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# **APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION**

## **UNDER SECTION 16 OF**

# THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

(CAP.131)

根據《城市規劃條例》(第131章) 第16條遞交的許可申請

Applicable to proposals not involving or not only involving: 適用於建議不涉及或不祇涉及:

- (i) Construction of "New Territories Exempted House(s)"; 興建「新界豁免管制屋字」;
- (ii) Temporary use/development of land and/or building not exceeding 3 years in rural areas; and 位於鄉郊地區土地上及/或建築物內進行為期不超過三年的臨時用途/發展;及
- (iii) Renewal of permission for temporary use or development in rural areas 位於鄉郊地區的臨時用途或發展的許可續期

Applicant who would like to publish the <u>notice of application</u> in local newspapers to meet one of the Town Planning Board's requirements of taking reasonable steps to obtain consent of or give notification to the current land owner, please refer to the following link regarding publishing the notice in the designated newspapers: <a href="https://www.info.gov.hk/tpb/en/plan application/apply.html">https://www.info.gov.hk/tpb/en/plan application/apply.html</a>

申請人如欲在本地報章刊登<u>申請通知</u>,以採取城市規劃委員會就取得現行土地擁有人的同意或通知現行土地擁有人所指定的其中一項合理步驟,請瀏覽以下網址有關在指定的報章刊登通知: https://www.info.gov.hk/tpb/tc/plan application/apply.html

#### General Note and Annotation for the Form 填寫表格的一般指引及註解

- "Current land owner" means any person whose name is registered in the Land Registry as that of an owner of the land to which the application relates, as at 6 weeks before the application is made 「現行土地擁有人」指在提出申請前六星期,其姓名或名稱已在土地註冊處註冊為該申請所關乎的土地的擁有人的人
- Please attach documentary proof 請夾附證明文件
- `Please insert number where appropriate 請在適當地方註明編號

Please fill "NA" for inapplicable item 請在不適用的項目填寫「不適用」

Please use separate sheets if the space provided is insufficient 如所提供的空間不足,請另頁說明

Please insert a 「レ」 at the appropriate box 請在適當的方格内上加上「レ」號

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- 1. The completed form and supporting documents (if any) should be sent to the Secretary, Town Planning Board (the Board), 15/F, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong. 申請人須把填妥的申請表格及其他支持申請的文件(倘有),送交香港北角渣華道 333 號北角政府合署 15 櫻城市規劃委員會(下稱「委員會」)秘書收。
- 2. Please read the "Guidance Notes" carefully before you fill in this form. The document can be downloaded from the Board's website at <a href="http://www.info.gov/hk/tpb/">http://www.info.gov/hk/tpb/</a>. It can also be obtained from the Secretariat of the Board at 15/F, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong (Tel: 2231 4810 or 2231 4835), and the Planning Enquiry Counters of the Planning Department (Hotline: 2231 5000) (17/F, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong and 14/F, Sha Tin Government Offices, 1 Sheung Wo Che Road, Sha Tin, New Territories). 請先細閱《申請須知》的資料單張,然後填寫此表格。該份文件可從委員會的網頁下載(網址: <a href="http://www.info.gov/hk/tpb/">http://www.info.gov/hk/tpb/</a>)亦可向委員會秘書處(香港北角渣華道 333 號北角政府合署 15 樓-電話: 2231 4810 或 2231 4835)及規劃署的規劃資料查詢處(熱線: 2231 5000) (香港北角渣華道 333 號北角政府合署 17 樓及新界沙田上禾卷路 1 號沙田政府合署 14 樓)索取。
- 3. This form can be downloaded from the Board's website, and obtained from the Secretariat of the Board and the Planning Enquiry Counters of the Planning Department. The form should be typed or completed in block letters. The processing of the application may be refused if the required information or the required copies are incomplete.

  此表格可從委員會的網頁下載,亦可向委員會秘書處及規劃署的規劃資料查詢處索取。申請人須以打印方式或以正楷填寫表格。如果申請人所提交的資料或文件副本不齊全,委員會可拒絕處理有關申請。

1.	Name of Applicant	由譜人	姓名	/名稱
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(□Mr. 先生 /□Mrs. 夫人 /□Miss 小姐 /□Ms. 女士 / Company 公司 /□Organisation 機構 )

HGC GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED

2. Name of Authorised Agent (if applicable) 獲授權代理人姓名/名稱(如適用)

(□Mr. 先生 /□Mrs. 夫人 /□Miss 小姐 /□Ms. 女士 /□Company 公司 /□Organisation 機構 )

3.	Application Site 申請地點	
(a)	Full address / location / demarcation district and lot number (if applicable) 詳細地址/地點/丈量約份及地段號碼(如適用)	Government Land in D.D. 31 NEAR SHA LO TUNG CHEUNG UK, TAI PO
(b)	Site area and/or gross floor area involved 涉及的地盤面積及/或總樓面面 積	■Site area 地盤面積 92 sq.m 平方米■About 約 □Gross floor area 總樓面面積 sq.m 平方米□About 約
(c)	Area of Government land included (if any) 所包括的政府土地面積(倘有)	92 sq.m 平方米 ☑About 約

