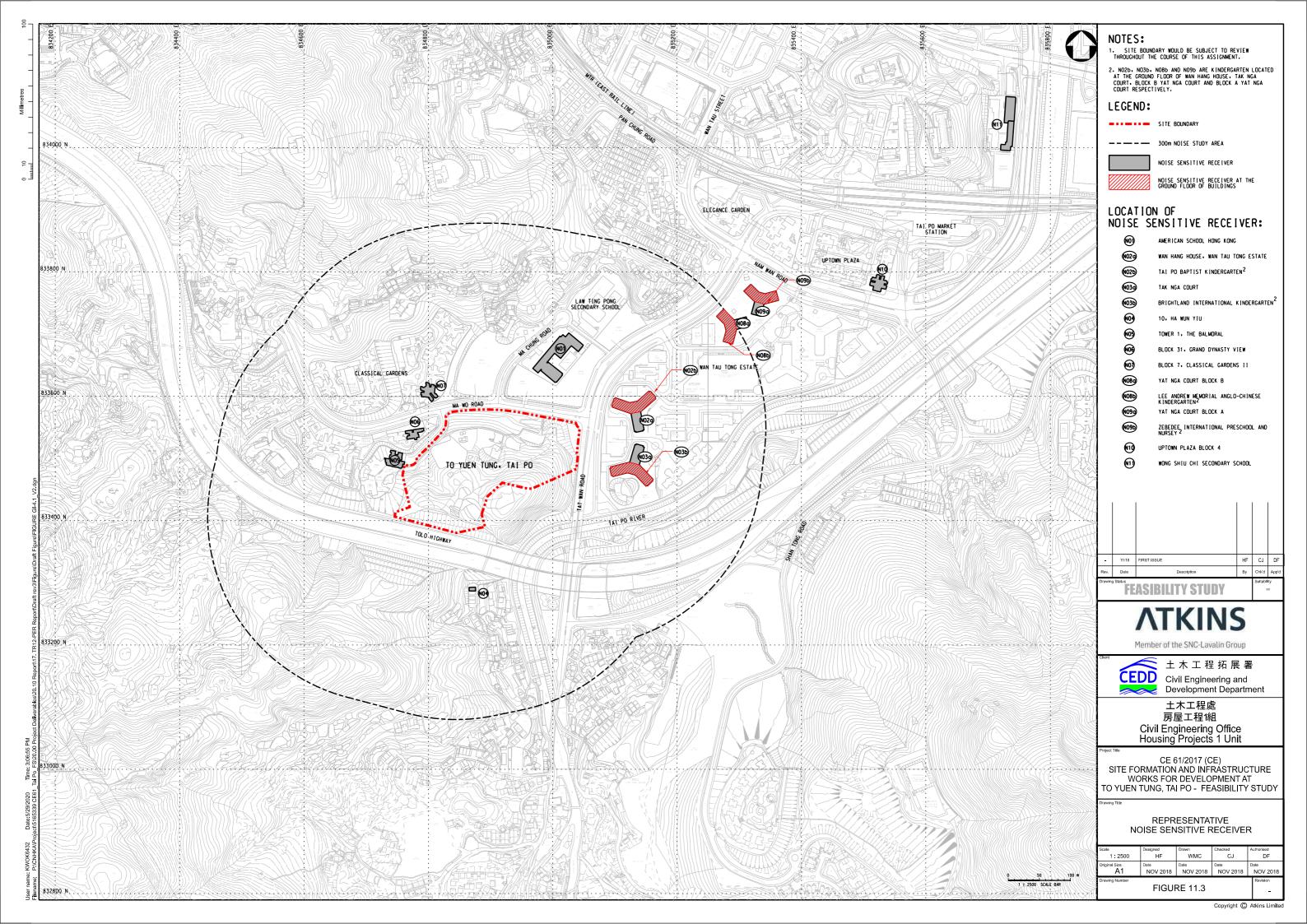


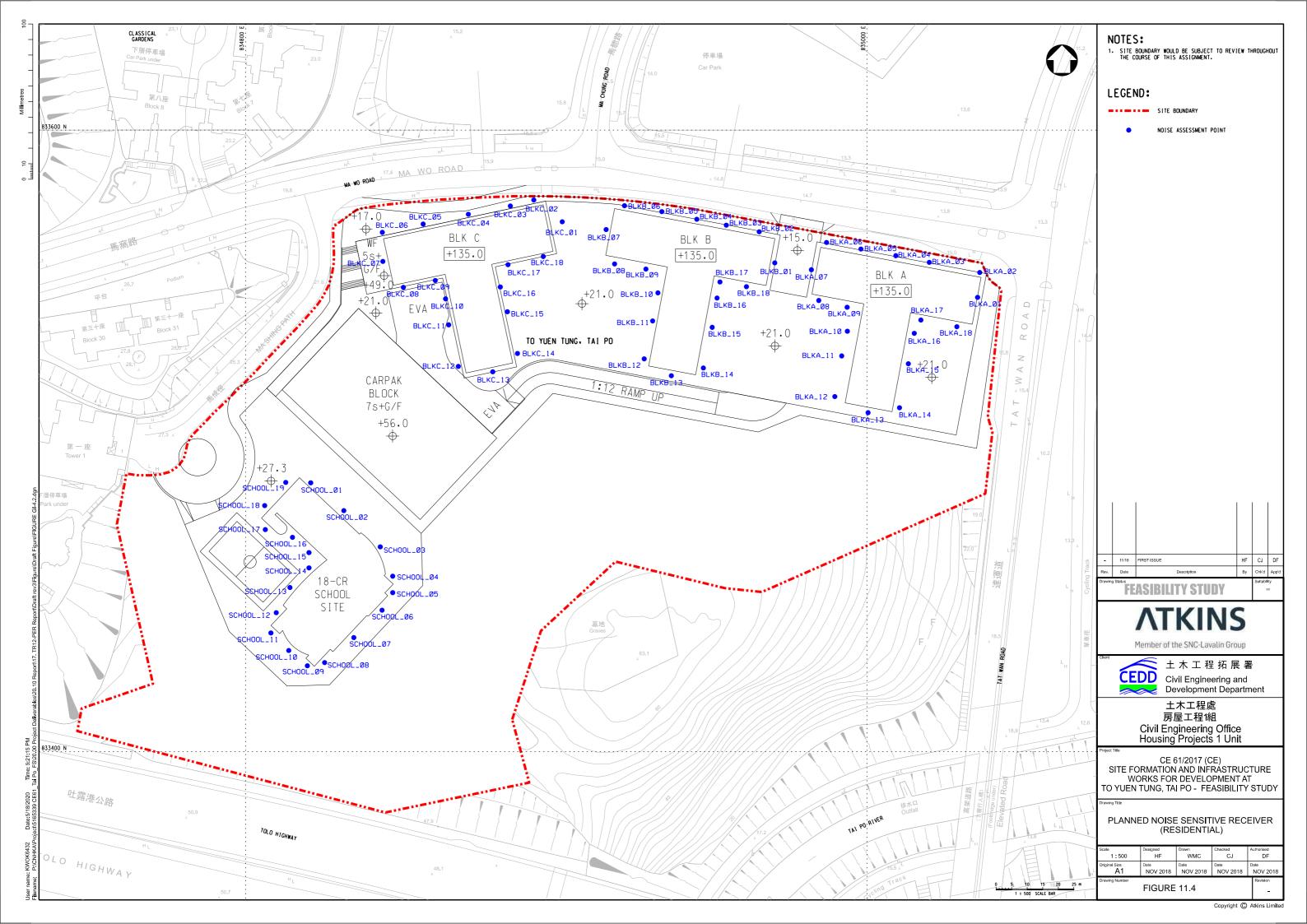


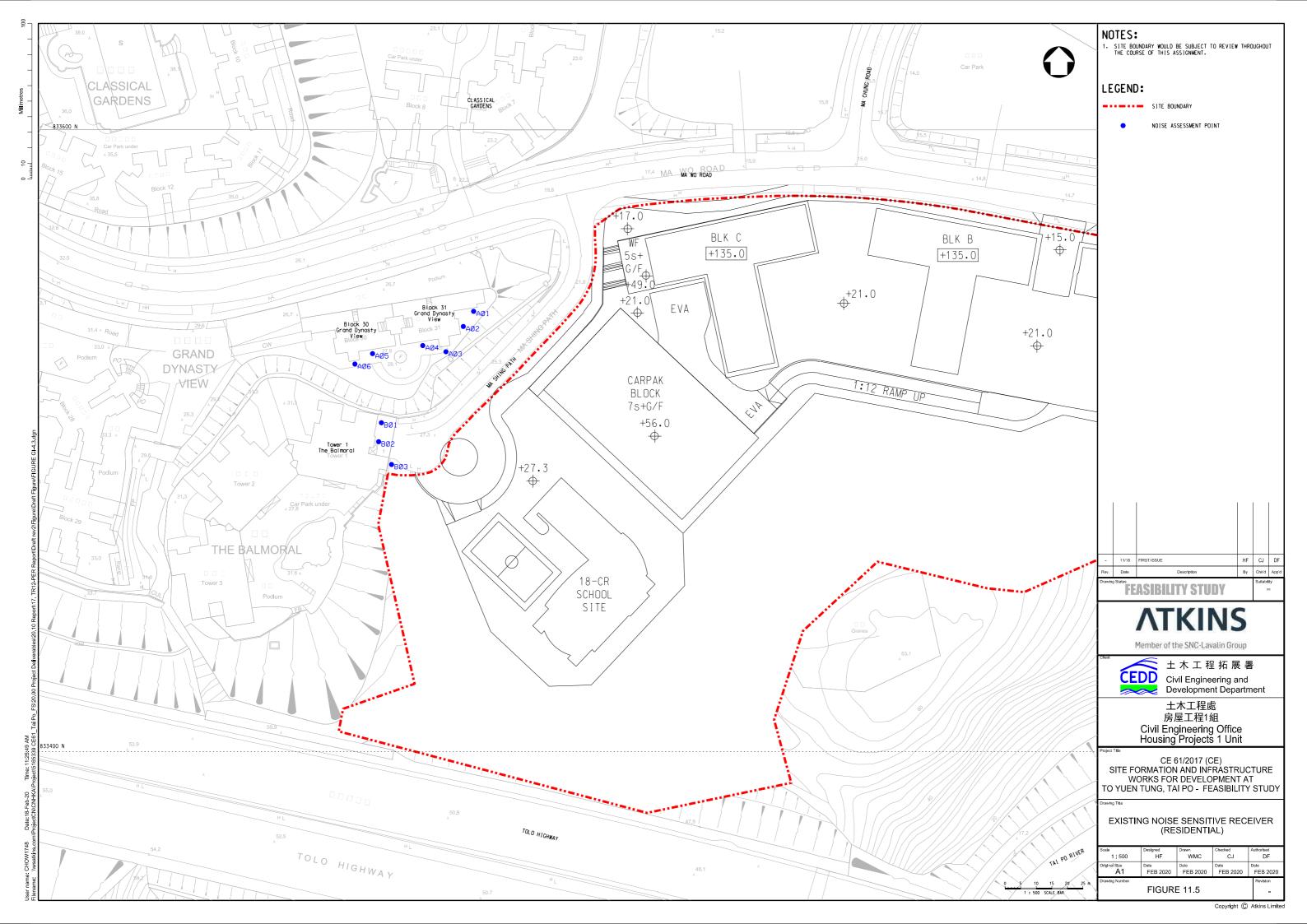


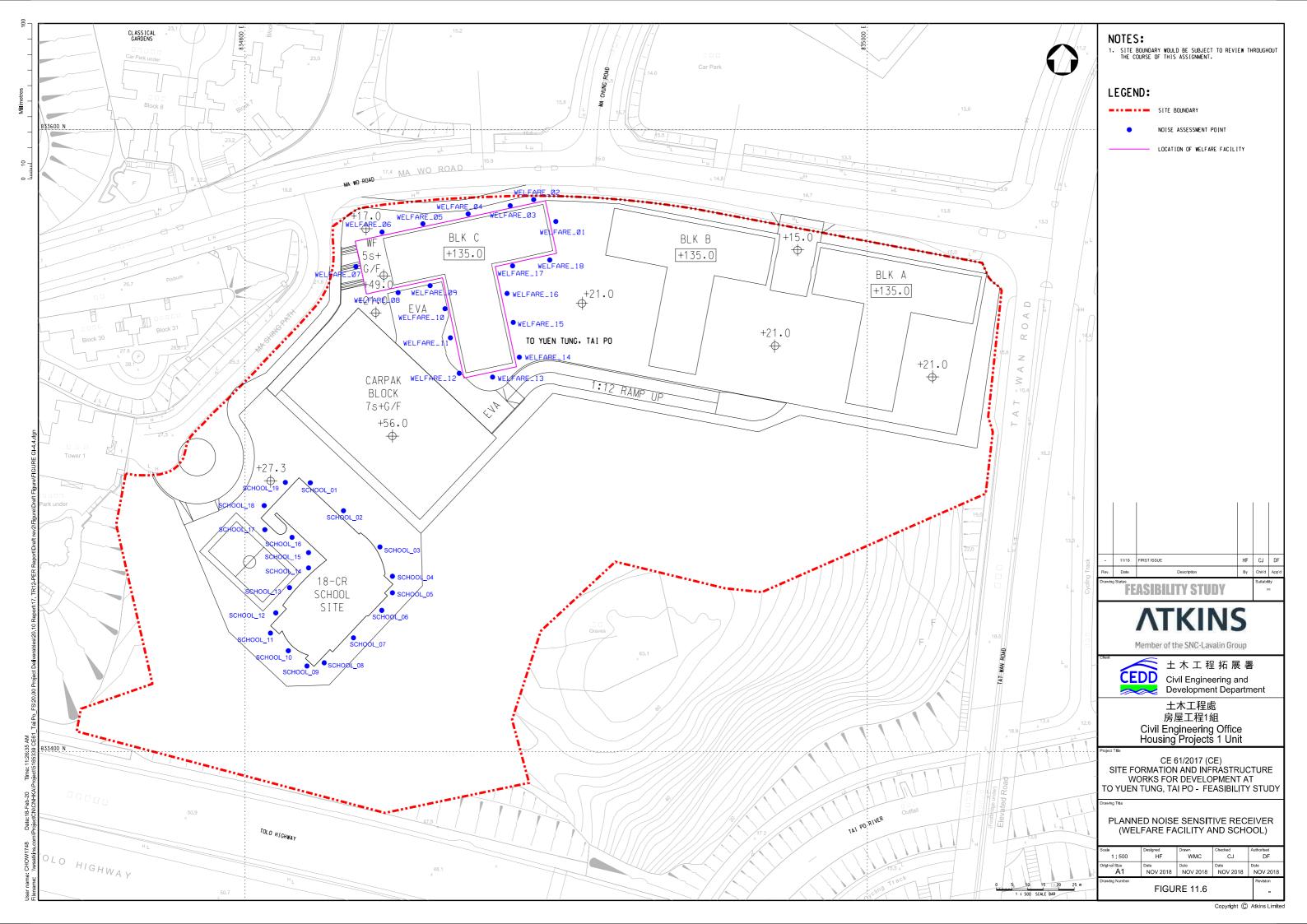


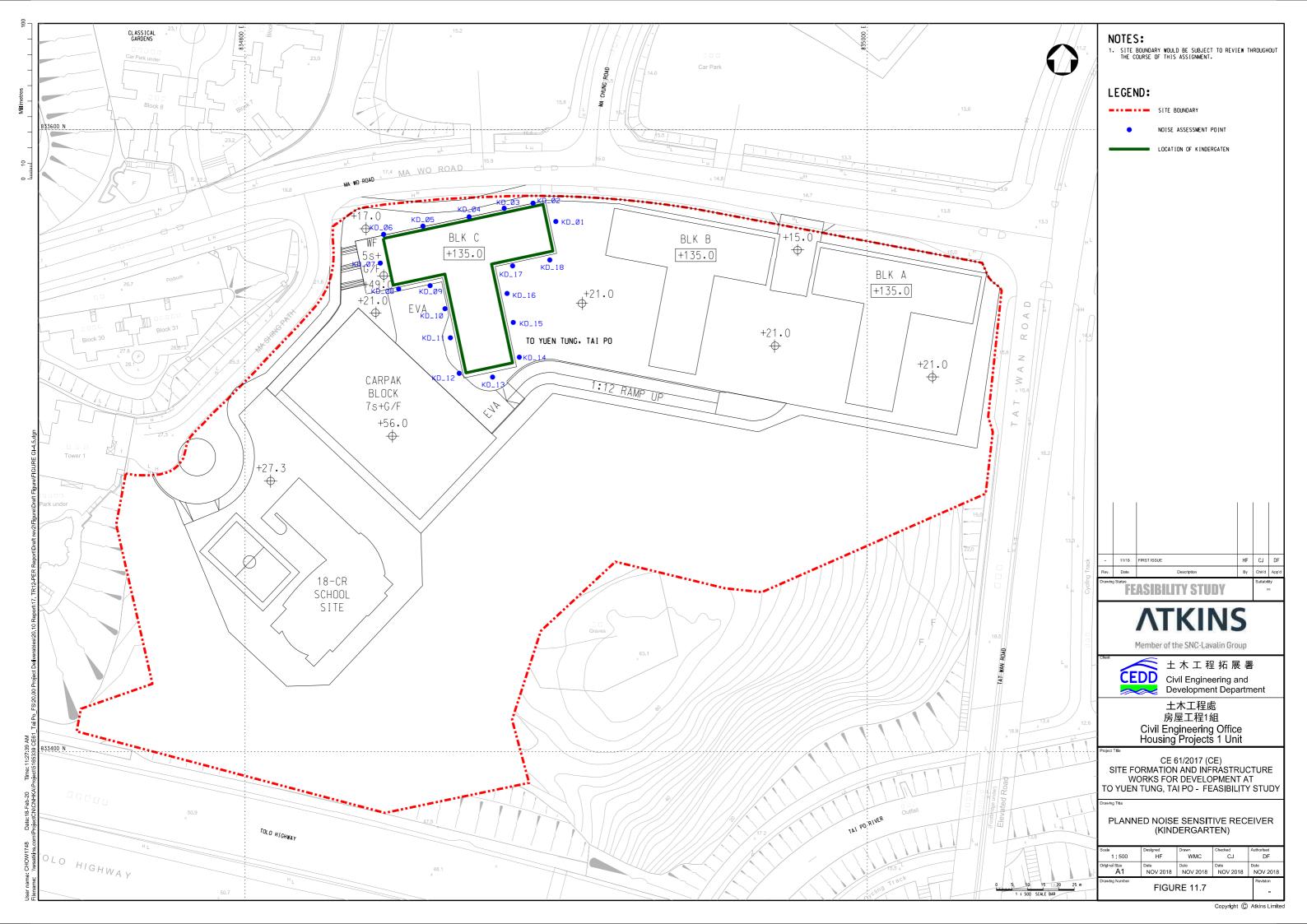


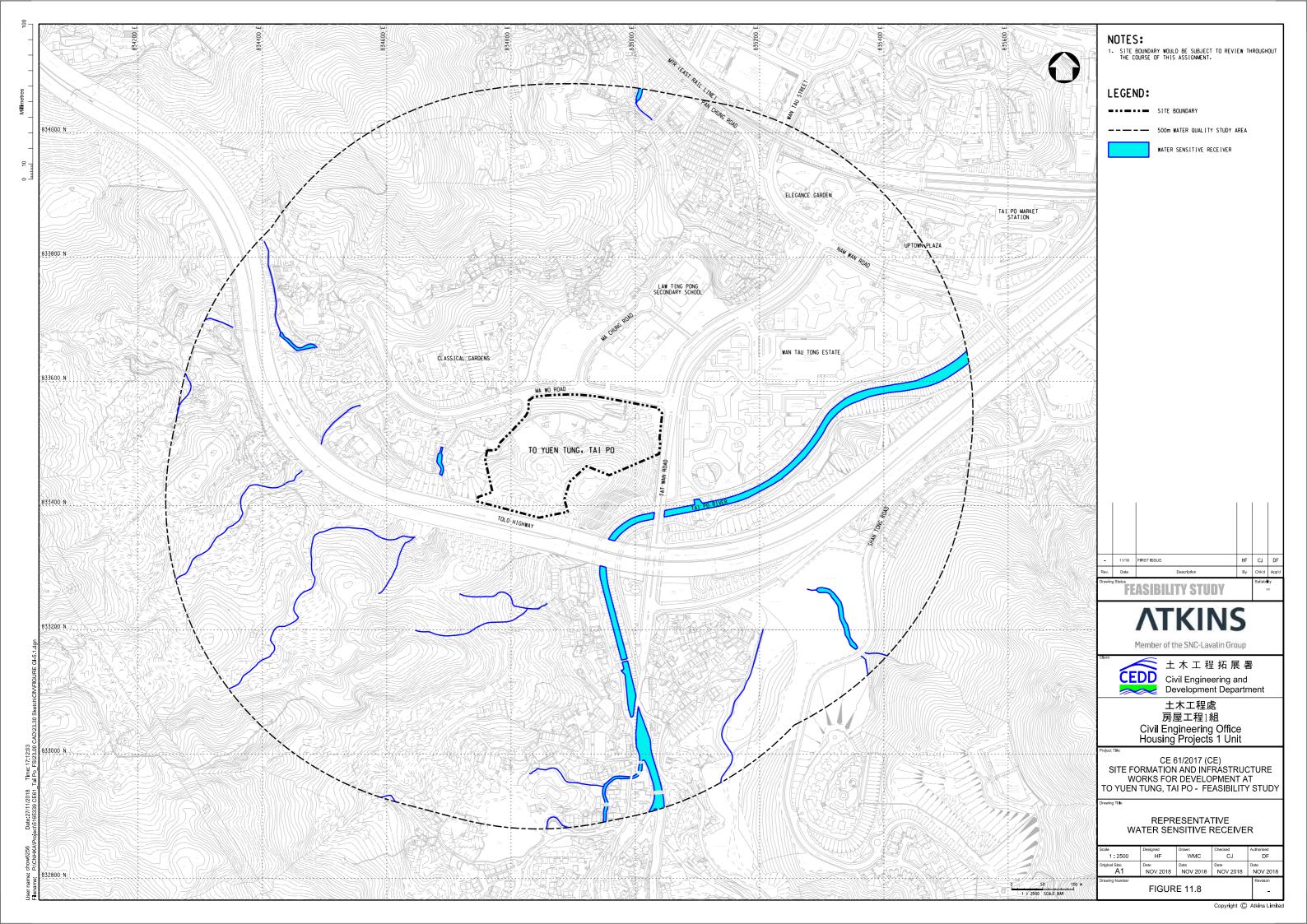


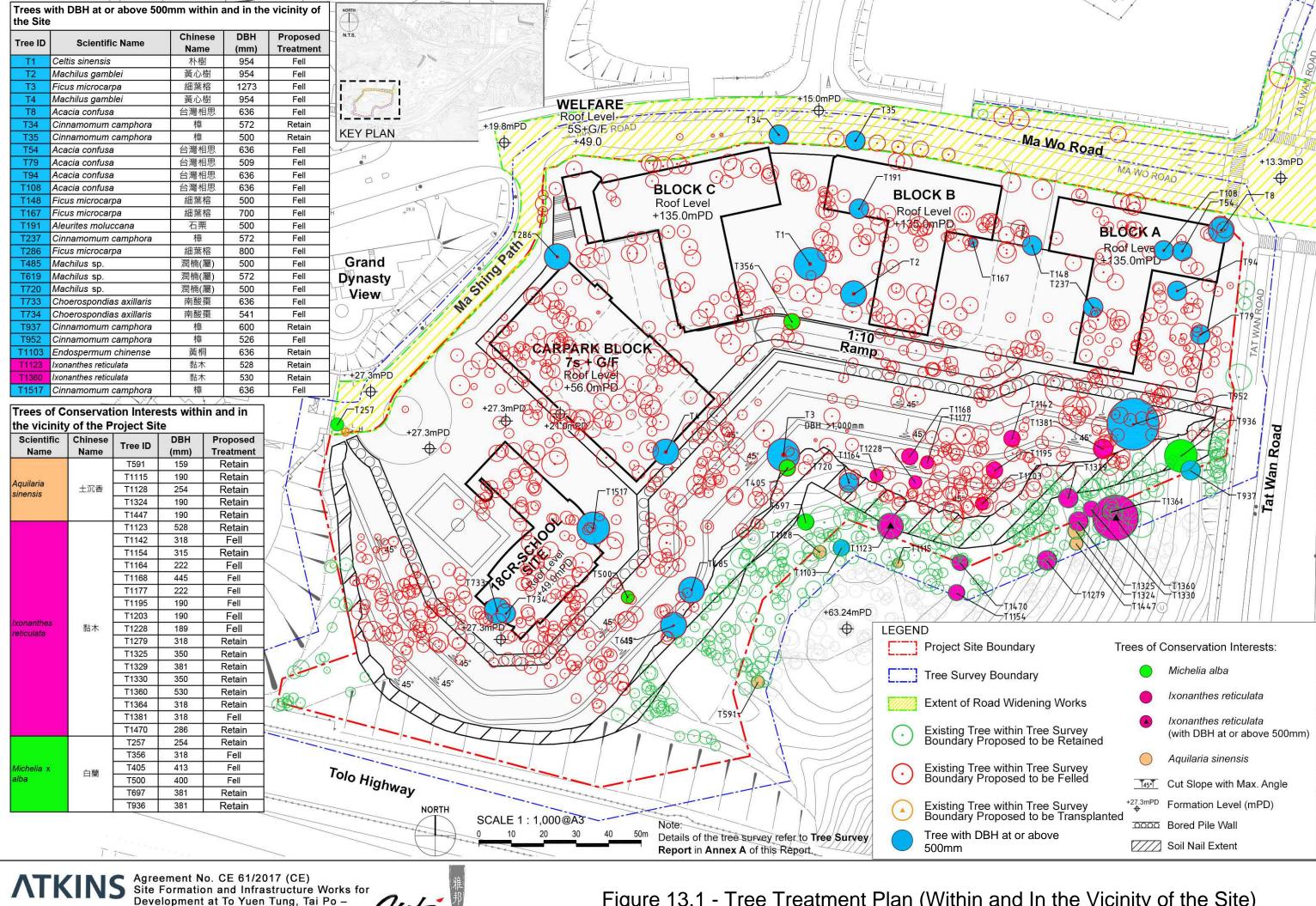












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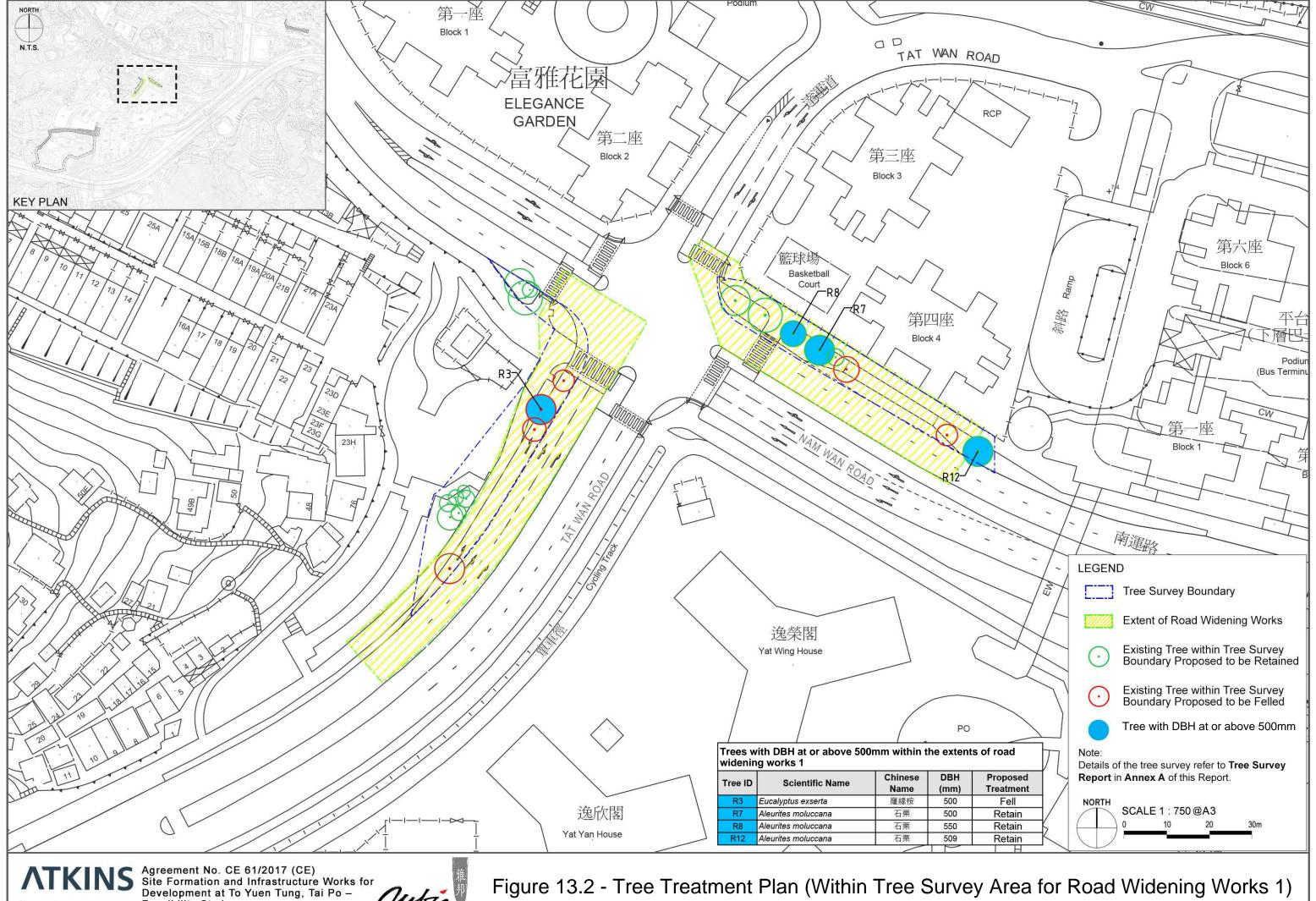
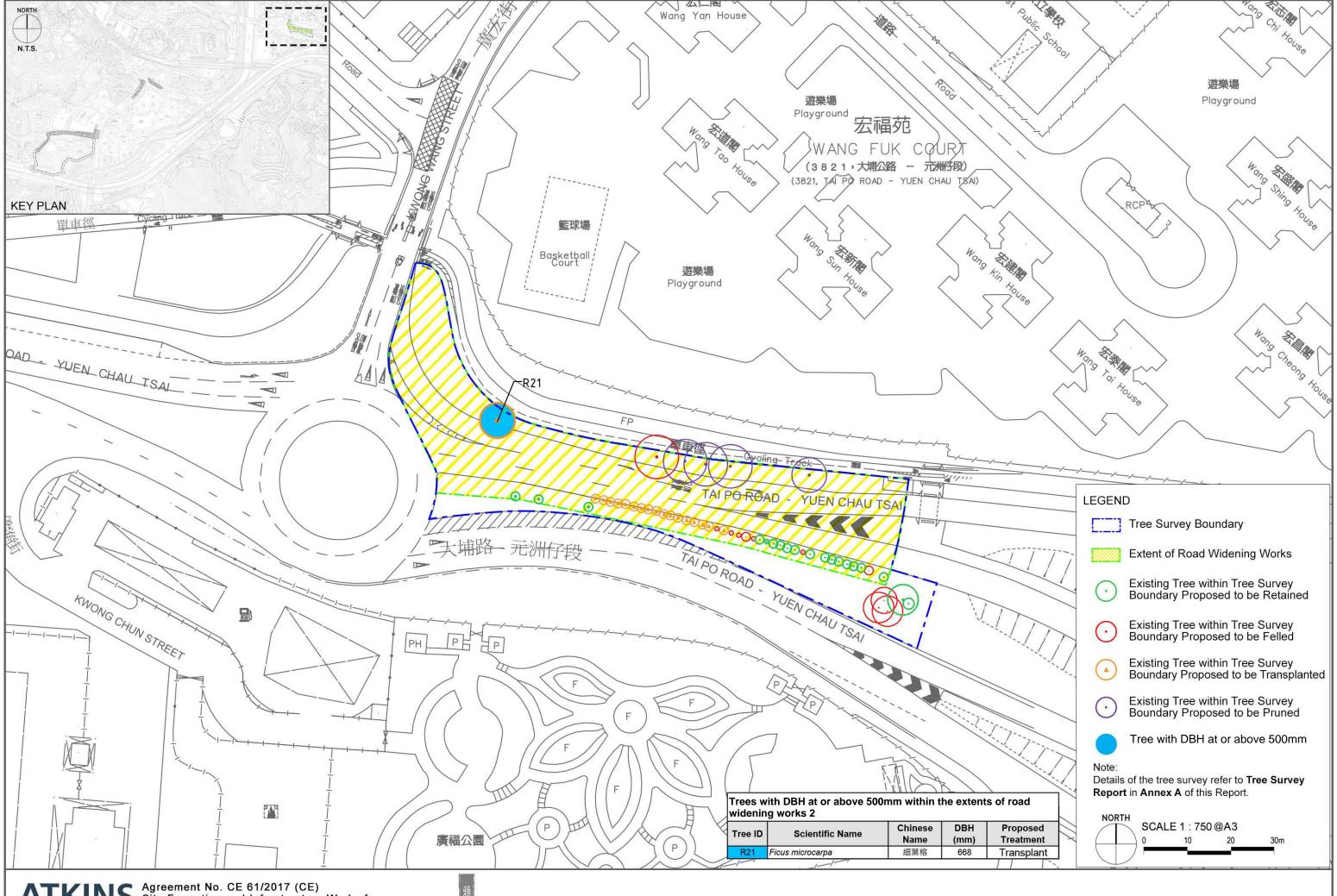
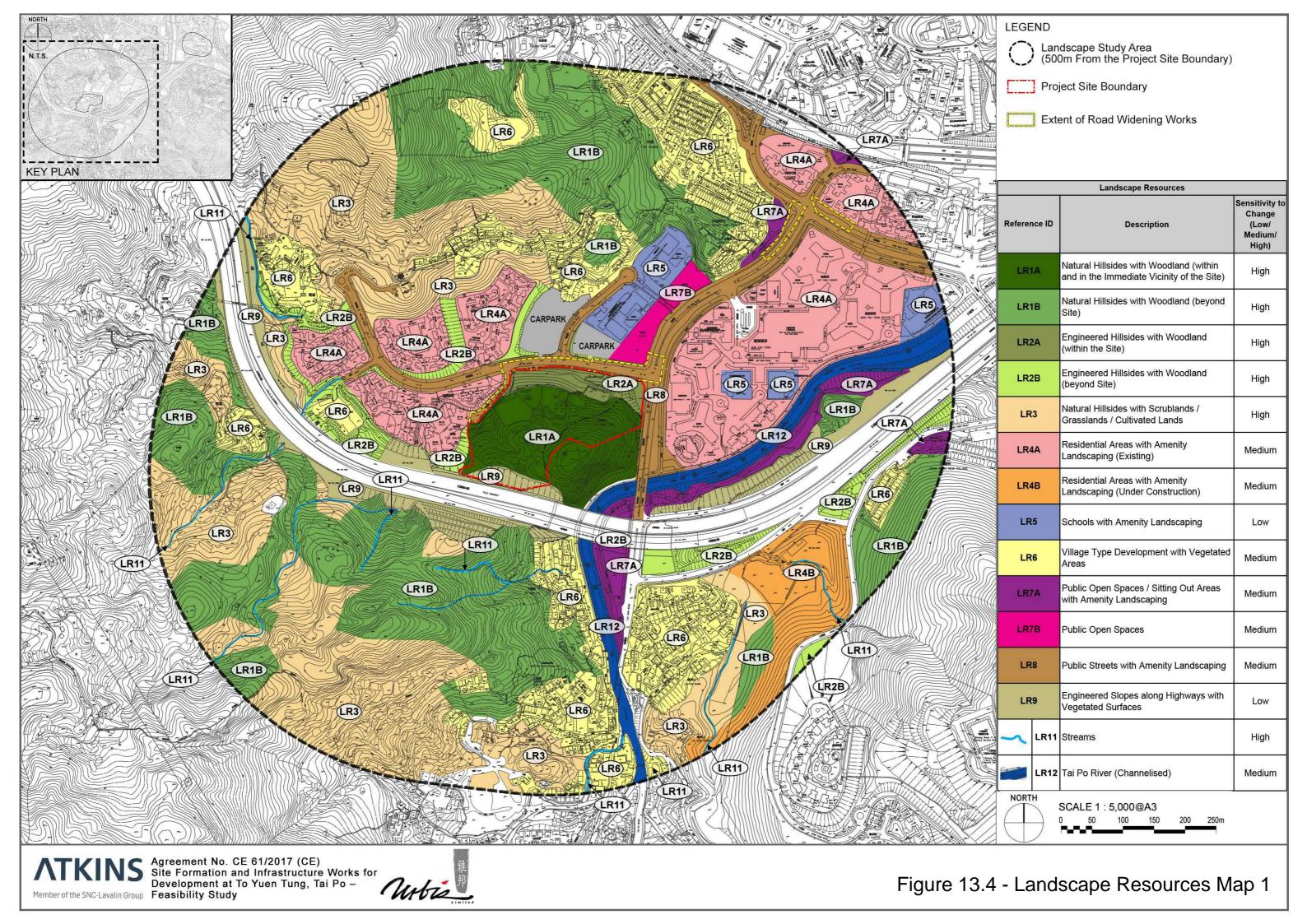
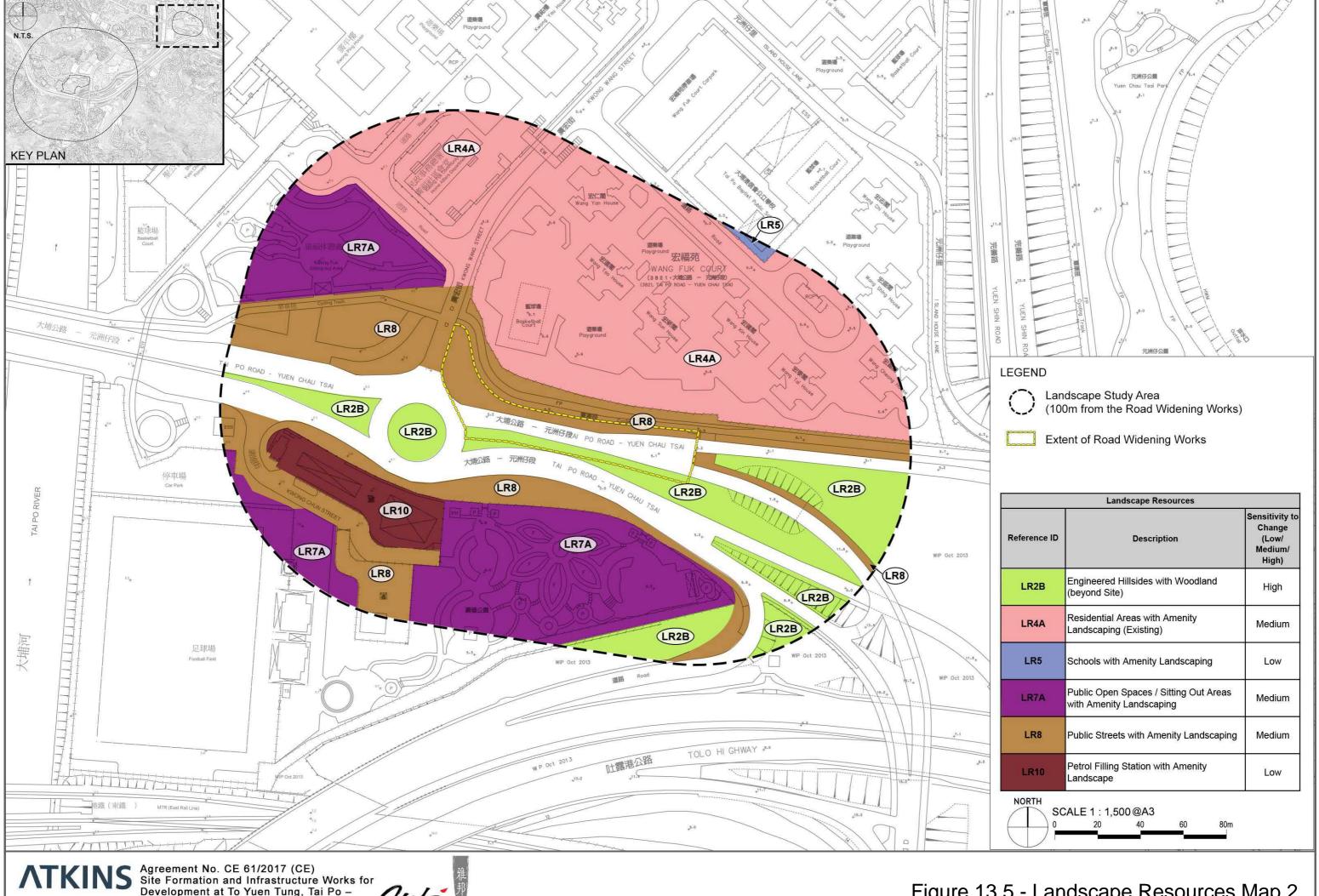