(d)	Name and number of statutory plan(s) 有關法定圖則的名称		沙羅洞分區計劃大	綱核准圖 S/NE-SL	.T/4	
(e)	Land use zone(s) invo 涉及的土地用途地帶		「綠化地帶」,「自然 「鄉村式發展」地帶		科學價值地點」,	
(f)	Current use(s) 現時用途		plan and specify the use and	gross floor area)	y facilities, please illustrate on ,並許明用途及總樓面面積)	
4.	"Current Land O	wner" of A	pplication Site 申請:	也點的「現行土」	地擁有人」	
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	is one of the "current land owners" (please attach documentary proof of ownership). 是其中一名「現行土地擁有人」"《 (請夾附業權證明文件)。					
	] is not a "current land owner". 並不是「現行土地擁有人」"。					
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5.	Statement on Ow 就土地擁有人的		nt/Notification 日土地擁有人的陳	述		
(a)						
(b)	The applicant 申請人	_		•		
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	已取得	名「	現行土地擁有人」"的同意	£ •		
	Details of conse	nt of "current l	and owner(s)"# obtained	取得「現行土地擁有人	.」"同意的詳情	
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<b>4</b>	Type (ii) Diversion of st	ream/excava	tion of land / filli	ng of land / filling of p	ond as required under Notes of Statuto	ory	
	Plan(s) 第(ii)類 根據法定圖則	(註釋)內原	所要求的河道改	道/挖土/填土/填	塘工程		
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(i)	For Type (i) applicat	ion 供第(i	)類申請				
	Total floor area involved 涉及的總樓面面積		,		sq.m 平方米		
1	Proposed usc(s)/development 擬議用途/發展	(If there are any Government, institution or community facilities, please illustrate on plan and spec the use and gross floor area) (如有任何政府、機構或社區設施,誘在圖則上顯示,並註明用途及總樓面面積)				ify	
	Number of storeys involved 涉及層數		9	Number of units inv 涉及單位數目		,	
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(ii) For Type (ii) applied	ation 供第(ii)類申請。						
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(a) Operation involved 涉及工程	□ Filling of land 填土 Area of filling 填土面材 Depth of filling 填土厚		sq.m 平方米 m 米	ÓAbout 約 ÓAbout 約			
	M Excavation of land 挖土 Area of excavation 挖土 Depth of excavation 挖	土面積 土深度	92 sq.m 平方米 0.51 m 米	ÓAbout 約. ☑About 約			
	of filling of land/pond(s) and/or exc	(Please indicate on site plan the boundary of concerned land/pond(s), and particulars of stream diversion, the extent of filling of land/pond(s) and/or excavation of land) (護用國則顯示有關土地/池塘界線,以及河道改道、填塘、填土及/或挖土的細節及/或範圍))					
(b) Intended use/development 有意進行的用途/發展	Public Utility Installa Excavation of Land.	tion (Teleco	ommunication Duct, Ca	ables ) and			
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	proposed use/development and development particulars in part (v) below -					
	請列明擬該略爲肞寬	的發展限制並填	、	的擬議用途/發展及發展細節 -		
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		(Please illustrate th	e details of the propo	osal on a layout plan 請用平面圖說明建諭	詳情)	
(b)	Development Schedule 發展	<b>基細節表</b>		· **		
	Proposed gross floor area (C	GFA) 擬議總樓面	面積	sq.m 平方米	□About 約	
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□ Open space 付	<b>、</b> 憩用地		(please specify land area(s) 請註明却	
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(c) Use(s) of differen	ent floors (if applicat	ole) 各樓層的用途 (如適	i用)	
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7. Anticipated Completion Time of the Development Proposal						
	擬議發展計劃的預計完成時間					
Anticipated completion time (in month and year) of the development proposal (by phase (if any)) (e.g. June 2023) 擬議發展計劃預期完成的年份及月份 (分期 (倘有)) (例: 2023 年 6 月) (Separate anticipated completion times (in month and year) should be provided for the proposed public open space and Government, institution or community facilities (if any))						
(申請人須就擬議的公眾休憩用地及政府、機構或社區設施(倘有)提供個別擬議完成的年份及月份) 2024年1月						
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		at of the Development Proposal				
擬議發展計劃的行	<b>里</b> 題	安排				
e e	Yes 是	There is an existing access. (please indicate the street name, where appropriate)				
Any vehicular access to the		有一條現有車路。(請註明車路名稱(如適用))				
site/subject building?		通往沙螺洞張屋村的無名路				
是否有車路通往地盤/有關建築物?		□ There is a proposed access. (please illustrate on plan and specify the width) 有一條擬議車路。(請在圖則顯示,並註明車路的闊度)				
r	No否					
Any provision of parking space for the proposed use(s)? 是否有為擬議用途提供停車 位?	Yes 是 No 否	□ (Please specify type(s) and number(s) and illustrate on plan) 請註明種類及數目並於圖則上顯示) Private Car Parking Spaces 私家車車位 Motorcycle Parking Spaces 電單車車位 Light Goods Vehicle Parking Spaces 輕型貨車泊車位 Medium Goods Vehicle Parking Spaces 中型貨車泊車位 Heavy Goods Vehicle Parking Spaces 重型貨車泊車位 Others (Please Specify) 其他 (請列明)				
Any provision of loading/unloading space for the proposed use(s)? 是否有為擬議用途提供上落客貨車位?	Yes 是	□ (Please specify type(s) and number(s) and illustrate on plan) 請註明種類及數目並於圖則上顯示) Taxi Spaces 的士車位 Coach Spaces 旅遊巴車位 Light Goods Vehicle Spaces 輕型貨車車位 Medium Goods Vehicle Spaces 中型貨車車位 Heavy Goods Vehicle Spaces 重型貨車車位 Others (Please Specify) 其他 (請列明)				
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9. Impacts of De	velopme	ent Proposal 擬議發展計劃的影響			
If necessary, please use separate sheets to indicate the proposed measures to minimise possible adverse impacts or give justifications/reasons for not providing such measures. 如需要的話,請另頁註明可盡量減少可能出現不良影響的措施,否則請提供理據/理由。					
	Yes是	□ Please provide details 請提供詳情			
Does the development proposal involve alteration of existing	, , , ,				
building? 擬議發展計劃是否 包括現有建築物的					
改動?	No否	<b>Ø</b>			
	Yes 是				
Does the development proposal involve the		the extent of filling of land/pond(s) and/or excavation of land) (請用地盤平面圖顯示有關土地/池塘界線,以及河道改道、填塘、填土及/或挖土的細節及/或範圍)			
operation on the right?	4	□ Diversion of stream 河道改道			
擬議發展是否涉及 右列的工程? (Note: where Type (ii)		□ Filling of pond 填塘 Area of filling 填塘面積sq.m 平方米 □About 約 Depth of filling 填塘深度			
application is the subject of application,	2	□ Filling of land 填土			
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section. 註:如申請涉及第		Depth of filling 填土厚度 m 米 □About 約			
(ii)類申請,請跳至下		□ Excavation of land 挖土			
一條問題。)		Area of excavation 挖土面積sq.m 平方米 □About 約			
		Depth of excavation 挖土深度 m 米 □About 約			
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Would the development					
proposal cause any		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
adverse impacts?	Please s	ate measure(s) to minimise the impact(s). For tree felling, please state the number,			
擬議發展計劃會否 造成不良影響?	diameter 請註明显 直徑及品	at breast height and species of the affected trees (if possible) 医量減少影響的措施。如涉及砍伐樹木,請說明受影響樹木的數目、及胸高度的樹幹 品種(倘可)			
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10. Justifications 理由
The applicant is invited to provide justifications in support of the application. Use separate sheets if necessary. 現請申請人提供申請理由及支持其申請的資料。如有需要,請另頁說明。
就香港特別行政區政府於二〇一九年推出"擴展光纖網絡至偏遠地區鄉村(資助計劃)",此資助
計劃涵蓋 235 條鄉村, 透過資助形式鼓勵本地固網營辦商 (固網商)擴展光纖網絡連接偏遠鄉村
分佈於 9 個新界及離島區內(包括北區、西貢、大埔、沙田、元朗、屯門、荃灣、葵青及離島
),提升偏遠地區的光纖網絡覆蓋,並為其推展其他不同類型的電訊服務提供所需的基礎設施,於
偏遠地區更普及,當中沙螺洞張屋村資助計劃所涵蓋的鄉村,該工程為項目三里程碑的第二期部
分, 並需於2024年1月31完成工程, 為該村提供服務及交付所有報告文件。
本公司(環球全域電訊有限公司)為獲選受資助的固網商, 現需在沙螺洞張屋村安排工程鋪
設地下光纖網絡,預計有關工程施工期需要約2個月,會根據線路沿途放設地下管道及增設電訊井
為村民提供理想的光纖服務,滿足本港偏遠地區村民對高速寬頻服務的需求。
因部分路段(OZP No.: S/NE-SLT/4)涉及「緣化地帶」、「自然保育區」、「具特殊科學
價值地點」、「鄉村式發展」範圍(如附圖所示),有關上述堀路工程將於泥地之行人路上沿路
靠邊進行,並不會影響植披,現應地政署要求希望得到貴署批核同意在該地段進行上述所述工程,
敬希照准。
備註:
管道鋪設挖土範圍約 460米(長) x 0.2 米(闊) x 0.51米(深)