Figure 13.2 - Tree Treatment Plan (Within Tree Survey Area for Road Widening Works 1)



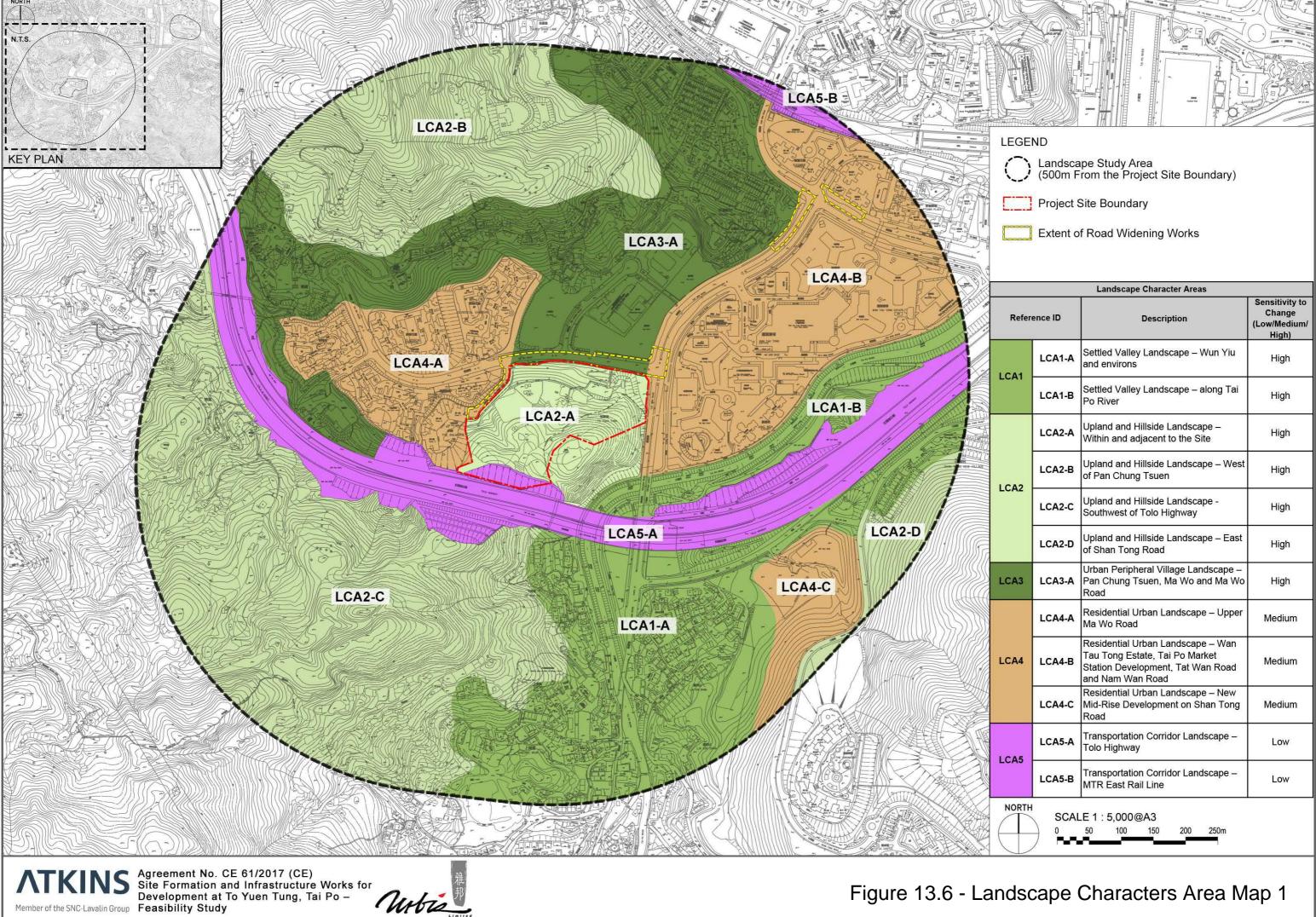
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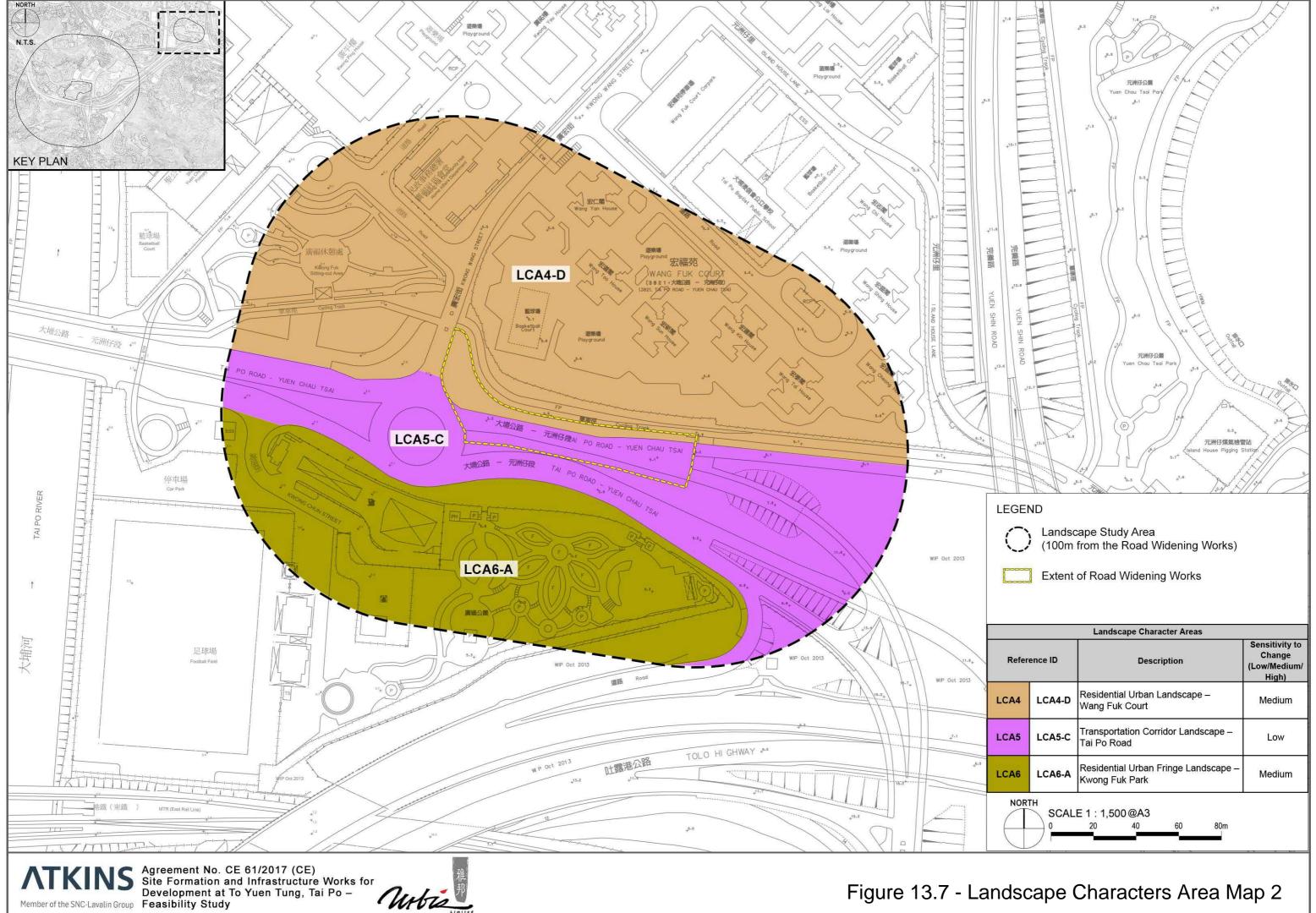




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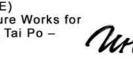












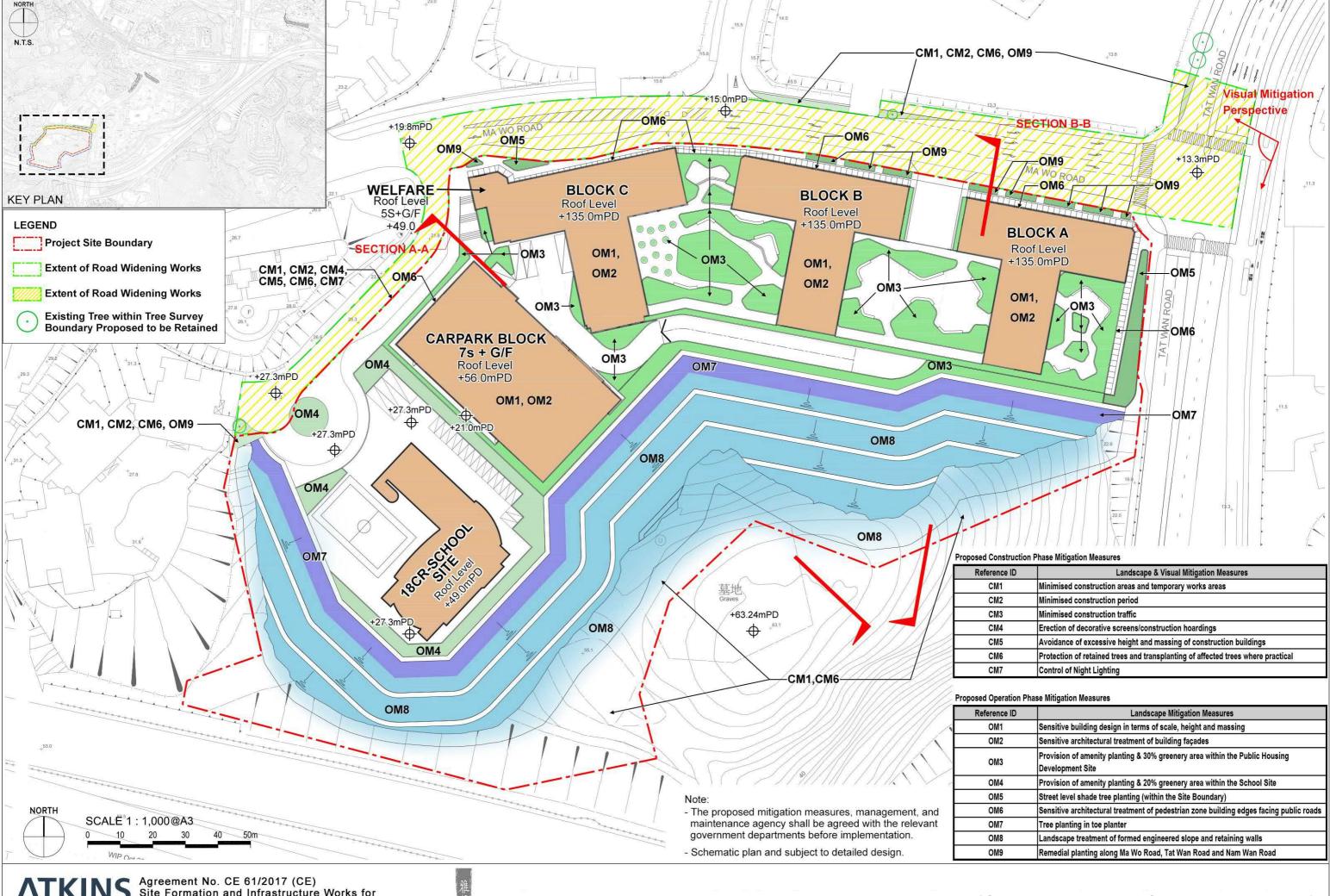


Figure 13.9 - Proposed Mitigation Measures Plan 1 (Construction and Operation Phases)

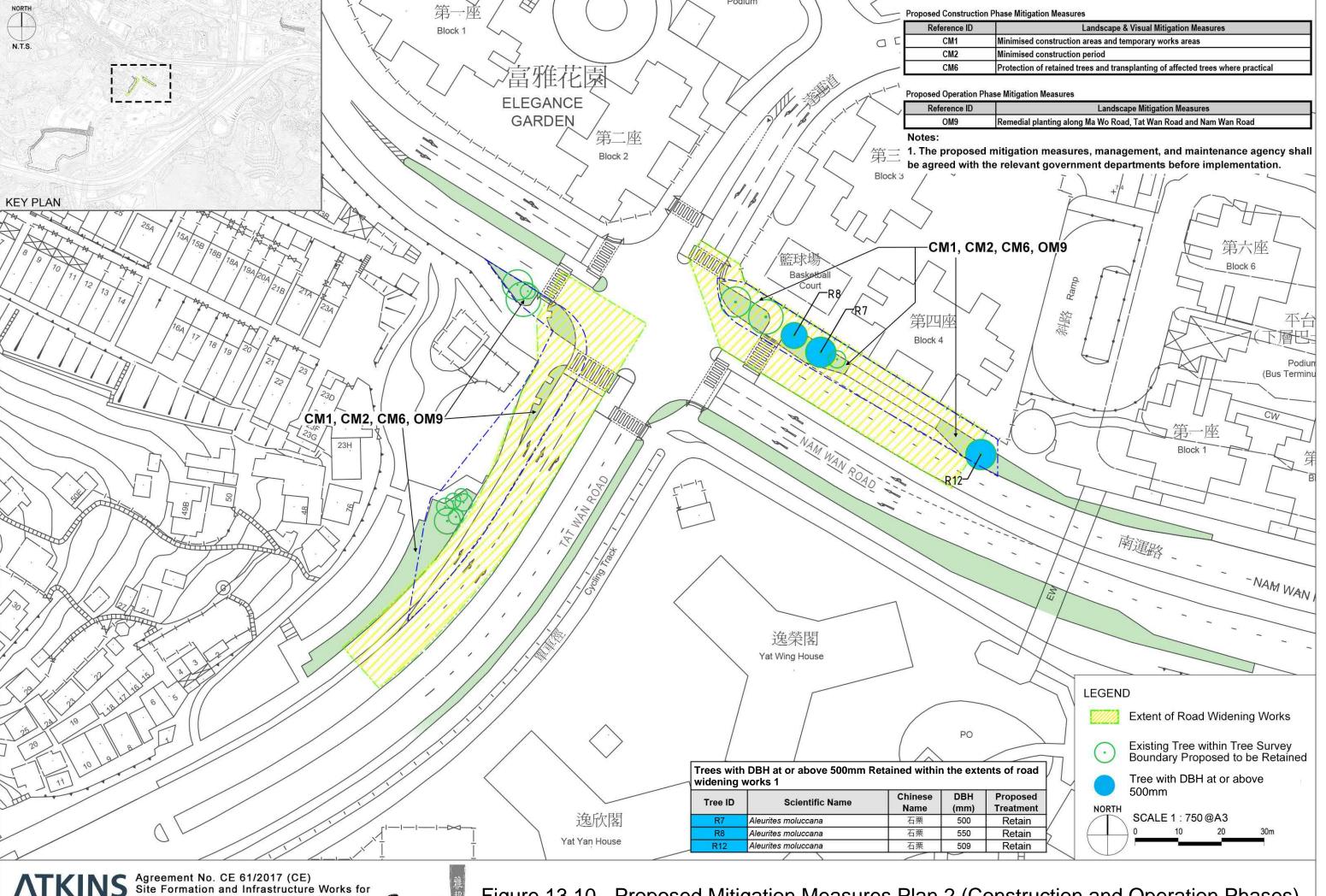


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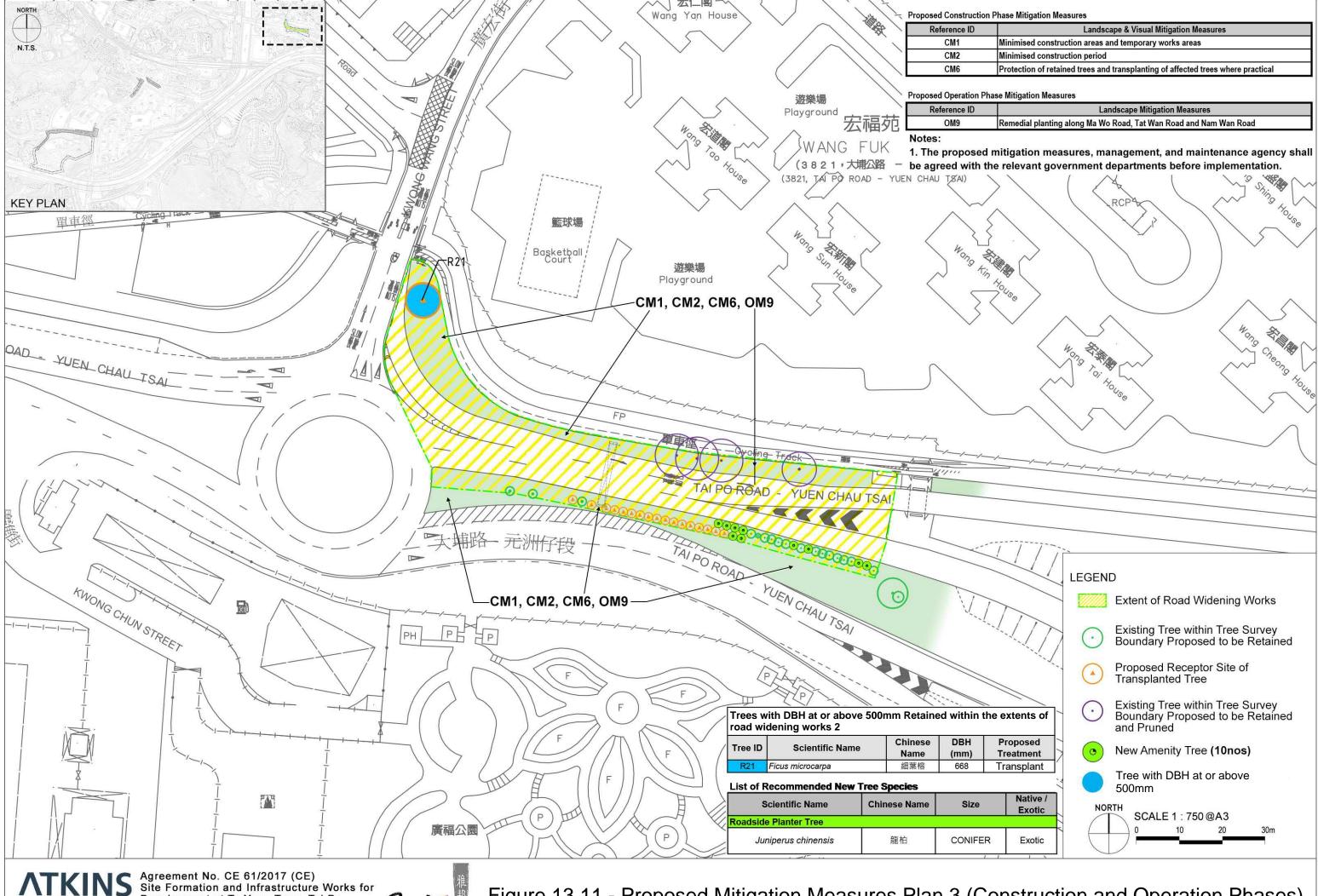
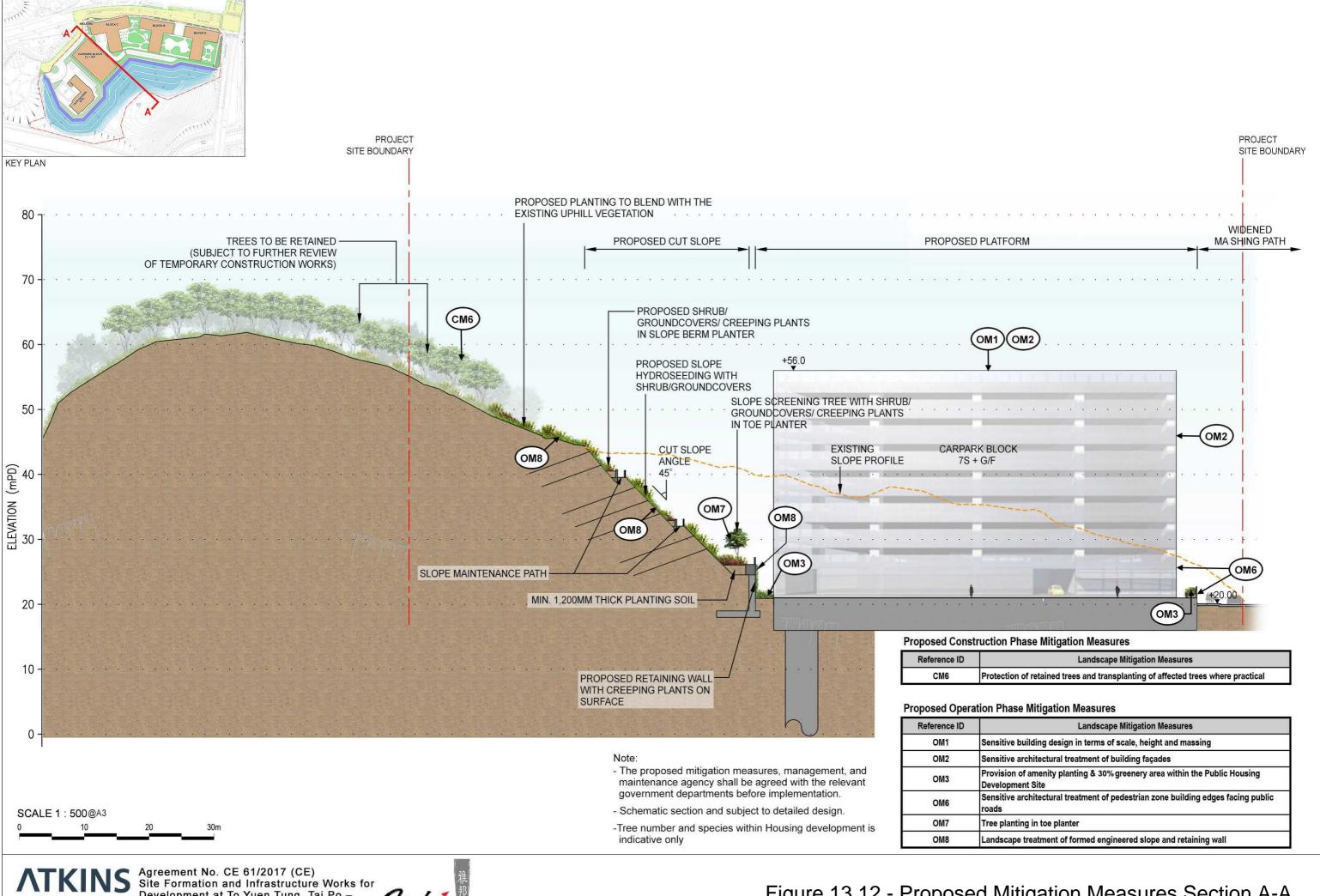
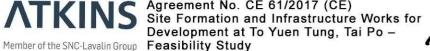
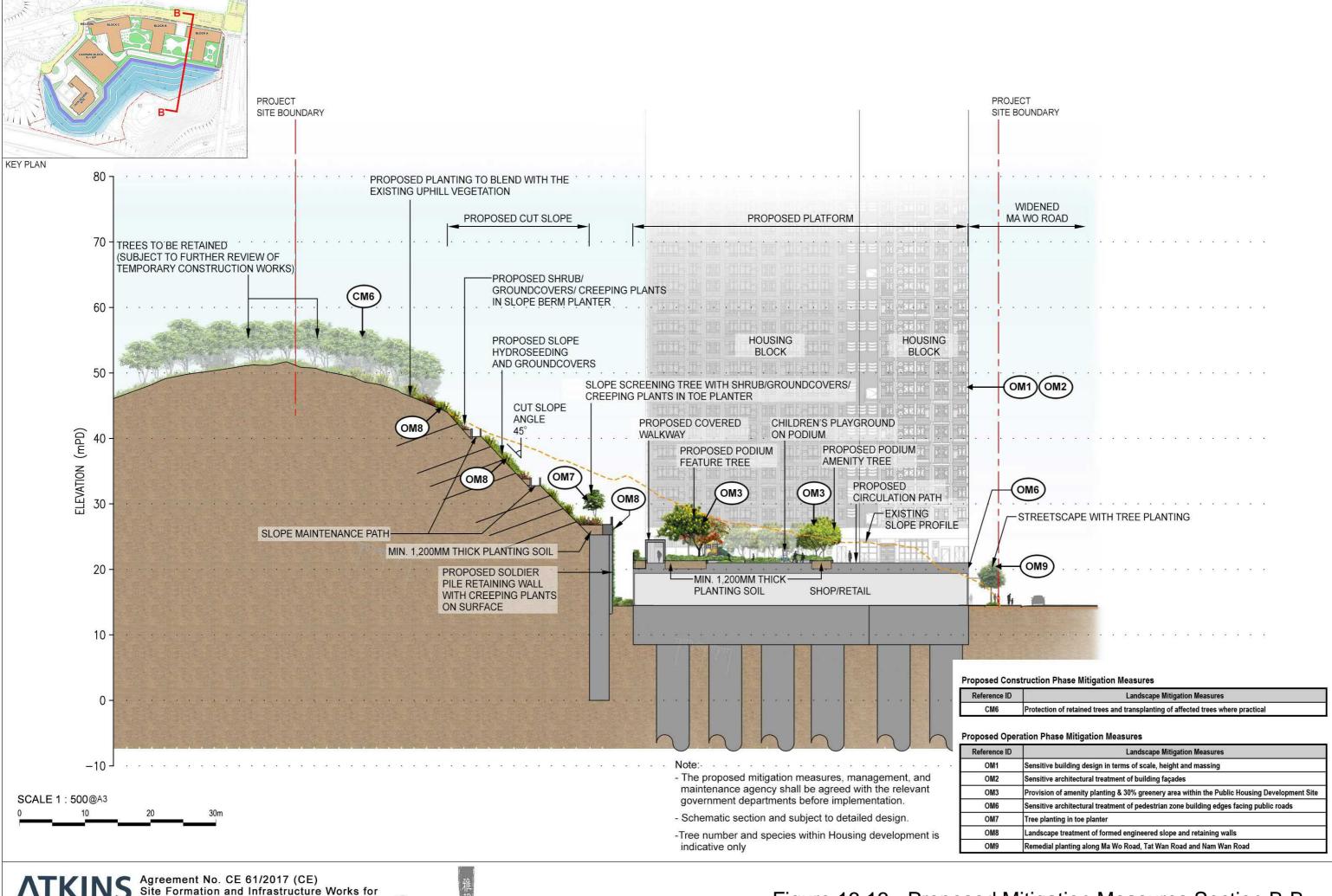


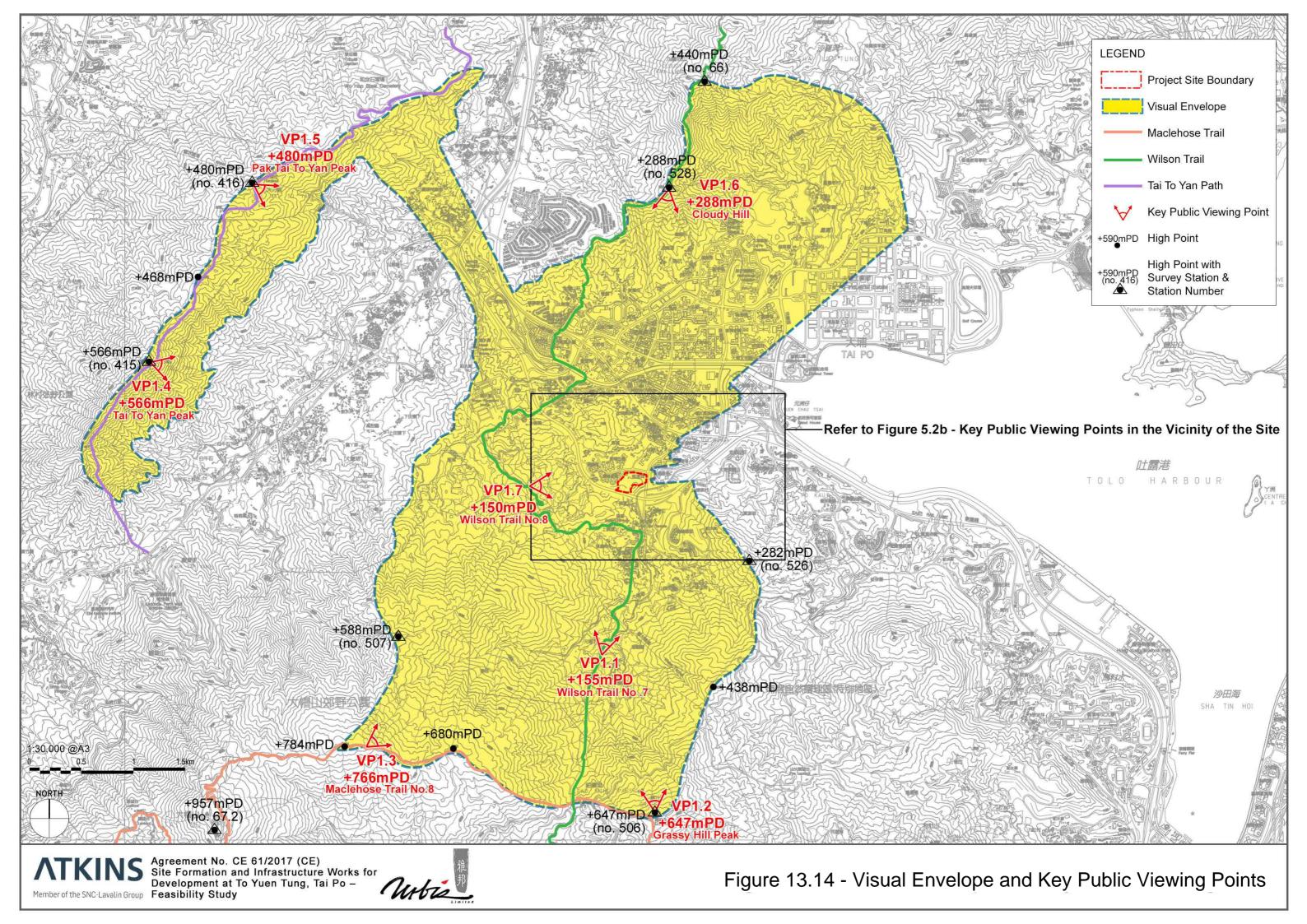
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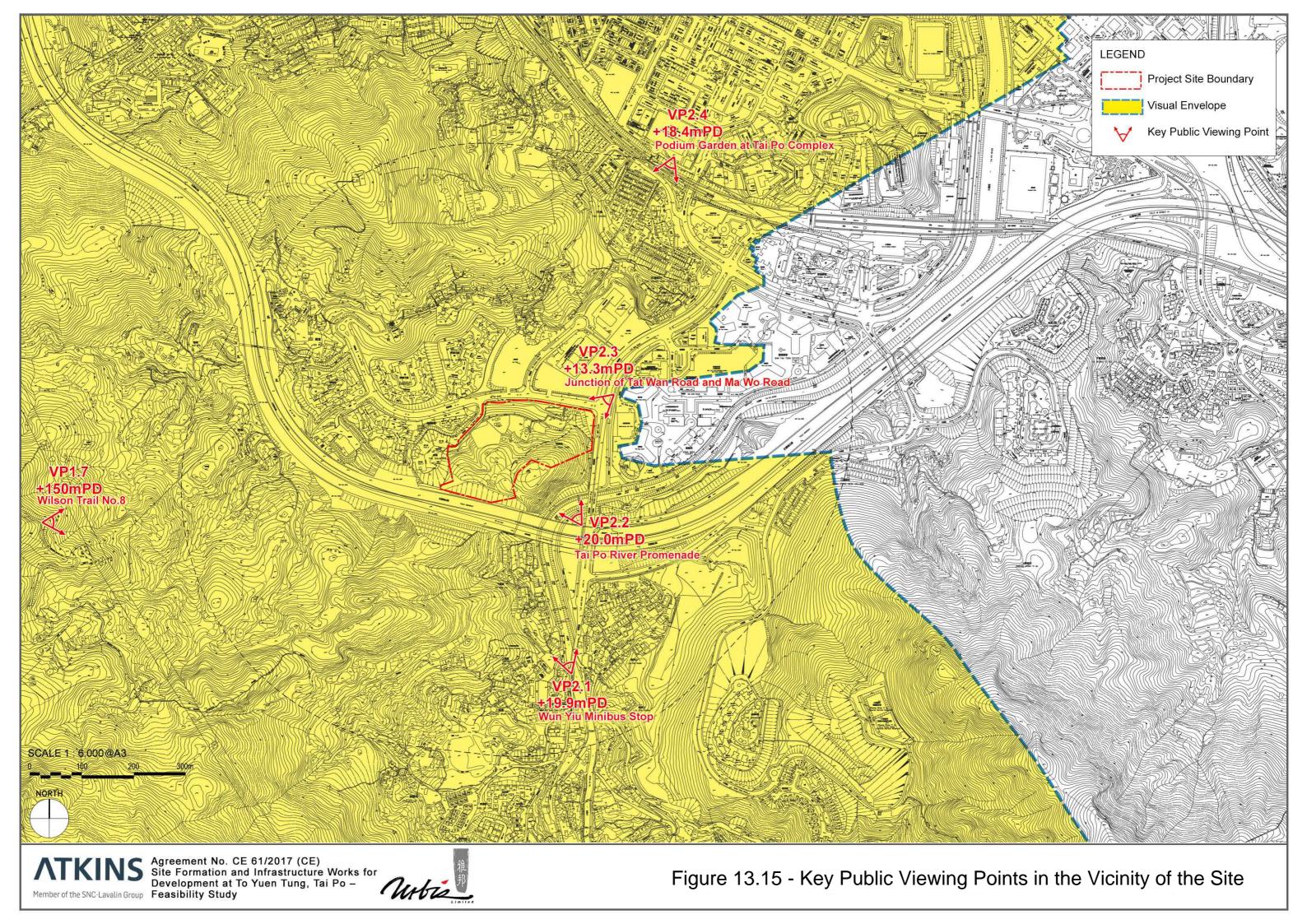










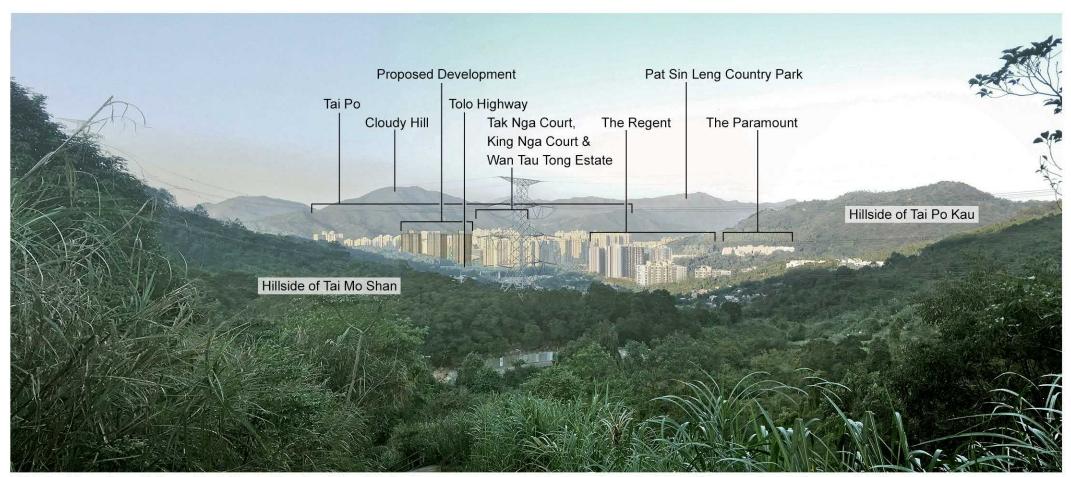




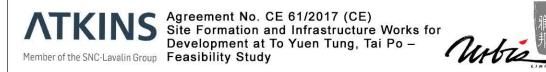
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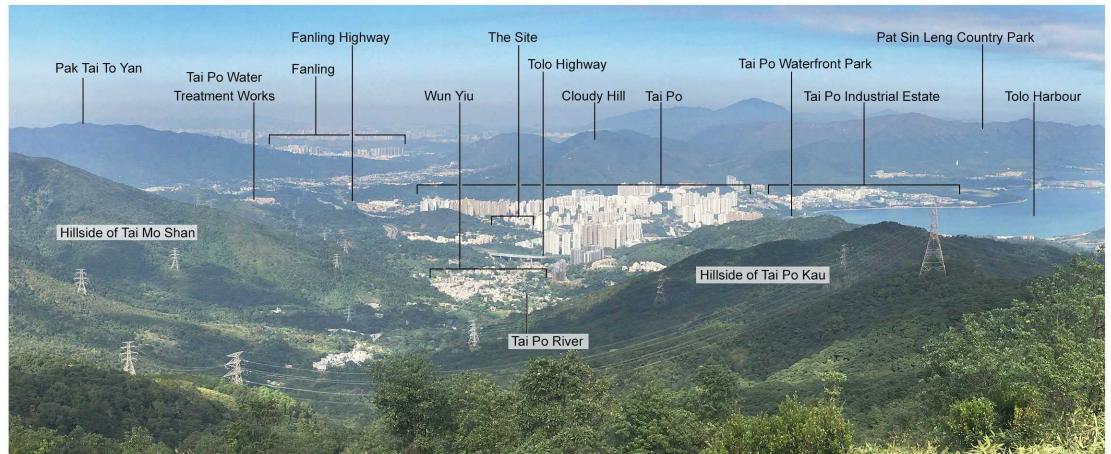
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VP1.1 - Existing View from Wilson Trail No.7 (South of the Site) (at elevation of +155mPD and at a distance of 1.6km)



VP1.1 - View from Wilson Trail No.7 (South of the Site) after development (at elevation of +155mPD and at a distance of 1.6km)