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11. Declaration 聲明				
I hereby declare that the particulars given in this application are co本人謹此聲明,本人就這宗申請提交的資料,據本人所知及戶	orrect and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. 所信,均屬真實無誤。			
I hereby grant a permission to the Board to copy all the materials s to the Board's website for browsing and downloading by the publ 員會酌情將本人就此申請所提交的所有資料複製及/或上載至	ic free-of-charge at the Board's discretion. 本人現准許姿			
Signature Signature	Applicant 申請人 /□ Authorised Agent 獲授權代理人			
Yuen Hung Fai, Jansen	Manager-External Plant			
Name in Block Letters 姓名(請以正楷填寫)	Position (if applicable) 職位 (如適用)			
Professional Qualification(s)  專業資格  HKIP 香港規劃師學會 /  HKIS 香港測量師學會 /  HKILA 香港園境師學會 /  RPP 註冊專業規劃師	│ HKIA 香港建築師學會 / □ HKIE 香港工程師學會 / □ HKIUD 香港城市設計學會			
on behalf of HGC Global Communications Limited 代表  【Z Company 公司 / □ Organisation Name and C				
Date 日期 16/08/2023(I				
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The materials submitted in this application and the Board's decision on the application would be disclosed to the public. Such materials would also be uploaded to the Board's website for browsing and free downloading by the public where the Board considers appropriate. 委員會會向公眾披露申請人所遞交的申請資料和委員會對申請所作的決定。在委員會認為合適的情況下,有關申請資料亦會上載至委員會網頁供公眾免費瀏覽及下載。				
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Any person who knowingly or wilfully makes any statement or fi which is false in any material particular, shall be liable to an offen 任何人在明知或故意的情況下,就這宗申請提出在任何要項_	urnish any information in connection with this application, ce under the Crimes Ordinance.			
Statement on Personal Dat	a 個人資料的幣明			
The personal data submitted to the Board in this application v	8 B			

- departments for the following purposes:
  - 委員會就這宗申請所收到的個人資料會交給委員會秘書及政府部門,以根據〈城市規劃條例〉及相關的城市規劃委員會規劃指引的規定作以下用途:
  - (a) the processing of this application which includes making available the name of the applicant for public inspection when making available this application for public inspection; and 處理這宗申請,包括公布這宗申請供公眾查閱,同時公布申請人的姓名供公眾查閱;以及
  - facilitating communication between the applicant and the Secretary of the Board/Government departments. 方便申請人與委員會秘書及政府部門之間進行聯絡。
- 2. The personal data provided by the applicant in this application may also be disclosed to other persons for the purposes mentioned in paragraph 1 above. 申請人就這宗申請提供的個人資料,或亦會向其他人士披露,以作上述第1段提及的用途。
- 3. An applicant has a right of access and correction with respect to his/her personal data as provided under the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486). Request for personal data access and correction should be addressed to the Secretary of the Board at 15/F, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong. 根據《個人資料(私隱)條例》(第 486 章)的規定,申請人有權查閱及更正其個人資料。如欲查閱及更正個人資料,應向委員會秘書提出有關要求,其地址為香港北角渣華道 333 號北角政府合署 15 樓。

For Developments involving Columbarium Use, please also complete the for 如發展涉及靈灰安置所用途,請另外填妥以下資料:	ollowing:
Ash interment capacity 骨灰安放容量®	8
Maximum number of sets of ashes that may be interred in the niches 在龕位內最多可安放骨灰的數量 Maximum number of sets of ashes that may be interred other than in niches 在非龕位的範圍內最多可安放骨灰的數量	*
Total number of niches 龕位總數	1
Total number of single niches 單人龕位總數	
Number of single niches (sold and occupied) 單人龕位數目 (已售並佔用) Number of single niches (sold but unoccupied) 單人龕位數目 (已售但未佔用) Number of single niches (residual for sale) 單人龕位數目 (待售)	
Total number of double niches 雙人龕位總數	
Number of double niches (sold and fully occupied) 雙人龕位數目 (已售並全部佔用) Number of double niches (sold and partially occupied) 雙人龕位數目 (已售並部分佔用) Number of double niches (sold but unoccupied) 雙人龕位數目 (已售但未佔用) Number of double niches (residual for sale) 雙人龕位數目 (待售)	
Total no. of niches other than single or double niches (please specify type) 除單人及雙人龕位外的其他龕位總數 (請列明類別)	4
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Proposed operating hours 擬議營運時間	
<ul> <li>Ash interment capacity in relation to a columbarium means - 就盛灰安置所而言,骨灰安放容量指:</li> <li>the maximum number of containers of ashes that may be interred in each niche in the columbarium; 每個龕位內可安放的骨灰容器的最高數目;</li> <li>the maximum number of sets of ashes that may be interred other than in niches in any area in the colum 在該盛灰安置所並非龕位的範圍內,總共最多可安放多少份骨灰;以及</li> <li>the total number of sets of ashes that may be interred in the columbarium.</li> <li>在該骨灰安置所內,總共最多可安放多少份骨灰。</li> </ul>	barium; and

Gist of Application 中調摘要					
(Please provide details in both English and Chinese <u>as far as possible</u> . This part will be circulated to relevant consultees, uploaded to the Town Planning Board's Website for browsing and free downloading by the public and available at the Planning Enquiry Counters of the Planning Department for general information.) (請盡量以英文及中文填寫。此部分將會發送予相關諮詢人士、上載至城市規劃委員會網頁供公眾免費瀏覽及下載及於規劃署規劃資料查詢處供一般參閱。)					
Application No. 申請編號	(For Of	ficial Use Only) (請勿	刃填寫此欄)		a a
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Location/address 位置/地址			o TUNG CHEUN	G UK,	
Site area					IJ → V (7 A1 V)
地盤面積			92	S	q.m 平方米 About 約
	(includ	es Government land	of包括政府土地	92 8	q. m 平方米 🗸 About 約)
Plan 圖則	沙羅洞分區計劃大綱核准圖 S/NE-SLT/4				
Zoning 地帶	「緣化	地帶」、「自然	保育區」、「具料	寺殊科學價值	地點」、「鄉村式發展」
Applied use/ development 申請用途/發展	Public Utility Installation (Telecommunication Duct, Cables) and Excavation of Land.				
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(i) Gross floor are			sq.m 平力	5米	Plot Ratio 地積比率
and/or plot rat 總樓面面積及 地積比率	io 之/或	Domestic 住用		About 約 Not more than 不多於	□About 約 □Not more than 不多於
		Non-domestic 非住用		About 約 Not more than 不多於	□About 約 □Not more than 不多於
(ii) No. of block 幢數		Domestic 住用	, s		
		Non-domestic 非住用	. 41		
Mitigation Measure a	s attachn	Composite 綜合用途 len8			