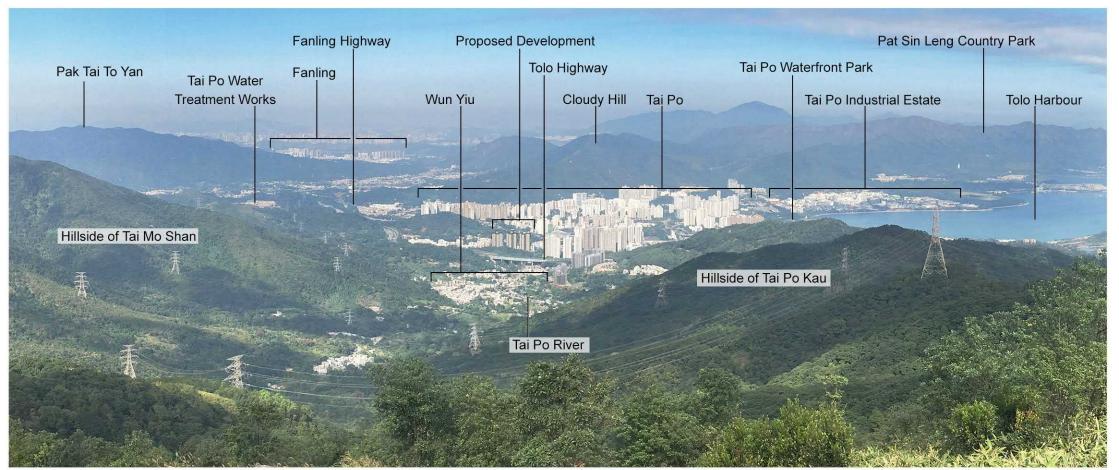




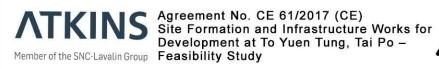
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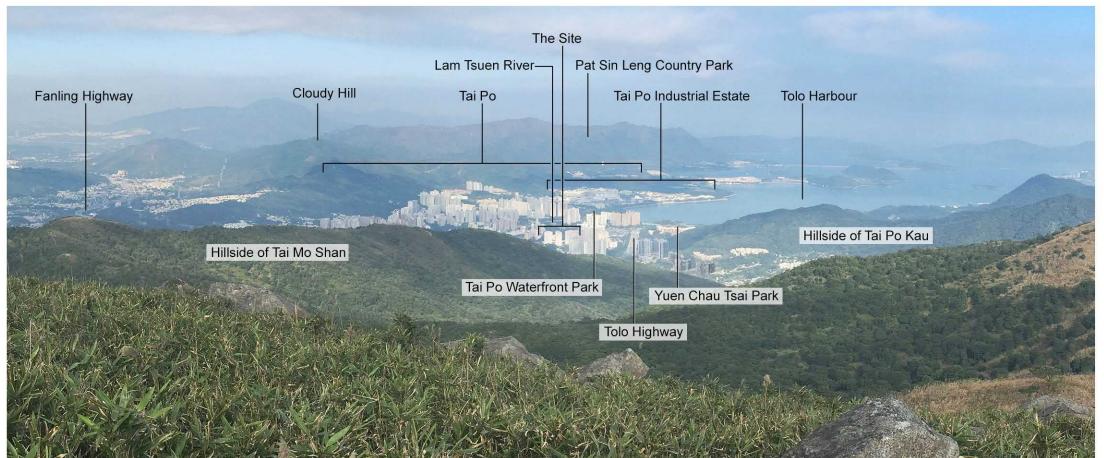
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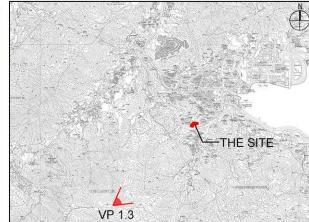


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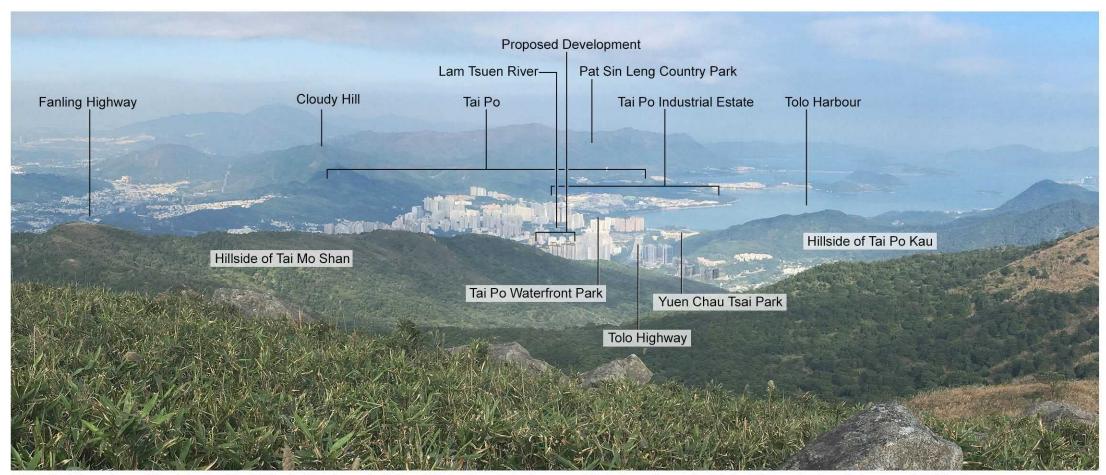




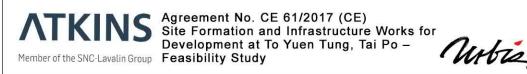


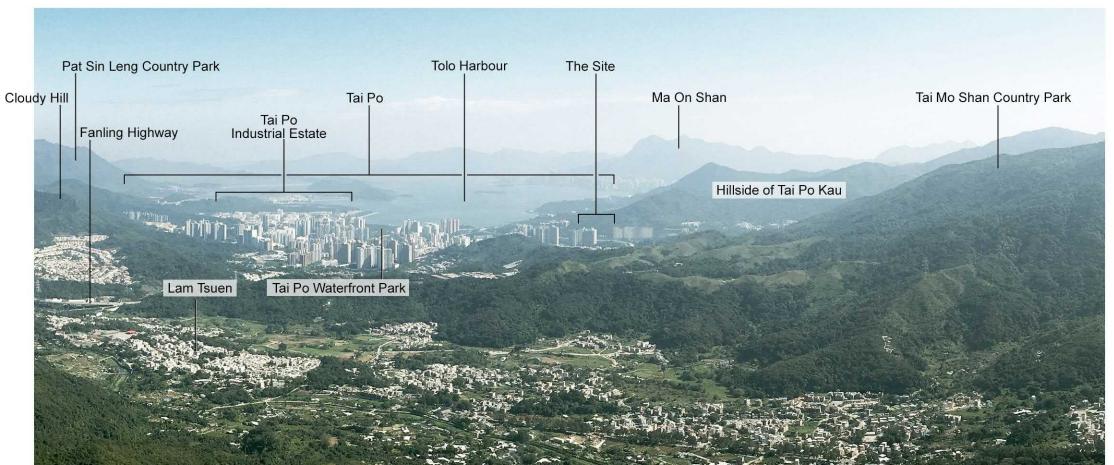
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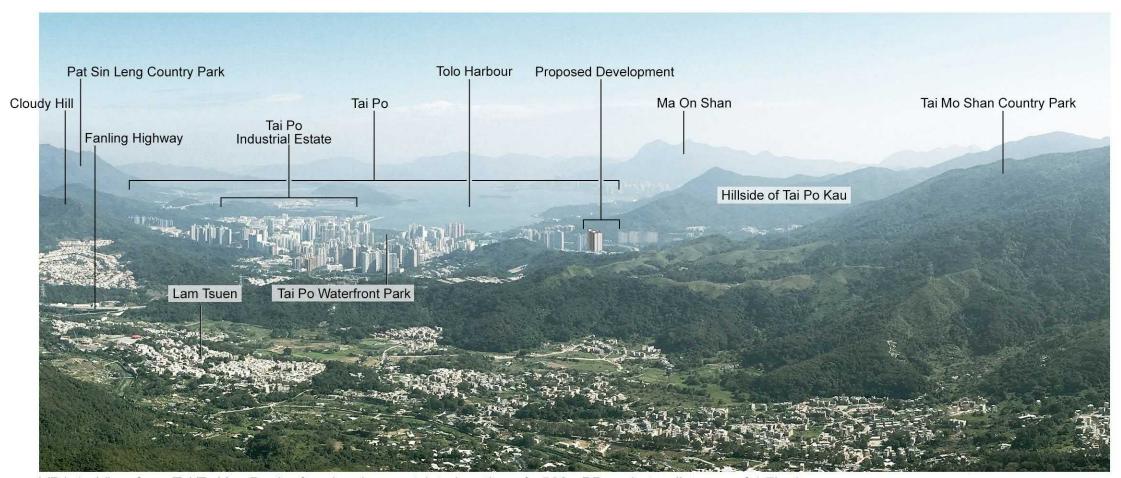


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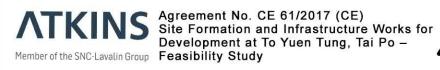
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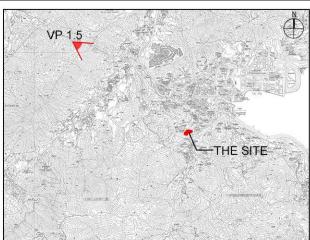


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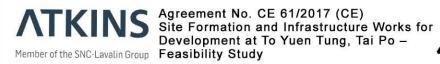


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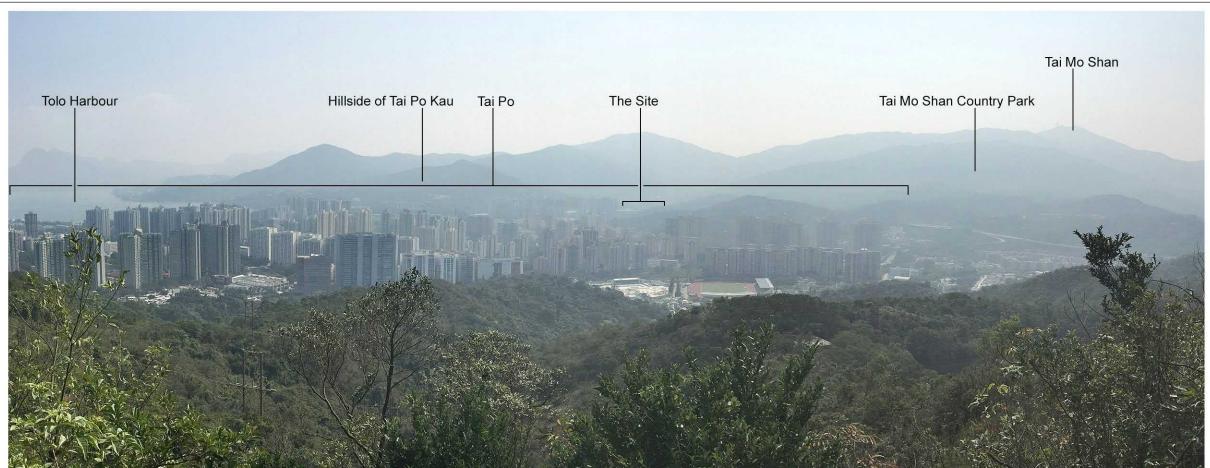
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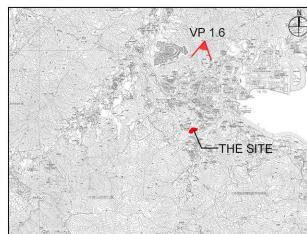


VP1.5 - View from Pak Tai To Yan Peak after development (at elevation of +480mPD and at a distance of 4.6km)



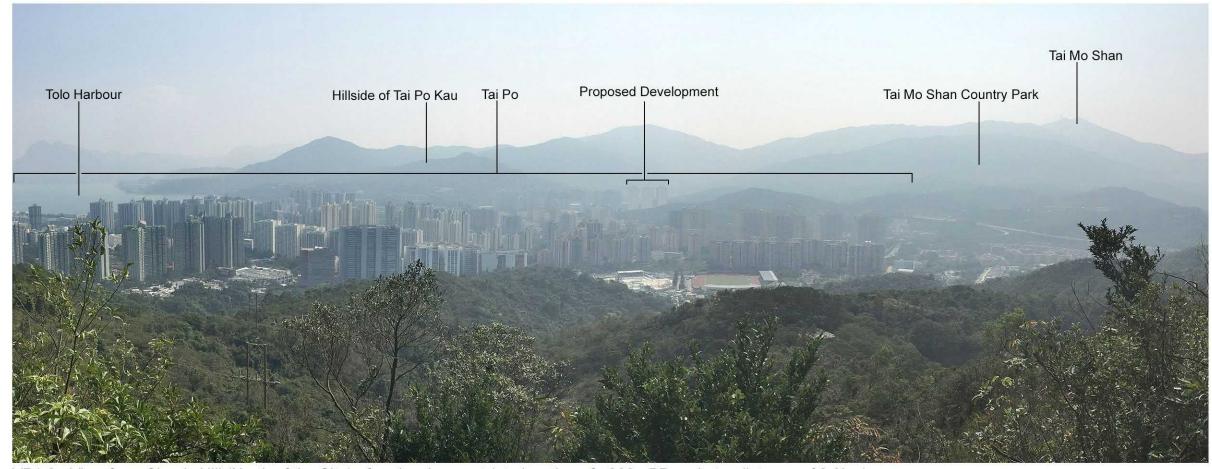




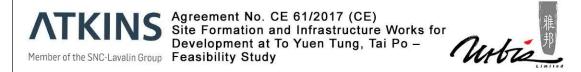


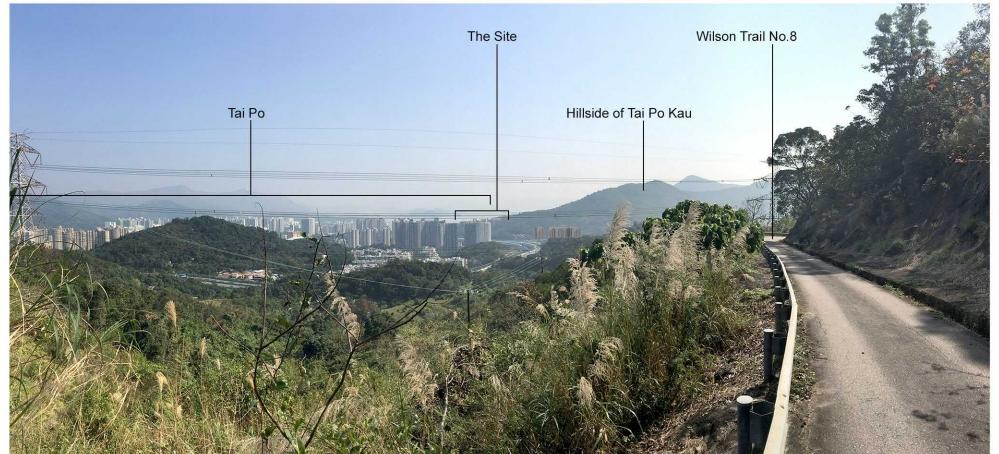
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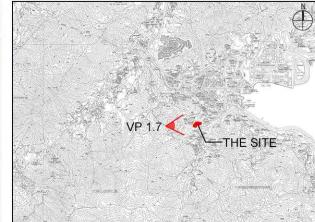
VP1.6 - Existing View from Cloudy Hill (North of the Site) (at elevation of +288mPD and at a distance of 2.8km)



VP1.6 - View from Cloudy Hill (North of the Site) after development (at elevation of +288mPD and at a distance of 2.8km)





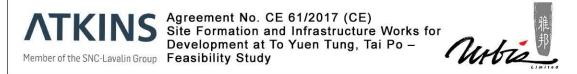


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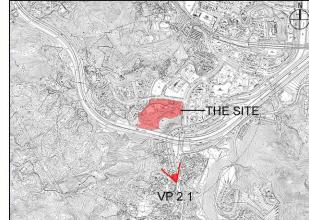
VP1.7 - Existing View from Wilson Trail No.8 (West of the Site) (at elevation of +150mPD and at a distance of 0.9km)



VP1.7 - View from Wilson Trail No.8 (West of the Site) after development (at elevation of +150mPD and at a distance of 0.9km)







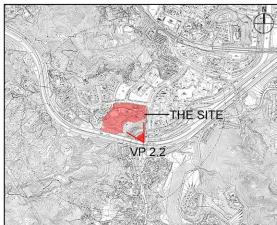
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VP2.1 - Existing View from Wun Yiu Minibus Stop (at elevation of +19.9mPD and at a distance of 400m)



VP2.1 - View from Wun Yiu Minibus Stop after development (at elevation of +19.9mPD and at a distance of 400m)



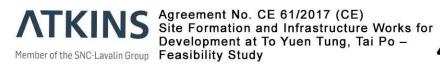


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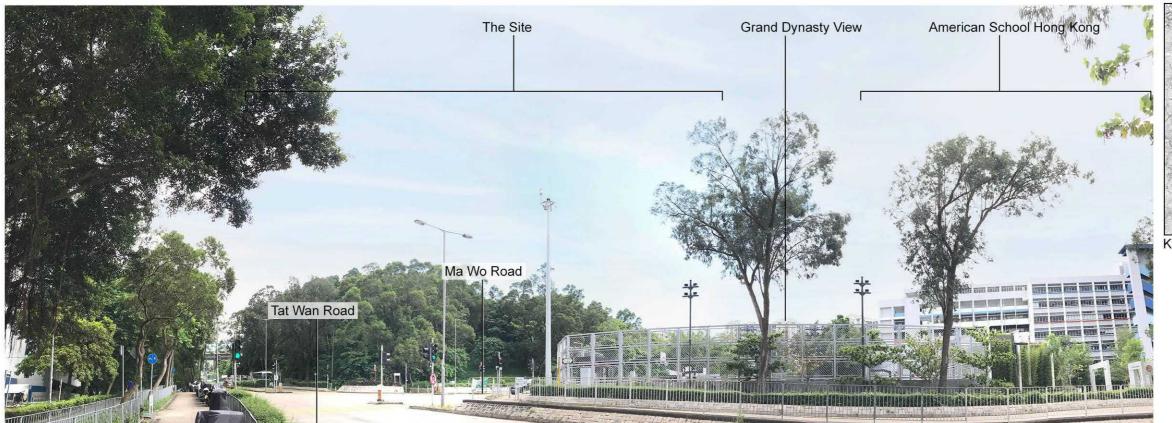
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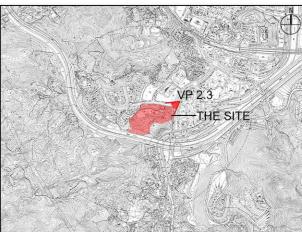


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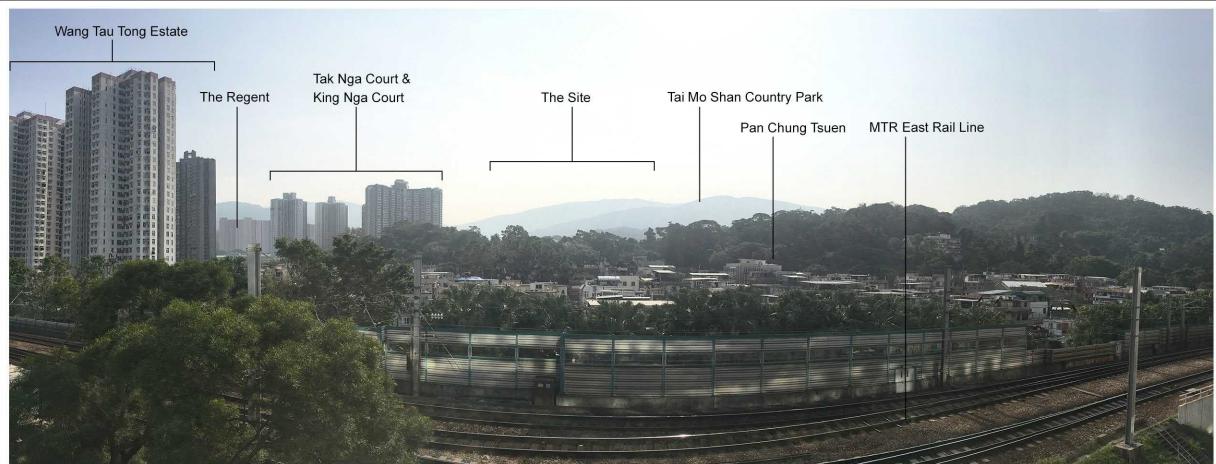