(iii)	Building height/No.	Domestic	
	of storeys 建築物高度/層數	住用	m 米 □ (Not more than 不多於)
	4	-	mPD 米(主水平基準上) □ (Not more than 不多於)
			Storeys(s) 層 □ (Not more than 不多於)
			(□Include 包括/□ Exclude 不包括 □ Carport 停車間 □ Basement 地庫 □ Refuge Floor 防火層 □ Podium 平台)
	, .	Non-domestic 非住用	m 米 □ (Not more than 不多於)
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2	e e	Composite 綜合用途	m 米□ (Not more than 不多於)
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(iv)	Site coverage 上蓋面積		% □ About 約
(v)	No. of units 單位數目		
(vi)	Open space 休憩用地	Private 私人	sq.m 平方米 口 Not less than 不少於
	2	Public 公眾	sq.m 平方米 🗆 Not less than 不少於

(vii)	No. of parking spaces and loading / unloading spaces 停車位及上落客貨車位数目	Total no. of vehicle parking spaces 停車位總數 Private Car Parking Spaces 私家車車位 Motorcycle Parking Spaces 電單車車位 Light Goods Vehicle Parking Spaces 輕型貨車泊車位 Medium Goods Vehicle Parking Spaces 中型貨車泊車位 Heavy Goods Vehicle Parking Spaces 重型貨車泊車位 Others (Please Specify) 其他 (請列明)	
		Total no. of vehicle loading/unloading bays/lay-bys 上落客貨車位/停車處總數  Taxi Spaces 的士車位 Coach Spaces 旅遊巴車位 Light Goods Vehicle Spaces 輕型貨車車位 Medium Goods Vehicle Spaces 中型貨車位 Heavy Goods Vehicle Spaces 重型貨車車位 Others (Please Specify) 其他 (請列明)	_

Submitted Plans, Drawings and Documents 提交的圖則、繪圖及文件	Chinese	English
	中文	英文
Plans and Drawings 圖則及繪圖		
Master layout plan(s)/Layout plan(s) 總綱發展藍圖/布局設計圖		
Block plan(s) 樓宇位置圖		
Floor plan(s) 樓字平面圖		<u>□</u>
Sectional plan(s) 截視圖		
Elevation(s) 立視圖	. 🗅	
Photomontage(s) showing the proposed development 顯示擬議發展的合成照片		
Master landscape plan(s)/Landscape plan(s) 園境設計總圖/園境設計圖		
Others (please specify) 其他(請註明) Attachment 1: Plan and Photos	. 🗅	ď
Attachment 2: Cross-section Drawing	<b>.</b>	
Reports 報告書		
Planning Statement/Justifications 規劃綱領/理據		. 🗆
Environmental assessment (noise, air and/or water pollutions)		
環境評估(噪音、空氣及/或水的污染)		
Traffic impact assessment (on vehicles) 就車輛的交通影響評估		
Traffic impact assessment (on pedestrians) 就行人的交通影響評估		
Visual impact assessment 視覺影響評估	□ .	
Landscape impact assessment 景觀影響評估		
Tree Survey 樹木調查		
Geotechnical impact assessment 土力影響評估		
Drainage impact assessment 排水影響評估		
Sewerage impact assessment 排污影響評估		
Risk Assessment 風險評估		
Others (please specify) 其他(請註明)		Ø
Mitigation Measure as attachment 3		
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Note: May insert more than one「レ」. 註:可在多於一個方格內加上「レ」號		

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- 會概不負責。若有任何疑問,應查閱申請人提交的文件。

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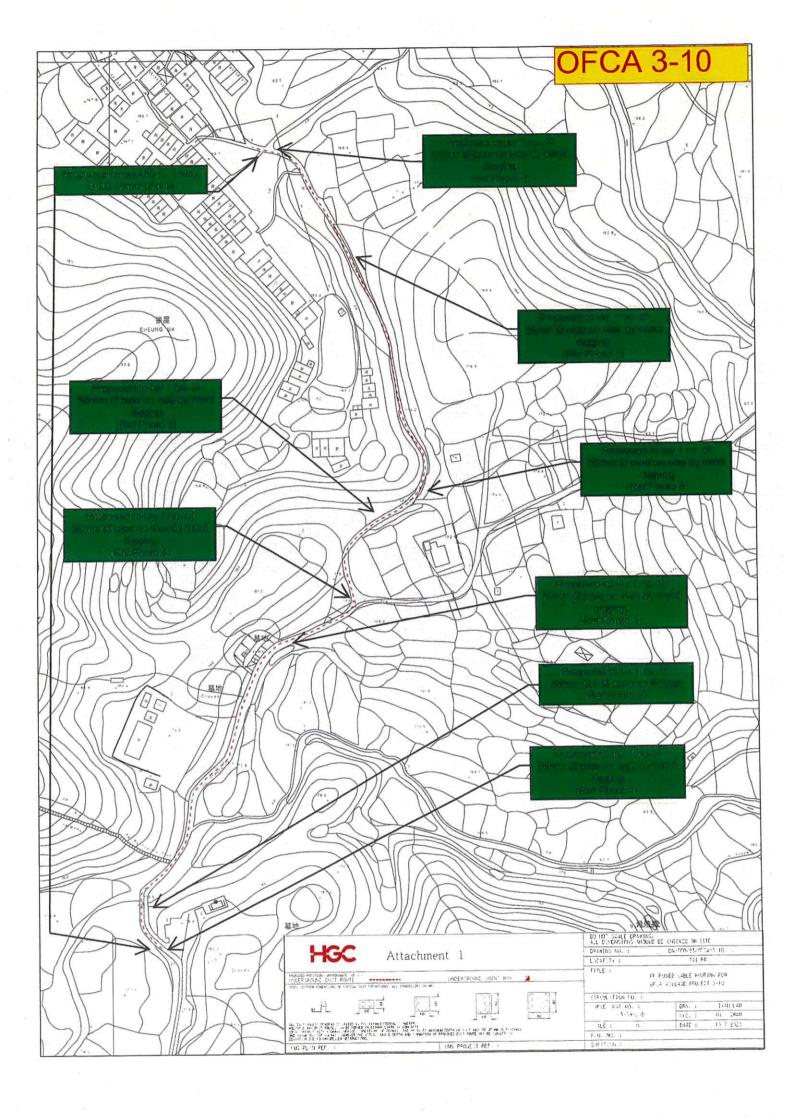
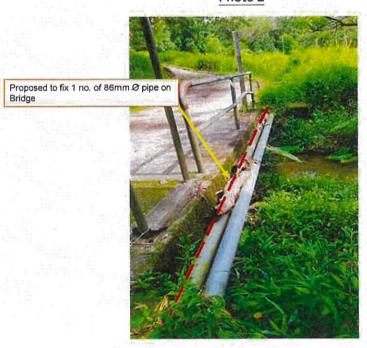


Photo 1



Photo 2



### Photo 3



Photo 4



# Photo 5



Photo 6



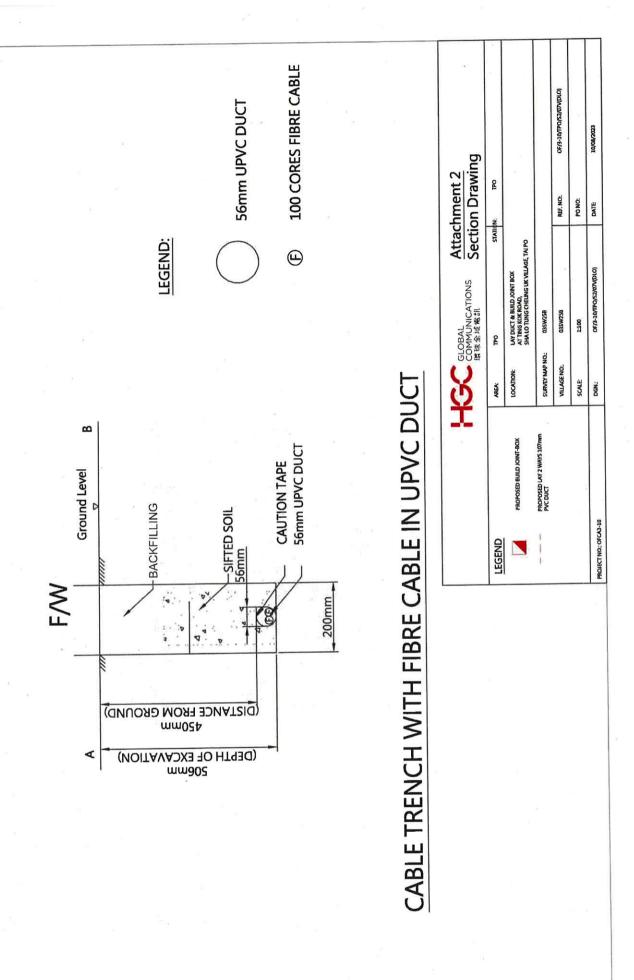
Photo 7



### Photo 8



Proposed to lay 1 no. of 56mm Ø pipe pipe by hand digging



### Attachment 3 - Mitigation Measure-Reply to AFCD's comments

1. The abandoned fields near Cheung Uk are firefly habitats. The fireflies at this location are most active from April to September. Please further elaborate on the use of the road hazard warning lanterns, e.g. whether it is a standard requirement, whether alternative safety measures such as reflective signs would be feasible, etc. To avoid the road hazard warning lanterns causing disturbance to the fireflies, it is recommended that works in the vicinity of Cheung Uk be carried out outside of the active period (i.e. April to September).

The road hazard warning lanterns is a standard requirement under Coder of Practice for the Lighting, Signing and Guarding of Road Works. After considering comments from your office and public, we have revised our proposal as enclosed to minimize excavation area. Based on the revised proposal, it will minimize the use of the road hazard warning lanterns after daily work at nighttime because site fence off will be not required under normal circumstance. Taking your commendation into account, in order not to cause disturbance to the fireflies, works in the vicinity of Cheung Uk is scheduled to be carried out outside of the active period (i.e. after September).

2. With reference to point no. 3 of the Method Statement, it is noted that measures would be in place to prevent construction run-off from entering the nearby ecologically sensitive stream habitats. However, please further elaborate on how sediment-laden run-off contained within the works site would be treated and disposed of.

We have only short section GI pipe work across river. After further reviewing, the excavation material will be removed from site to dumping area daily and our GI pipe work will not be carried out in rainy day as preventive measure.

Some public comments pointed out that the alignment of the proposed works
does not follow exactly the alignment of the existing access, and would
encroach upon a wooded area. Please review the proposed alignment and reconfirm whether any tree felling is anticipated.

After considering comments from your office and public, we have revised our proposal as enclosed not to encroach upon a wooded area. It confirms that no tree felling is anticipated.

4. Please ensure that disruption to the daily access of villagers due to the proposed works is minimised.

Noted. The revised proposal minimizes excavation area to minimize the disruption and not disruption to the daily access of villages during work execution.