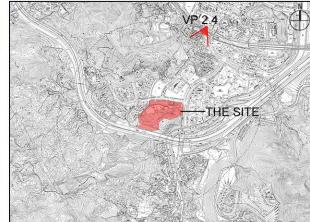
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VP2.3 - Existing View from Junction of Tat Wan Road and Ma Wo Road (at elevation of +13.3mPD and at a distance of 60m)



VP2.3 - View from Junction of Tat Wan Road and Ma Wo Road after development (at elevation of +13.3mPD and at a distance of 60m)



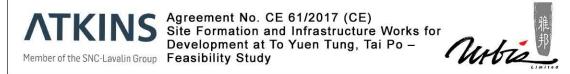


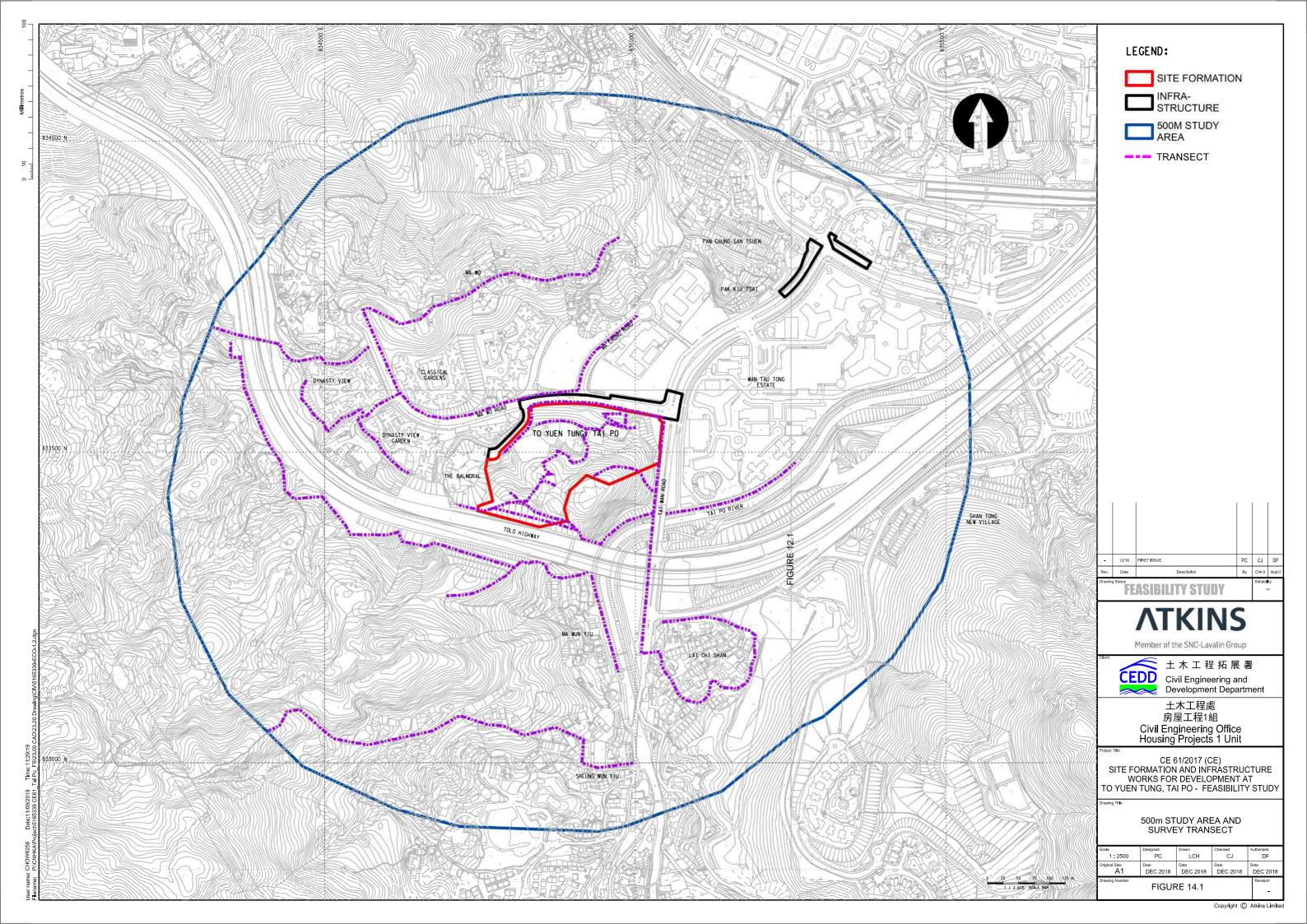
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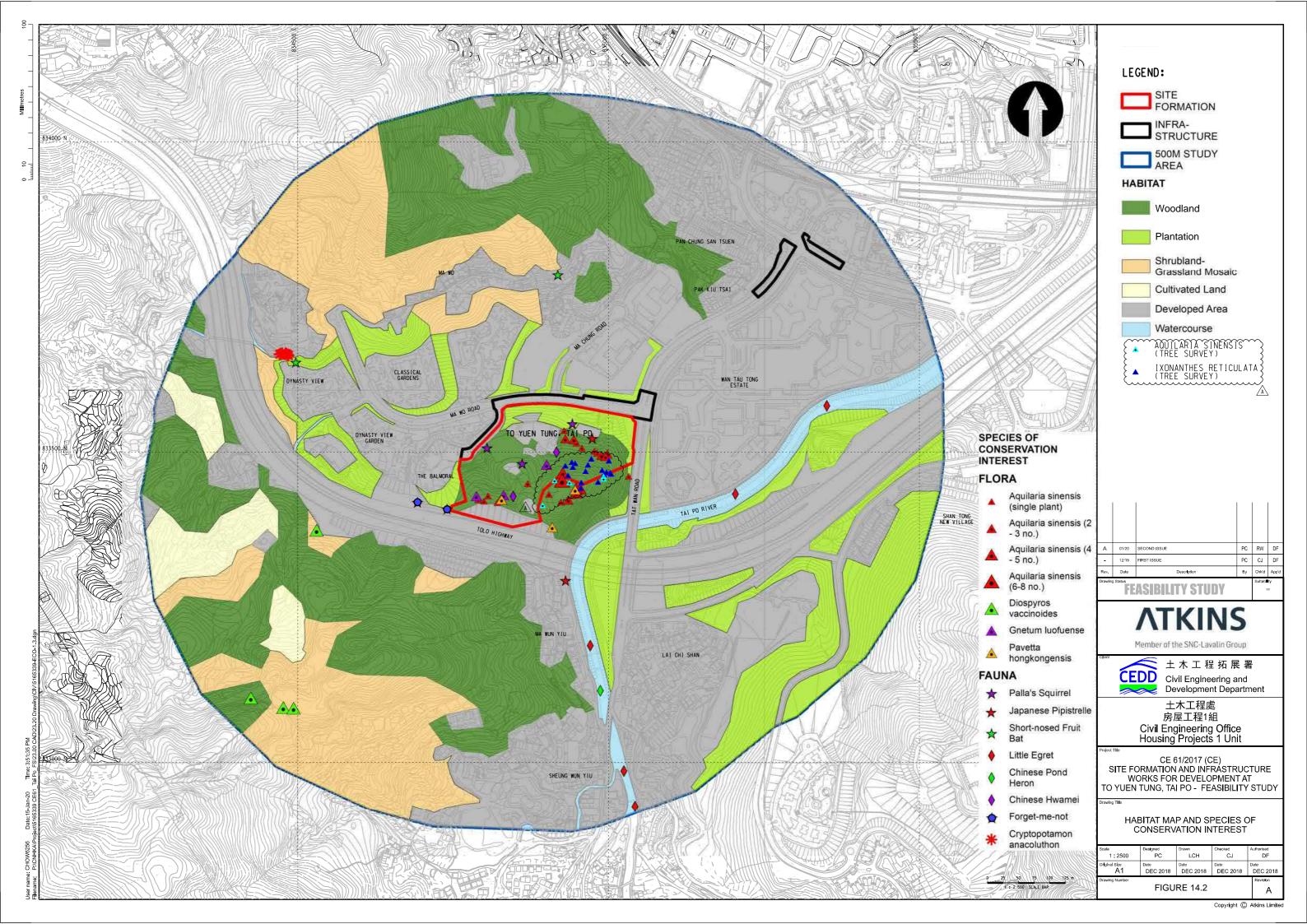
VP2.4 - Existing View from Podium Garden at Tai Po Complex (at elevation of +18.4mPD and at a distance of 520m)

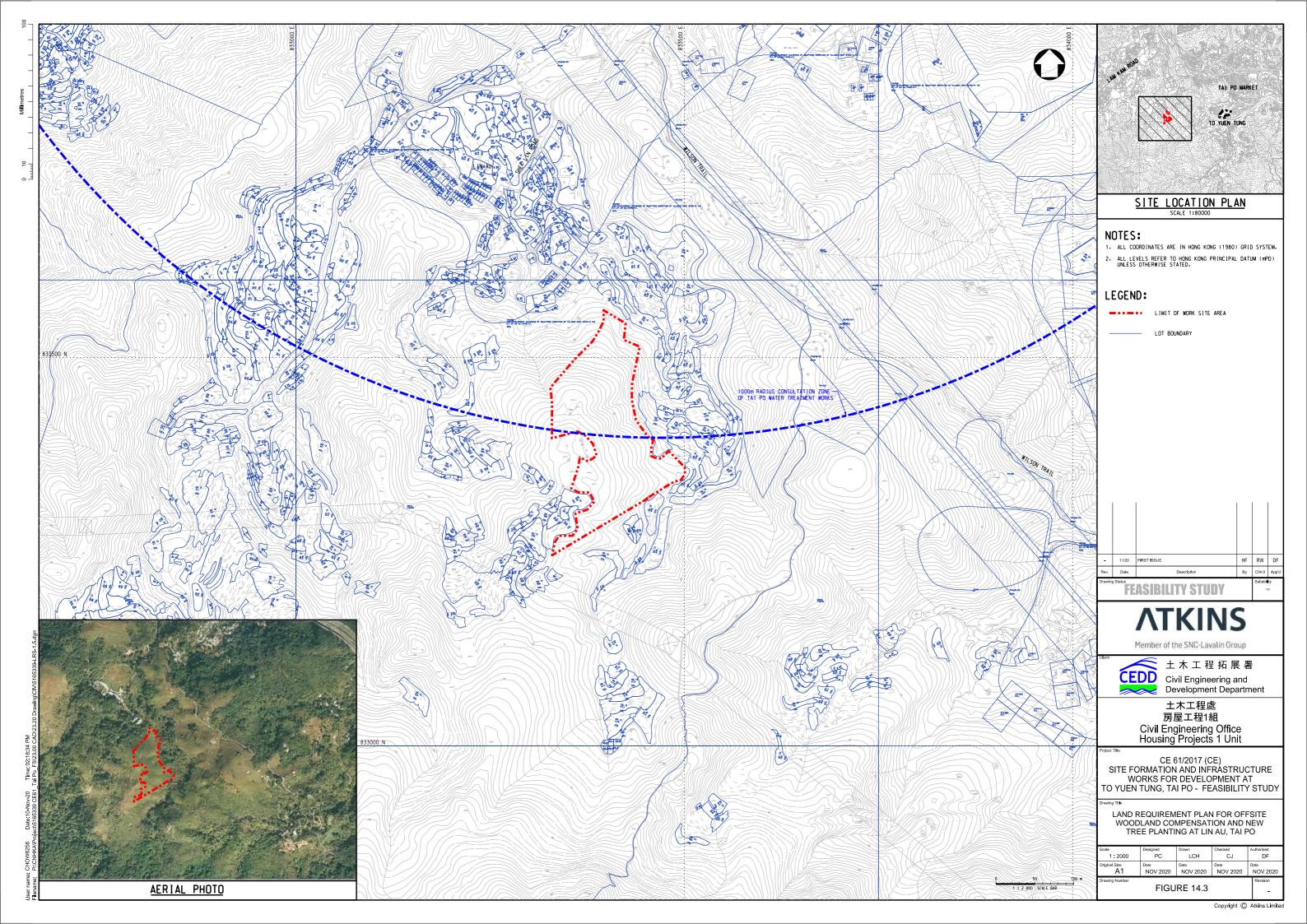


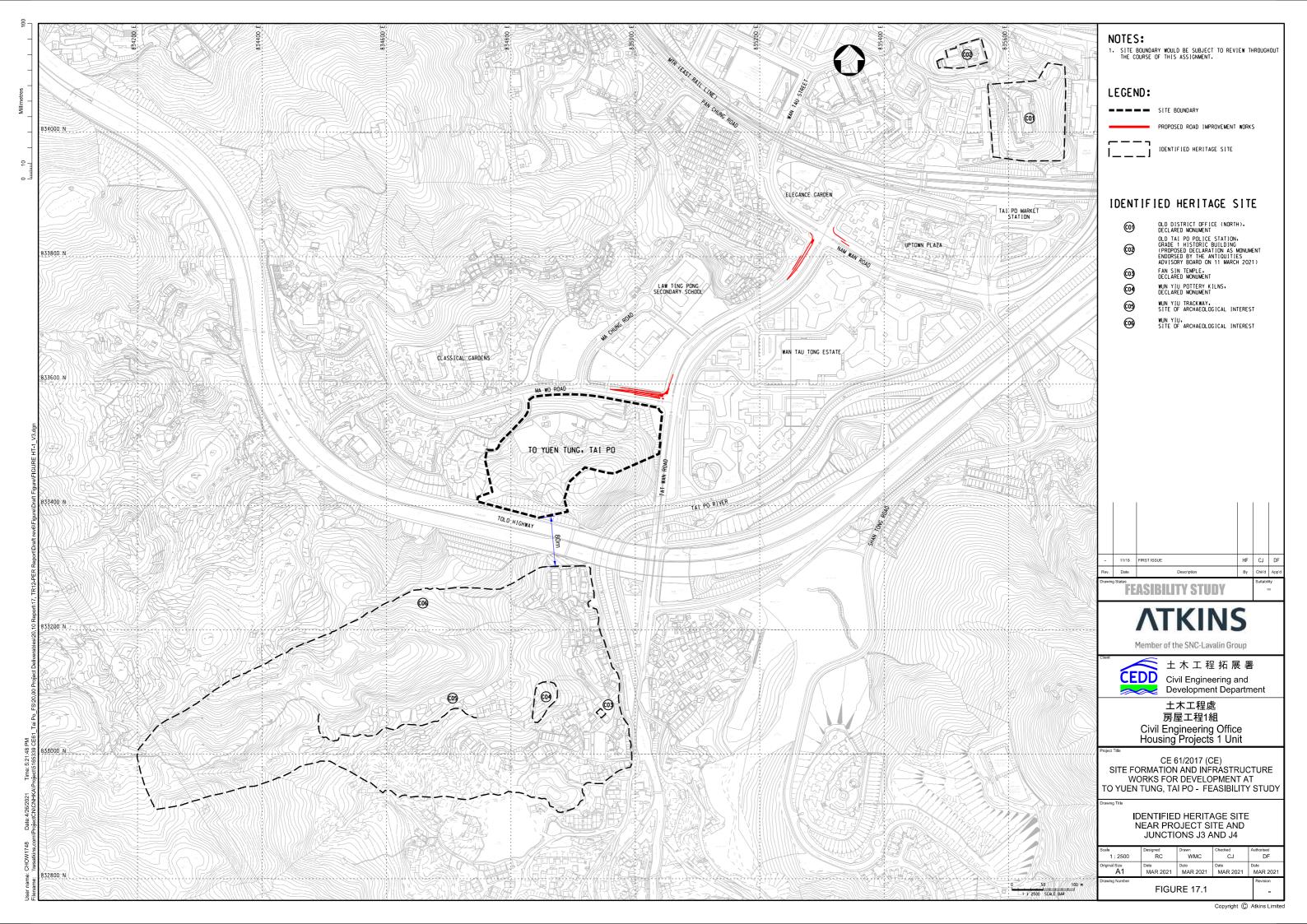
VP2.4 - View from Podium Garden at Tai Po Complex after development (at elevation of +18.4mPD and at a distance of 520m)













### **APPENDIX A**

# TREE ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE (FOR TREES OF PARTICULAR INTEREST)



Tree Assessment Schedule (For Trees of Particular Interest)

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| Dwg. No.<br>of Tree Tree No. |          | Responsible Department   | Species               | Measurements |               |             | Amenity value          | Form Health condition |             | Structural condition | Suita | ability for transplanting | Conservation status  | Recommend  | Top of Soil                                 | Additional Remodes |   |
|------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------|---------------------------|--|--|---|--------------------|---|
| Survey<br>Plan               | Tree No. | to Provide Expert Advice | Scientific name       | Chinese name | height<br>(m) | DBH<br>(mm) | crown<br>spread<br>(m) |                       | (good/fair/ | poor)                |       | (high/<br>medium/<br>low) | Remarks  | Conservation status  | ed Treatment                                | Level (mPD)        | Additional Remarks  |
| TSR-TS04                     | T3       | AFCD                     | Ficus microcarpa      | 細葉榕          | 12            | 1273        | 10                     | Fair                  | Fair        | Fair                 | Fair  | Low                       | No access  | Nil***   | Fell  | 44.97              | Hangers and broken branches observed  |
| TSR-TS01                     | T257     | LCSD                     | Michelia x alba       | 白蘭           | 7             | 254         | 4                      | Fair                  | Fair        | Fair                 | Fair  | Low                       | Tree species of low survival<br>rate after transplanting; tree<br>species commonly available<br>from commercial nursery<br>stock   | Scheduled under Cap 96   | Retain (In the<br>Vicinity of the<br>Site*) | 27.84              | In planting pit.  |
| TSR-TS02                     | T356     | AFCD                     | Michelia x alba       | 白蘭           | 9             | 318         | 5                      | Poor                  | Poor        | Fair                 | Fair  | Low                       | Poor form; Tree species of<br>low survival rate after<br>transplanting; tree species<br>commonly available from<br>commercial nursery stock  | Scheduled under Cap 96   | Fell  | 33.62              | Dead branches & stubs observed  |
| TSR-TS04                     | T405     | AFCD                     | Michelia x alba       | 白蘭           | 10            | 413         | 5                      | Poor                  | Poor        | Fair                 | Poor  | Low                       | Poor form & structure; Tree<br>species of low survival rate<br>after transplanting; tree<br>species commonly available<br>from commercial nursery<br>stock                         | Scheduled under Cap 96   | Fell  | 45.34              | Uprooted  |
| TSR-TS03                     | T500     | AFCD                     | Michelia x alba       | 白蘭           | 6             | 400         | 4                      | Poor                  | Poor        | Poor                 | Poor  | Low                       | On slope **, poor form,<br>health & structure; Tree<br>species of low survival rate<br>after transplanting; tree<br>species commonly available<br>from commercial nursery<br>stock | Scheduled under Cap 96   | Fell  | 57.09              | Severely damaged by typhoon, large main trunk broken, leaving a large wound tree stump, no obvious tree crown, epicormics remained growing on broken branches |
| TSR-TS03                     | T591     | AFCD                     | Aquilaria sinensis    | 土沉香          | 9             | 159         | 4                      | Fair                  | Fair        | Fair                 | Fair  | Low                       | On slope **  | Protected under Cap. 586 as an "Appendix II Species" Recorded in AFCD's book "Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong" (2003) (Status in China: Near Threatened) Listed on the China Plant Red Data Book as an "Vulnerable" species    | Retain (In the<br>Vicinity of the<br>Site*) | 56.54              | Poor taper, slightly bent trunk, wound due to vandalism on trunk  |
| TSR-TS04                     | T697     | AFCD                     | Michelia x alba       | 白蘭           | 8             | 381         | 5                      | Fair                  | Fair        | Fair                 | Fair  | Low                       | Fair form; Tree species of<br>low survival rate after<br>transplanting; tree species<br>commonly available from<br>commercial nursery stock  | Scheduled under Cap 96   | Retain                                      | 53.78              | On slope  |
| TSR-TS04                     | Т936     | AFCD                     | Michelia x alba       | 白蘭           | 14            | 381         | 10                     | Good                  | Fair        | Fair                 | Fair  | Low                       | On slope **; Tree species of<br>low survival rate after<br>transplanting; tree species<br>commonly available from<br>commercial nursery stock                                      | Scheduled under Cap 96   | Retain                                      | 24.68              | On slope. Crooked trunk   |
| TSR-TS04                     | T1115    | AFCD                     | Aquilaria sinensis    | 土沉香          | 9             | 190         | 3                      | Fair                  | Fair        | Fair                 | Fair  | Low                       | On slope **  | Protected under Cap. 586 as an "Appendix II Species" Recorded in AFCD's book "Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong" (2003) (Status in China: Near Threatened) Listed on the China Plant Red Data Book as an "Vulnerable" species    | Retain (In the<br>Vicinity of the<br>Site*) | 60.85              | On slope. Cover with climber. Crooked trunk.  |
| TSR-TS04                     | T1123    | AFCD                     | txonanthes reticulata | 黏木           | 10            | 528         | 8                      | Fair                  | Fair        | Fair                 | Fair  | Low                       | On slope **  | Recorded in AFCD's book "Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong" (2003) (Status in China: Vulnerable)     Listed on the China Plant Red Data Book as an "Vulnerable" species  | Retain                                      | 57.75              | On slope, codominant trunks.  |
| TSR-TS04                     | T1128    | AFCD                     | Aquilaria sinensis    | 土沉香          | 9             | 254         | 4                      | Fair                  | Fair        | Fair                 | Fair  | Low                       | On slope **  | Protected under Cap. 596 as an an 'Appendix Il Species' Recorded in AFCD's book 'Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong' (2003) (Status in China: Near Threatened) Listed on the China Plant Red Data Book as an "Vulnerable' species | Retain (In the<br>Vicinity of the<br>Site*) | 58.16              | On slope.   |