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Date

: 23 Sept 2023

Our Reference

: OF/3-10/TPO/S2(TPB)-F

Sender: Mr. Jansen Yuen HGC Global Communications Limited, 9/F, Hutchison Telecom Tower, 99 Cheung Fai Road, Tsing Yi, New Territories

**Town Planning Board Secretariat** 15/F, North Point Government Offices 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong

Dear Sir/Madam,

By Post and Email

# Further Information for Application No. A/NE-SLT/5 for Proposed Public Utility Installation (Telecommunication Duct, Cables) at Sha Lo Tung, Tai Po

Referring to our application Ref No. A/NE-SLT/5 at the captioned location, we herewith provide further information to respond both departmental comments and public comments as enclosed for application processing by your office.

We would highly appreciate it if you could let us have approval for work arrangement soonest possible.

Should you need further information, please feel free to contact us as above information.

Thank you for your kind attention and assistance.

Yours faithfully,

**HGC Global Communications Limited** 

Jansen Yuen

Manager-External Plant

Network and Engineering - NNID

Encl.

## Further information for responding to Departmental comment to

## S 16 Planning Applications no. A/NE-SLT/5

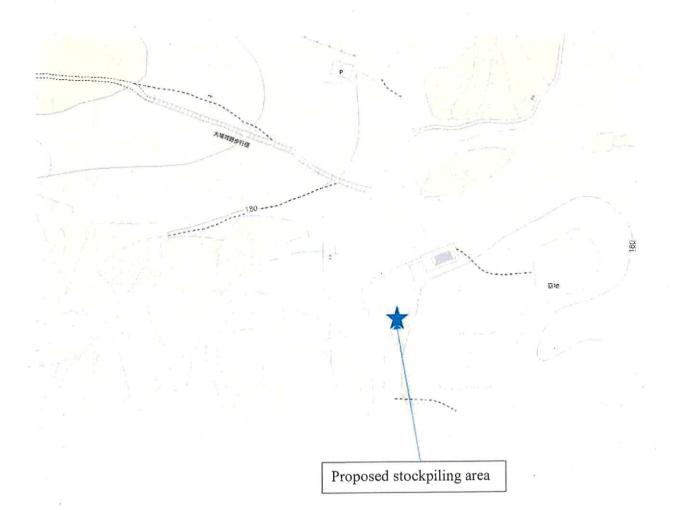
- 1. Minimize the width of excavation is approx. 200mm only as shown in section drawing enclosed in our application.
- 2. Hand digging is applied without excavator to avoid damage and not to affect existing tress.
- 3. Work will be carried out section by section.
- 4. Backfilling work will be carried out daily.

### Further information for responding to Public comment to

### S 16 Planning Applications no. A/NE-SLT/5

- 1. Our work has Government policy support as it is under Subsidy Scheme to Extend Fibre-based Networks to Villages in Remote Areas from the Office of The Communications Authority (OFCA).
  - The purpose of our work is to enhance Telecommunication Services such as local fixed network and broadband connection to the village. Apart from Telecommunication service delivery to village, Wi-Fi serves to public near village area also.
- After considering previous comments from Government Department and public, we have reviewed our proposal to minimum work scale with minimal requirement to minimize impact.
- 3. Hand digging is considered as a proper and general approach for work near tree. During work execution, it will take care of tree root.
- 4. To cope with AFCD's comment, work is scheduled to be carried out in dry season after September with section by section. Excavation wastage will be removed from site to put on stockpiling area as enclosed location map and photo by trolley. Backfilling work will be carried out daily.
  - After liaison with AFCD, no adverse comment was from AFCD and EDP had no adverse comment on our revised proposal as well. Besides, we would follow advisory comment from other Government Department, if any, to minimize an environmental impact.

# Stockpiling location map



# Proposed stockpiling area



Proposed stockpiling area

# Tree Survey Report along Footpath from Sha Lo Tung Environmental Conservation Centre Car Park to Cheung Uk

Subsidy Scheme to Extended Fibre-based Networks to Villages in Remoted Areas by Office of the Communications Authority

(Fibre-based Networks to Cheung Uk)

Prepared by

(Erik Chaw Sing LEE) Independent Tree Specialist ISA CA HK-0587A

3 December 2023

#### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 HGC was awarded as one of the FNOs under "Subsidy Scheme to Extend Fibre-based Networks to Villages in Remote Areas by Office of the Communications Authority (OFCA) to provide fibre-based networks. In order to provide networks service to Cheung Uk in Sha Lo Tung, it is proposed to lay 1 X 56mm duct diametre PVC ducts along the footpath from Sha Lo Tung Environmental Conservation Centre to Cheung UK. The proposed trench will be about 479.59 metre long. The maximum width of the trench will be 150mm wide and 600mm deep. Please see the proposed route of the trench at Annex A for information. Due to site constraints, this is the only feasible and practical route.
- 1.2 In view of the proposed trench may affect some trees, the purpose of this document is to survey the affected trees, to assess their tree health, tree form, tree structural condition, any damaged to them, their amenity value and recommend mitigation measures and actions that should be taken to preserve them at site without any damage by the proposed trench.
- 1.3 Field tree survey was carried out on 3 December 2023 by the Independent Tree Specialist (ITS), Mr. Erik Chaw Sing LEE, Master in Landscape Management (Sheffield University, UK), Certified Arborist of International Society of Arboriculture (HK-0587A), and Professional Member of the Institute of Horticulture (Hong Kong) and the Certified Arborist Mr. CHEUNG Tin Yau, Certified Arborist of International Society of Arboriculture (HK-2054A). This report is based upon the site tree risk assessment and the surrounding environment concluded by the tree survey team and the tree risk assessment was conducted from various vantage points on the ground immediately adjacent to and at a distance from the tree. A thorough visual inspection of the above-ground portion of the entire tree was conducted.