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| Dwg. No. of Tree Tree No. |          | Responsible Department   | Species               | Measurements |               |             | Amenity value          | Form Health condition |             | Structural condition | Suita | bility for transplanting  | Conservation status |   | Top of Soil                                 | Additional Remarks |  |
|---------------------------|----------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------|---------------------------|---------------------|---|---|--------------------|--|
| Survey<br>Plan            | Tree No. | to Provide Expert Advice | Scientific name       | Chinese name | height<br>(m) | DBH<br>(mm) | crown<br>spread<br>(m) |                       | (good/fair/ | poor)                |       | (high/<br>medium/<br>low) | Remarks             | _ Conservation status   | ed Treatment                                | Level (mPD)        | Additional Remarks                       |
| TSR-TS02                  | T1142    | AFCD                     | Ixonanthes reticulata | 黏木           | 10            | 318         | 5                      | Fair                  | Fair        | Fair                 | Fair  | Low                       | On slope **         | Recorded in AFCD's book "Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong" (2003) (Status in China: Vulnerable)  Listed on the China Plant Red Data Book as an "Vulnerable" species  | Fell  | 43.78              | On slope, wound on trunk.                |
| TSR-TS04                  | T1154    | AFCD                     | Ixonanthes reticulata | 黏木           | 10            | 315         | 5                      | Fair                  | Fair        | Fair                 | Fair  | Low                       | On slope **         | Recorded in AFCD's book "Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong" (2003) (Status in China: Vulnerable)     Listed on the China Plant Red Data Book as an "Vulnerable" species   | Retain (In the<br>Vicinity of the<br>Site*) | 60.16              | On slope. Cover with climber.            |
| TSR-TS04                  | T1164    | AFCD                     | Ixonanthes reticulata | 黏木           | 9             | 222         | 4                      | Fair                  | Fair        | Fair                 | Fair  | Low                       | On slope **         | Recorded in AFCD's book "Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong" (2003) (Status in China: Vulnerable)     Listed on the China Plant Red Data Book as an "Vulnerable" species   | Fell  | 50.71              | On slope.                                |
| TSR-TS04                  | T1168    | AFCD                     | Ixonanthes reticulata | 黏木           | 10            | 445         | 5                      | Good                  | Good        | Good                 | Good  | Low                       | On slope **         | Recorded in AFCD's book "Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong" (2003) (Status in China: Vulnerable)     Listed on the China Plant Red Data Book as an "Vulnerable" species   | Fell  | 48.73              | Climbers found at tree crown.            |
| TSR-TS04                  | T1177    | AFCD                     | txonanthes reticulata | 黏木           | 10            | 222         | 4                      | Fair                  | Fair        | Fair                 | Fair  | Low                       | On slope **         | Recorded in AFCD's book "Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong" (2003) (Status in China: Vulnerable)     Listed on the China Plant Red Data Book as an "Vulnerable" species   | Fell  | 49.17              | On slope                                 |
| TSR-TS04                  | T1195    | AFCD                     | lxonanthes reticulata | 黏木           | 9             | 190         | 5                      | Fair                  | Fair        | Fair                 | Fair  | Low                       | On slope **         | Recorded in AFCD's book "Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong" (2003) (Status in China: Vulnerable) Listed on the China Plant Red Data Book as an "Vulnerable" species   | Fell  | 49.35              | On slope.                                |
| TSR-TS04                  | T1203    | AFCD                     | txonanthes reticulata | 黏木           | 8             | 190         | 4                      | Fair                  | Fair        | Fair                 | Fair  | Low                       | On slope **         | Recorded in AFCD's book "Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong" (2003) (Status in China: Vulnerable)  Listed on the China Plant Red Data Book as an "Vulnerable" species  | Fell  | 54.84              | On slope, codominant trunks.             |
| TSR-TS04                  | T1228    | AFCD                     | txonanthes reticulata | 黏木           | 9             | 189         | 4                      | Fair                  | Fair        | Fair                 | Fair  | Low                       | On slope **         | Recorded in AFCD's book "Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong" (2003) (Status in China: Vulnerable) Listed on the China Plant Red Data Book as an "Vulnerable" species  Recorded  Record | Fell  | 52.45              | On slope, climbers on tree, multi-stems. |
| TSR-TS04                  | T1279    | AFCD                     | Ixonanthes reticulata | 黏木           | 10            | 318         | 6                      | Fair                  | Fair        | Fair                 | Fair  | Low                       | On slope **         | Recorded in AFCD's book "Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong" (2003) (Status in China: Vulnerable)     Listed on the China Plant Red Data Book as an "Vulnerable" species   | Retain (In the<br>Vicinity of the<br>Site*) | 50.34              | On slope.                                |
| TSR-TS04                  | T1324    | AFCD                     | Aquilaria sinensis    | 土沉香          | 8             | 190         | 5                      | Fair                  | Fair        | Fair                 | Fair  | Low                       | On slope **         | Protected under Cap. 586 as<br>an "Appendix II Species"     Recorded in AFCI's book "Rare and Precious Plants of<br>Hong Kong" (2003) (Status in<br>China: Near Threatened)     Listed on the China Plant Red<br>Data Book as an "Vulnerable"<br>species  | Retain (In the<br>Vicinity of the<br>Site*) | 46.04              | On slope, climbers on tree.              |
| TSR-TS04                  | T1325    | AFCD                     | Ixonanthes reticulata | 黏木           | 10            | 350         | 6                      | Fair                  | Fair        | Fair                 | Fair  | Low                       | On slope **         | Recorded in AFCD's book "Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong" (2003) (Status in China: Vulnerable) Listed on the China Plant Red Data Book as an "Vulnerable" species   | Retain (In the<br>Vicinity of the<br>Site*) | 45.60              | On slope.                                |

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| Dwg. No.       |          | Responsible Department   | Species               |              | Me            | easureme    | nts                    | Amenity value | Form       | Health condition | Structural condition | Suita                     | ability for transplanting |  | Recommend                                   | Top of Soil |  |
|----------------|----------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------|------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|---|-------------|--|
| Survey<br>Plan | Tree No. | to Provide Expert Advice | Scientific name       | Chinese name | height<br>(m) | DBH<br>(mm) | crown<br>spread<br>(m) |               | (good/fair | (poor)           |                      | (high/<br>medium/<br>low) | Remarks                   | Conservation status  | ed Treatment                                | Level (mPD) | Additional Remarks                                 |
| TSR-TS04       | T1329    | AFCD                     | lxonanthes reticulata | 黏木           | 10            | 381         | 6                      | Fair          | Good       | Good             | Fair                 | Low                       | On slope **               | Recorded in AFCD's book "Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong" (2003) (Status in China: Vulnerable)     Listed on the China Plant Red Data Book as an "Vulnerable" species  | Retain                                      | 46.58       | On slope.  |
| TSR-TS04       | T1330    | AFCD                     | lxonanthes reticulata | 黏木           | 10            | 350         | 5                      | Fair          | Good       | Good             | Fair                 | Low                       | On slope **               | Recorded in AFCD's book "Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong" (2003) (Status in China: Vulnerable)     Listed on the China Plant Red Data Book as an "Vulnerable" species  | Retain                                      | 43.34       | On slope.  |
| TSR-TS04       | T1360    | AFCD                     | lxonanthes reticulata | 黏木           | 17            | 530         | 14                     | Good          | Good       | Good             | Fair                 | Low                       | On slope **               | Recorded in AFCD's book "Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong" (2003) (Status in China: Vulnerable)     Listed on the China Plant Red Data Book as an "Vulnerable" species  | Retain (In the<br>Vicinity of the<br>Site*) | 38.88       | 2 trunks with included bark.                       |
| TSR-TS04       | T1364    | AFCD                     | lxonanthes reticulata | 黏木           | 10            | 318         | 5                      | Good          | Good       | Good             | Good                 | Low                       | On slope **               | Recorded in AFCD's book "Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong" (2003) (Status in China: Vulnerable)     Listed on the China Plant Red Data Book as an "Vulnerable" species  | Retain (In the<br>Vicinity of the<br>Site*) | 39.56       | On slope.  |
| TSR-TS04       | T1381    | AFCD                     | lxonanthes reticulata | 黏木           | 10            | 318         | 6                      | Good          | Good       | Good             | Good                 | Low                       | On slope **               | Recorded in AFCD's book "Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong" (2003) (Status in China: Vulnerable)     Listed on the China Plant Red Data Book as an "Vulnerable" species  | Fell  | 38.47       | On slope.  |
| TSR-TS04       | T1447    | AFCD                     | Aquilaria sinensis    | 土沉香          | 8             | 190         | 4                      | Poor          | Poor       | Fair             | Fair                 | Low                       | On slope **, poor form    | Protected under Cap. 586 as an "Appendix II Species" Recorded in AFCD's book Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong" (2003) (Status in China: Near Threatened) Listed on the China Plant Red Data Book as an "Vulnerable" species | Retain (In the<br>Vicinity of the<br>Site*) | 46.13       | On slope, climbers on tree, asymmetric tree crown. |
| TSR-TS04       | T1470    | AFCD                     | lxonanthes reticulata | 黏木           | 9             | 286         | 5                      | Fair          | Fair       | Fair             | Fair                 | Low                       | On slope **               | Recorded in AFCD's book "Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong" (2003) (Status in China: Vulnerable)     Listed on the China Plant Red Data Book as an "Vulnerable" species  | Retain                                      | 59.91       | On slope. 3 trunks. Climbers on tree.              |

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Tree of Conservation Interest Within the Site (For Trees of Conservation Interest And/Or Mature Tree With DBH At Or Above 500mm)

Tree of Conservation Interest In the Vicinity of the Site (For Trees of Conservation Interest And/Or Mature Tree With DBH At Or Above 500mm)

Mature Tree Within the Site (For Trees of Conservation Interest And/Or Mature Tree With DBH At Or Above 500mm) T999

Note

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\*\*\*Not listed in any relevant list of conservation status.

### **APPENDIX B**

# TREE SURVEY PHOTOGRAPHS (FOR TREES OF PARTICULAR INTEREST)





T3, Ficus macrocarpa (細葉榕), to be fell



T3, Ficus macrocarpa (細葉榕), to be fell



T3, Ficus macrocarpa (細葉榕), to be fell



T257, Michelia x alba (白蘭), to be retained



T257, Michelia x alba (白蘭), to be retained



T356, Michelia x alba (白蘭), to be fell



T356, Michelia x alba (白蘭), to be fell



T356, *Michelia x alba* (白蘭), to be fell



T405, Michelia x alba (白蘭), to be fell



T405, *Michelia x alba* (白蘭), to be fell



T405, Michelia x alba (白蘭), to be fell



T405, Michelia x alba (白蘭), to be fell





T500, Michelia x alba (白蘭), to be fell



T405, Michelia x alba (白蘭), to be fell



T500, Michelia x alba (白蘭), to be fell



T500, Michelia x alba (白蘭), to be fell



T500, Michelia x alba (白蘭), to be fell



T591, Aquilaria sinensis (土沉香), to be retained



T591, Aquilaria sinensis (土沉香), to be retained



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T697, Michelia x alba (白蘭), to be retained



T697, Michelia x alba (白蘭), to be retained



T936, Michelia x alba (白蘭), to be retained



T936, Michelia x alba (白蘭), to be retained



T1115, *Aquilaria sinensis* (土沉香), to be retained



T936, Michelia x alba (白蘭), to be retained



T1115, *Aquilaria sinensis* (土沉香), to be retained



T1123, *Ixonanthes reticulata* (黏木), to be retained



T1128, *Aquilaria sinensis* (土沉香), to be retained



T1123, *Ixonanthes reticulata* (黏木), to be retained



T1128, *Aquilaria sinensis* (土沉香), to be retained



T1142, Ixonanthes reticulata (黏木), to be fell T1142, Ixonanthes reticulata (黏木), to be fell



T1154, Ixonanthes reticulata (黏木), to be retained



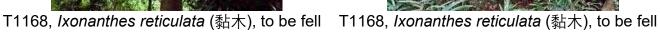
T1154, Ixonanthes reticulata (黏木), to be retained





T1164, Ixonanthes reticulata (黏木), to be fell T1164, Ixonanthes reticulata (黏木), to be fell









T1168, Ixonanthes reticulata (黏木), to be fell



T1177, Ixonanthes reticulata (黏木), to be fell



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T1195, Ixonanthes reticulata (黏木), to be fell



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T1203, Ixonanthes reticulata (黏木), to be fell



T1203, Ixonanthes reticulata (黏木), to be fell



T1228, Ixonanthes reticulata (黏木), to be fell



T1228, Ixonanthes reticulata (黏木), to be fell



T1279, *Ixonanthes reticulata* (黏木), to be retained



T1279, *Ixonanthes reticulata* (黏木), to be retained



T1324, *Aquilaria sinensis* (土沉香), to be retained

# Agreement No. CE61/2017 (CE) Site Formation and Infrastructure Works for Development at To Yuen Tung, Tai Po – Feasibility Study



T1324, *Aquilaria sinensis* (土沉香), to be retained



T1325, *Ixonanthes reticulata* (黏木), to be retained



T1325, *Ixonanthes reticulata* (黏木), to be retained



T1329, *Ixonanthes reticulata* (黏木), to be retained

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T1329, *Ixonanthes reticulata* (黏木), to be retained



T1330, *Ixonanthes reticulata* (黏木), to be retained



T1330, *Ixonanthes reticulata* (黏木), to be retained

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T1360, *Ixonanthes reticulata* (黏木), to be retained



T1360, *Ixonanthes reticulata* (黏木), to be retained



T1360, *Ixonanthes reticulata* (黏木), to be retained



T1364, *Ixonanthes reticulata* (黏木), to be retained

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T1364, Ixonanthes reticulata (黏木), to be retained



T1364, *Ixonanthes reticulata* (黏木), to be retained



T1381, Ixonanthes reticulata (黏木), to be fell

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T1381, Ixonanthes reticulata (黏木), to be fell



T1447, *Aquilaria sinensis* (土沉香), to be retained



T1447, Aquilaria sinensis (土沉香), to be retained



T1470, *Ixonanthes reticulata* (黏木), to be retained

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T1470, *Ixonanthes reticulata* (黏木), to be retained

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# Extracted Minutes of 673<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Rural and New Town Planning Committee held on 11.6.2021

#### Agenda Item 5

Section 12A Application

[Open Meeting (Presentation and Question Sessions Only)]

Y/TP/28 Application for Amendment to the Approved Tai Po Outline Zoning Plan No. S/TP/28, To Rezone the Application Site from "Residential (Group C) 10" to "Residential (Group B)11", Various lots in D.D. 34 and D.D. 36 and adjoining Government land, Tsiu Hang, Tai Po (RNTPC Paper No. Y/TP/28D)

11. The Secretary reported that the application was submitted by Ford World Development Limited, which was a subsidiary of Henderson Land Development Company Limited (HLD). AECOM Asia Company Limited (AECOM) was one of the consultants of the applicant. The following Members had declared interests on the item:

Dr C.H. Hau

having current business dealings with HLD, and being an employee of the University of Hong Kong which had received a donation from a family member of the Chairman of HLD before, and having past business dealings with AECOM;

Mr K.K. Cheung

his firm having current business dealings with HLD;

Mr Peter K.T. Yuen

being a member of the Board of Governors of the Hong Kong Arts Centre which had received a donation from an Executive Director of HLD before;

Mr Stephen L.H. Liu (the Vice-chairman)

being a member of the Council of Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) which had obtained sponsorship from HLD before; and

Dr Lawrence K.C. Li

being the Deputy Chairman of the Council of the PolyU which had obtained sponsorship from HLD before.

12. The Committee noted that Dr Lawrence K.C. Li had tendered an apology for being unable to attend the meeting and Mr Stephen L.H. Liu had not yet arrived to join the meeting. As the interest of Dr C.H. Hau was direct, the Committee agreed that he should leave the meeting temporarily during the deliberation session. As the interests of Messrs Peter K.T. Yuen and Stephen L.H. Liu were indirect and Mr K.K. Cheung had no involvement in the application, the Committee agreed that Messrs Peter K.T. Yuen and K.K. Cheung could stay in the meeting and Mr Stephen L.H. Liu could join the meeting upon his arrival.

#### Presentation and Question Sessions

13. The following representatives from the Planning Department (PlanD) and the applicant's representatives were invited to the meeting at this point:

PlanD

Ms Jessica H.F. Chu - District Planning Officer/Sha Tin, Tai Po and

North (DPO/STN)

Ms Kathy C.L. Chan - Senior Town Planner/Sha Tin, Tai Po and North

(STP/STN)

Mr Harris K.C. Liu - Town Planner/Sha Tin, Tai Po and North

(TP/STN)

Applicant's Representatives

Ford World Development Limited

Dr Owen Yue

Townland Consultants Limited

Ms Cindy Tsang

Mr Vincent Lau

MVA Hong Kong Limited

Mr Alan Pun

Mr Carson Chow

Scenic Landscape Studio Limited

Mr Chris Foot

Applicant's Representatives

Ramboll Hong Kong Limited

Mr Tony Cheng

AECOM Asia Company Limited

Mr Willie Wan

Studio Raymond Chau Architecture Limited

Mr Raymond Chau

- 14. The Chairman extended a welcome and explained the procedures of the meeting. He then invited PlanD's representative to brief Members on the background of the application.
- 15. With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Ms Jessica H.F. Chu, DPO/STN, presented the application and covered the following aspects as detailed in the Paper:
  - (a) background to the application;
  - (b) proposed amendment to the approved Tai Po Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/TP/28 to rezone the application site (the Site) from "Residential (Group C) 10" ("R(C)10") to "Residential (Group B)11" ("R(B)11") to relax the maximum plot ratio (PR) restriction from 1.2 to 3.6 while maintaining the existing maximum building height (BH) restrictions of 55mPD and 65mPD for proposed residential development;
  - (c) departmental comments were set out in paragraph 9 of the Paper;
  - (d) during the six statutory publication periods of the application and further information, a total of 7,253 public comments were received, including 7,070 objecting comments from the Tai Po Rural Committee (TPRC), the Vice-chairman of TPRC, Indigenous Inhabitant Representative of Tai Po Mei, the incumbent Tai Po District Council Member, Green Sense,

Education University of Hong Kong, the Incorporated Owners / Owners' Committees of the nearby residential developments at Deerhill Bay and Pak Shek Kok (PSK), and individuals; 160 supporting comments from individuals; and 23 comments from Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited and individuals expressing views on the application. Major views were set out in paragraph 10 of the Paper; and

the Planning Department (PlanD)'s views - PlanD had no in-principle (e) objection to the application based on the assessments set out in paragraph 11 of the Paper. The applicant proposed that, upon completion of land exchange, the northern portion of the Site (Site A) would be surrendered to the Government and the southern portion (Site B) would be for its own private residential development. The proposed residential use was not incompatible with the surrounding land uses and the proposed PR of 3.6 was considered comparable to the medium-density residential developments in PSK and a site nearby sharing the same access road (Yau King Lane) that was rezoned with the same PR restriction of 3.6 in 2017. The existing BH restrictions of 55mPD and 65mPD for Site A and Site B respectively and the stepped height profile were to be maintained. A number of traffic mitigation measures were proposed to accommodate the additional traffic and transport demand and such mitigation measures would be implemented before any population intake. The applicant also proposed the provision of social welfare facilities (SWFs) and basement public vehicle parks (PVPs) on both Site A and Site B to address the needs of the community. The Transport Department (TD) had no in-principle objection to and the Social Welfare Department supported the application. The requirements of building separations, relevant technical assessments, implementation of mitigation measures and provision of SWFs and PVPs could be specified in the lease conditions governing the respective sites. Other concerned government departments had no objection to or no adverse comments on the application. Since the applicant had demonstrated the technical feasibility to develop Site A and Site B up to a maximum gross floor area (GFA) of 50,981m<sup>2</sup> and 80,217m<sup>2</sup> respectively, it was recommended that Sites A and B be subject to individual GFA and BH restrictions under two

"R(B)" sub-zones. Regarding the public comments received, the comments of concerned departments and the planning assessments above were relevant.

[Ms Winnie W.M. Ng joined the meeting during PlanD's presentation.]

- 16. The Chairman then invited the applicant's representatives to elaborate on the application. With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Ms Cindy Tsang, the applicant's representative, made the following main points:
  - (a) the Site was the subject of a previously approved rezoning application No. Y/TP/24 for relaxation of the then maximum PR restriction from 0.6 to 1.2. That application was in line with the government policy to allow doubling the domestic PR for rural sites to increase housing land supply;
  - (b) after approval of the previous application, planning circumstances had changed. Residential developments with domestic PR of 3 to 3.6 were built in the PSK area and in 2017, a nearby site in Pok Yin Road / Yau King Lane was rezoned from "Government, Institution or Community" to "R(B)9" with GFA restriction equivalent to a PR of 3.6. The current planning application to relax the PR of the Site to 3.6 was in line with the changing planning context and would help meet the pressing demand for more housing land;
  - (c) according to the indicative development scheme, approximately 2,198 flats would be provided at the Site, which was 1,403 flats (176%) more than those under the OZP compliant scheme at a PR of 1.2. About 1,286 flats would be provided by the applicant at Site B within a short period of time while development at Site A would be subject to Government's development programme;
  - (d) the proposed development would optimise valuable land resources. It demonstrated a sustainable building design and high-quality living environment could be achieved under the proposed development

parameters;

- (e) the proposed "R(B)11" zoning and maximum PR of 3.6 were compatible with the existing residential zoning patterns and the surrounding land uses. BH restrictions of 55mPD and 65mPD respectively in the northern and southern portions of the Site currently imposed on the OZP would be maintained, which was lower than the site platforms of Deerhill Bay which ranged from 61mPD in the north to 75mPD in the south (i.e. 6m and 10m higher than the respective BH restrictions of the Site);
- (f) existing and planned Government, institution and community facilities within Tai Po area would be sufficient to cater for the increased population generated from the proposed development;
- (g) SWFs would be provided at both Site A and Site B as public planning gain, which were equivalent to about 5% of the total GFA of the respective sites. PVPs would also be provided to serve the surrounding neighbourhood. SWFs and PVPs were proposed as Column 1 uses under the proposed Notes for the "R(B)11" zone;
- (h) the indicative scheme with design measures to enhance air ventilation would allow wind permeability and avoid visual obstruction to residents at Deerhill Bay. The indicative scheme showed that the design requirements for enhancing air ventilation purpose stipulated in the Explanatory Statement of the OZP for the Site could generally be incorporated and future residents would not be subject to adverse road traffic and railway noise impacts;
- (i) there would be no undesirable landscape, infrastructure, traffic, air ventilation or environmental impacts; and
- (j) there would be no undesirable planning precedent, as the rezoning application would help address housing shortage problem and there would be significant public planning gains.

[The Vice-chairman and Mr K.W. Leung joined the meeting during the presentation of the applicant's representative.]

- 17. As the presentations of PlanD's representative and the applicant's representative were completed, the Chairman invited questions from Members.
- 18. Some Members raised the following questions to PlanD's representatives:
  - (a) whether the proposed relaxation of PR on the Site would induce adverse visual and air ventilation impacts as raised in the objecting public comments from residents of Deerhill Bay;
  - (b) whether the area between Site A and the Deerhill Bay site could be included as part of the proposed development;
  - (c) what traffic mitigation measures had been proposed;
  - (d) details of land disposal arrangement for Site A; and
  - (e) noting that majority of the land (about 60%) was owned by the Government, whether public interests would be compromised under the land exchange arrangement proposed by the applicant.
- 19. In response, Ms Jessica H.F. Chu, DPO/STN, made the following main points:
  - (a) as shown in Drawings Z-10 and Z-12 of the Paper, the proposed BH restrictions of 55mPD at the northern portion and 65mPD at the southern portion of the Site were respectively lower than the site platform levels of House 11 (at 61mPD) and the ground level of Tower 3 (68.7mPD) of Deerhill Bay and there were six building separations proposed as visual corridor and wind enhancement features. Therefore, no significant visual or air ventilation impacts were envisaged. In fact, the existing BH restrictions on the OZP would be maintained;

- (b) the area between Site A and Deerhill Bay site was a woodland area within the lot boundary of Deerhill Bay site, which was zoned "R(C)5" on the OZP;
- (c) the applicant had proposed a number of traffic mitigation measures in the Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA), including junction improvement works along Chong San Road and at Chak Cheung Street roundabout, provision of a public transport terminus (PTT) and bus laybys along Yau King Lane and provision of a bus turn-around facility at the northern tip of Site A (which was needed as the section of Tai Po Road further north of Site A had very steep gradient). According to the TIA, these measures would be sufficient to accommodate additional traffic flow arising from the proposed development and would facilitate the provision of new public transport services to serve the future residents:
- (d) upon completion of land exchange with the applicant, Site A would be surrendered to the Government. The Government would decide on the most suitable option for disposal of the site. The proposed scheme submitted under the current application was only indicative and mainly served to demonstrate that a layout with the proposed PR and BHs and with provision of SWFs and PVPs was technically feasible. If Site A was later disposed of through land sale, relevant lease conditions could be imposed to ensure implementation of the proposed mitigation measures, SWFs and PVPs. The future developer of Site A could take forward the development based on the indicative scheme or other development scheme as long as it complied with the restrictions of the OZP and the lease conditions; and
- (e) the Site had been zoned "R(C)" for residential use since 1983. It comprised government land and private lots owned by the applicant and others. Under both the current and previous applications, the applicant proposed a land exchange arrangement to facilitate using the entire site for development, by surrendering private lots at Site A to the Government for the regrant of Site B for its own private development. It should be noted

that under the previously approved application, the applicant owned about 30% of the Site whilst about 10% of the Site was private lots owned by others; the applicant had now acquired more private land and currently owned about 40% of the Site. In any case, the key planning considerations of the current application should be whether the proposed increase in PR from 1.2 to 3.6 was acceptable from land use compatibility perspective and whether it was technically feasible, rather than the detailed land ownership or land administration matters. If the application was approved, the statutory plan-making process under the Town Planning Ordinance to incorporate the zoning amendment to the OZP would follow, while the Lands Department (LandsD) would process the applicant's land exchange application and relevant development parameters and technical requirements could be imposed under the lease. Land premium would be charged in accordance with the established criteria.

- 20. In response to a Member's enquiry, Ms Cindy Tsang, the applicant's representative, stated that under the proposed scheme, only landscape features were planned at the central plaza and no commercial facility would be provided thereat.
- 21. As the applicant's representatives had no further points to raise and there were no further questions from Members, the Chairman informed the applicant's representatives that the hearing procedure for the application had been completed and the Committee would deliberate on the application in their absence and inform the applicant of the Committee's decision in due course. The Chairman thanked the representatives from PlanD and the applicant for attending the meeting. They left the meeting at this point.

[Dr C.H. Hau left the meeting temporarily at this point.]

#### **Deliberation Session**

22. The Chairman remarked that in considering the current application for amendment to OZP involving relaxation of maximum PR restriction of the Site, the key planning considerations should be on land use compatibility, technical feasibility and the planning gains taking into account comments from relevant government departments and the

public. The land administration matters would be dealt with by LandsD according to the established procedures.

- 23. In response to some Members' questions on the procedure and assessment criteria for land exchange applications, Mr Alan K.L. Lo, Assistant Director/Regional 3, LandsD, advised that one of the general criteria for consideration of land exchange applications was whether the government land involved was capable of reasonable separate development and that would be examined in detail when a land exchange application was submitted. Furthermore, the land exchange application would be subject to payment of premium, which would be assessed based on the enhancement in land value after the land exchange, taking into account all relevant factors including the cost and revenue aspects, the public facilities to be provided, the restrictions imposed under the lease and other statutory provisions.
- On a Member's question about the Government's policy for land resumption, the Chairman said that the Government would consider acquisition of private land by way of land resumption for public projects such as those in New Development Area (NDA), road scheme, public housing development or social welfare facility. For the current case, as Site A would be surrendered to the Government by way of land exchange, there was flexibility for the Government to decide on the type of housing to be developed thereat. Mr Alan K.L. Lo, Assistant Director/Regional 3, LandsD, added that under the 'Enhanced Conventional New Town Approach', LandsD would consider land exchange applications for sites planned for private developments in NDAs according to relevant Practice Note but such applications must not affect the overall development programme of the NDAs.
- 25. In response to a Member's concern on the potential traffic impacts, Mr Ken K.K. Yip, Chief Traffic Engineer/New Territories East, TD, said that, according to the submitted TIA, traffic mitigation measures were proposed to mitigate the traffic impacts. These included improvement works at a few road junctions, a bus turn-around facility at the northern tip of Site A as bus could not maneuvoer further up to Tai Po Road, and a PTT at Yau King Lane for enhanced bus services. The TIA demonstrated that subject to the satisfactory implementation of the proposed traffic mitigation measures before population intake of the Site, the proposed development would not create adverse traffic impacts. TD agreed with the findings of the TIA and had no in-principle objection to the application.

- 26. Members generally had no objection to the application. A Member said that the current application enabled an increase in housing land supply on the Site and should be supported. Noting the same land exchange arrangement would be applied to the current application and the previously approved application, the same Member said that it might be prudent for the Government to clearly explain the land administration arrangement to the public to address the public concern on suspicion of collusion and transfer of benefits between the Government and the developer.
- After deliberation, the Committee <u>decided</u> to <u>agree</u> to the application for rezoning the Site from "R(C)10" to an appropriate zoning with stipulation of maximum PR/GFA and BH. Amendments to the approved Tai Po OZP No. S/TP/28, together with the revised Notes and Explanatory Statement, would be submitted to the Committee for consideration prior to gazetting under section 5 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

[Dr C.H. Hau rejoined the meeting at this point.]

# Provision of Major Community Facilities and Open Space in Tai Po Outline Zoning Plan

|  |  | HIZDGG  | Provision             |  |  |
|--|--|---|-----------------------|--|--|
| Type of Facilities                               | Hong Kong<br>Planning Standards<br>and Guidelines<br>(HKPSG)                   | HKPSG<br>Requirement<br>(based on<br>planned<br>population) | Existing<br>Provision | Planned<br>Provision<br>(including<br>Existing<br>Provision) | Surplus/<br>Shortfall<br>(against<br>planned<br>provision) |
| District Open Space                              | 10 ha per 100,000<br>persons#  | 29.12 ha  | 41.28 ha              | 41.87 ha   | +12.75 ha  |
| Local Open Space                                 | 10 ha per 100,000<br>persons#  | 29.12 ha  | 55.07 ha              | 60.30 ha   | +31.18 ha  |
| Secondary School                                 | 1 whole-day<br>classroom for 40<br>persons aged 12-17                          | 355<br>classrooms   | 566<br>classrooms     | 566<br>classrooms  | +211<br>classrooms   |
| Primary School                                   | 1 whole-day<br>classroom for 25.5<br>persons aged 6-11                         | 463<br>classrooms   | 506<br>classrooms     | 614<br>classrooms  | +151<br>classrooms   |
| Kindergarten/ Nursery                            | 34 classrooms for 1,000 children aged 3 to under 6                             | 151<br>classrooms   | 221<br>classrooms     | 251 classrooms   | +100<br>classrooms   |
| District Police Station                          | 1 per 200,000 to 500,000 persons   | 1   | 1                     | 1  | 0  |
| Divisional Police<br>Station                     | 1 per 100,000 to 200,000 persons   | 2   | 1                     | 1  | -1   |
| Hospital   | 5.5 beds per 1,000 persons^  | 1,646<br>beds   | 1,599<br>beds         | 2,399<br>beds  | +753<br>beds   |
| Clinic/Health Centre                             | 1 per 100,000 persons  | 3   | 2                     | 4  | +1   |
| Child Care Centre                                | 100 aided places per 25,000 persons <sup>#@</sup>                              | 1,165<br>places   | 297<br>places         | 689<br>places  | -476<br>places   |
| Integrated Children and<br>Youth Services Centre | 1 for 12,000 persons aged 6-24#  | 4   | 7                     | 7  | +3   |
| Integrated Family<br>Services Centre             | 1 for 100,000 to<br>150,000 persons#   | 2   | 2                     | 2  | 0  |
| District Elderly<br>Community Centres            | One in each new development area with a population of around 170,000 or above# | N.A.  | 1                     | 1  | N.A.   |

|  |   | HIVDGG  | Provision             |  | G 1 /  |
|--|---|---|-----------------------|--|--|
| Type of Facilities                             | Hong Kong<br>Planning Standards<br>and Guidelines<br>(HKPSG)  | HKPSG<br>Requirement<br>(based on<br>planned<br>population) | Existing<br>Provision | Planned<br>Provision<br>(including<br>Existing<br>Provision) | Surplus/<br>Shortfall<br>(against<br>planned<br>provision) |
| Neighbourhood Elderly<br>Centres               | One in a cluster of<br>new and redeveloped<br>housing areas with a<br>population of 15,000<br>to 20,000 persons,<br>including both public<br>and private housing# | N.A.  | 7                     | 8  | N.A.   |
| Community Care<br>Services (CCS)<br>Facilities | 17.2 subsidised places per 1,000 elderly persons aged 65 or above#*®  | 1,581<br>places   | 365<br>places         | 575<br>places  | -1,006<br>places   |
| Residential Care Homes for the Elderly         | 21.3 subsidised beds<br>per 1,000 elderly<br>persons aged 65 or<br>above <sup>#@</sup>  | 1,958<br>beds   | 805<br>beds           | 1,159<br>beds  | -799<br>beds   |
| Library  | 1 district library for<br>every 200,000<br>persons  | 1   | 1                     | 2  | +1   |
| Sports Centre                                  | 1 per 50,000 to 65,000 persons#   | 4   | 5                     | 7  | +3   |
| Sports Ground/<br>Sport Complex                | 1 per 200,000 to 250,000 persons#   | 1   | 1                     | 1  | 0  |
| Swimming Pool<br>Complex – standard            | 1 complex per<br>287,000 persons#   | 1   | 1                     | 2  | +1   |

Note:

The planned resident population in Tai Po Planning Area would be about 291,200. If including transients, the overall planned population is about 299,300. All population figures have been adjusted to the nearest hundred.

- # The requirements exclude planned population of transients.
- ^ The provision of hospital beds is to be assessed by the Hospital Authority on a regional basis.
- \* The planning standard of community care services (CCS) facilities (including both centre-based and home-based) is population-based. There is no rigid distribution between centre-based CCS and home-based CCS stated in the Elderly Services Programme Plan. Nonetheless, in general, 60% of CCS demand will be provided by home-based CCS and the remaining 40% will be provided by centre-based CCS.
- @ This is a long-term goal and the actual provision would be subject to the consideration of the Social Welfare Department in the planning and development process as appropriate.

## **Motion Passed by**

## the Planning, Housing and Works Committee of the Tai Po District Council

## 臨時動議:

大埔區議會規劃、房屋及工程委員會反對有關部門在未有充分諮詢大埔居民的情況下,於大埔桃源洞發展公營房屋。

動議人: 毛家俊議員

和議人: 蘇達良議員及陳振哲議員



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# 強烈關注桃源洞公屋發展對社區 的環境噪音、交通負荷、道路車位及公共文康設施等影響

早於 2017 年,本人曾在區議會上指出政府在桃源洞及馬窩村加建大量插針樓,增加當區逾萬人口,是漠視當區承載力及居民感受;及後,2019年,發展局及運房局到訪區議會時,本人亦重申新峰一帶的社區設施及交通配套嚴重不足,亦指出根據規劃文件,把山坡改劃建屋,所涉及的土地平整及地基鞏固工程的所需技術較高,時間及成本亦相對地高,但對周邊的滋擾大,亦未能盡用土地空間,故不建議有關方案。惟當時政府回應本人,指有關規劃須等待可行性研究報告出爐,故是項議題需留待新一屆區議會方再討論。

然而,2020年新一屆區議會上場,從未有區議員主動地在議會上就桃源洞改建公屋一事作出關注和跟進,直到2020年年7月政府遞交相關文件時,才如夢初醒;更甚,本應代表新峰花園的區議員,亦早已辭職離任,棄居民於不顧,議席懸空,當區居民的意見無無走入區議會之中,遑論向局方反映任何意見及訴求。

本人作為大埔南分區會成員及當區前任議員,望能為新峰居民略盡綿力,故於8月上旬以自資方式向新峰花園1-2期、御峰苑、御峰豪園及承峰合共郵寄1200份問卷調查,並在8月19日截止限期前,成功收回的有效問卷數為234份,當中,有94%的受訪者對桃源洞建屋計劃表示反對。

同時,在眾多反對申述中,最多受訪者關注的馬窩路負荷問題及新峰 花園公並交通配套不足;其次是加建插針樓會破壞原有安寧的居住環 境。



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由於桃源洞房屋規劃對新峰花園,及對大埔南整體社區規劃發展有深遠影響,因此本人特此來函,望 貴署派員出席 8 月 25 日的大埔南分區會會議,就此發展規劃所帶來的環境噪音、交通負荷、道路車位及公共文康設施等影響,向眾委員作詳細闡述,以釋除公眾疑慮。同時,本人亦要求 貴署把是次問卷調查結果,列入城市規劃委員會審議此土地發展大綱時的考慮因素之中。謝謝。

如對上述事項有任何查詢, 歡迎致電

與本人聯絡,謝謝。

大埔南分區委員會 副主席 羅曉楓 謹啟 二零二一年八月十九日