# 2.0 Tree Survey Methodology

2.1 In accordance with the Lands Administration Office Practice Note Issue No. 2/2020 issued by the Lands Department, a plant is considered as a tree if its trunk diameter measures 95mm or more at a height of 1.3m above the ground level. The existing trees along the footpath from Sha Lo Tung Environmental Conservation Car Park to Cheung Uk that will be affected by the proposed

trench works and with their trunk diameter at or larger than 95mm measured at 1300mm above ground level, will be surveyed and identified with the following information recorded:

- (A) Tree Identity Number: Number individual trees, label on site and denote correspondingly on the tree survey plan;
- (B) Tree Species: Botanical (Scientific) and Chinese names of trees surveyed;
- (C) Tree Size (Measurement):
- (i) Overall Height: Height measured from ground level to the top branch;
- (ii) Trunk diameter (DBH): Diameter at Breast Height, Girth of the main trunk measured at 1.3m above ground level;
- (iii) Crown Spread: Average diameter of the foliage canopy;
- (D) Form:
- (i) Good: Well-balanced crown and straight strong trunk;
- (ii) Fair: Slightly unbalanced crown and non-straight trunk;
- (iii) Poor: Misshapen or awkwardly-forked trunk and / or unbalanced crown;
- (E) Health Condition:
- (i) Good: Sound and healthy trees;
- (ii) Fair: Trees which are with few or no visible defects or health problem
- (iii) Poor: Decays and / or cavities in the main trunk and / or crown die back, severely infected with disease.
- (F) Amenity Value (according to form, size, age, condition and situation of the tree):
- (i) High: Specimen of rare trees to be retained if at all possible or good form and good health.
- (ii) Medium: Trees which individually or collectively make a useful but not vital contribution to the local environment or fair form and fair health / fair form and good health / good form and fair health.
- (iii) Low: Dead, dangerous and unhealthy trees or trees of generally poor form / shape or poor form and fair health / fair form and poor health.
- (G) Anticipated survival rate after transplanting

- (i) High
- (ii) Medium
- (iii) Low
- (H) Proposed treatment
- (i) Retain
- (ii) Transplant
- (iii) Fell
- (iv) To be confirmed
- (I) Remarks: Supplementary notes towards the assessment on each tree

# 3.0 Tree Location Plan

3.1 Please see Annex B for the tree location plan.

#### 4.0 Tree Assessment Schedule

4.1 Please see the tree assessment schedule at Annex C.

# 5.0 Photos of Affected Trees

5.1 Please see Annex D for the photographic record of the affected trees.

# 6.0 Summary of Affected Trees

Botanical Name	Chinese Name	Quantity (nos.)
Alangium chinense	八角楓	3
Aporosa dioica	銀柴	3
Bridelia tomentos	土蜜樹	1
Celtis sinensis	朴樹	3
Cinnamomum camphora	樟	4
Ficus hispida	對葉榕	6
Litchi chinensis	荔枝	1
Litsea cubeba	山蒼樹	2

Machilus gamblei	黃心樹	3
Sapium sebiferum	烏桕	1
Schima superba	木荷	$\mathbf{I}_{0}$
Sterculia lanceolata	假蘋婆	2
	Total:	30

6.1 Totally 30 nos. of trees and 12 different tree species were surveyed. They would be affected by the construction of the proposed trench. The tree species recorded are common ornamental species in Hong Kong. No rare or endangered flora species, stonewall trees, Registered Old and Valuable Trees (OVT) and potential OVT were found.

#### 7.0 Method Statement of Trench Works

- 7.1 In view of the site constraints, the proposed trench cannot be located at least 6 times the diameter of the affected tree trunk or outside the tree protection zone. However, in order to preserve the 30 nos. of affected tree on site and minimize any adverse effect on them, a Method Statement of Trench Works is drawn up to ensure the safe trench works without any damage to the affected trees, any properties and any hazard to anybody. It aims at the safest method with zero risk and accident. It also aims at well preserve the affected trees on site and enhance better tree growth.
- 7.2 The trench works will be performed in compliance with the particular specifications as stated in the Tender Contract, the related regulations and the approval of this method statement by the concerned authorities.
- 7.3 In case of any circumstances that may have different conditions from those expected and may require special procedures for the execution of the trench works, such case should seek the appropriate prior approval before the commencement of works.
- 7.4 It is anticipated that the trench works will be started in January 2024 for anticipated completion in March 2024. Work is scheduled tentatively to be carried out from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm in January 2024 or February 2024 or the later date as directed by the authorities.

# 7.5 Emergency Contact Person

Name	Position	Telephone Contact Number
Mr. Jason LOK	Project Manager Hopeful Construction Limited	9180 9990
Mr. Erik Chaw Sing LEE	Independent Tree Specialist	9829 7468
Mr. CHEUNG Tin Yau	Qualified Arborist	6419 0837
	Experience trench works workers	

- 7.6 To ensure absolutely zero accident and no damage to the affected trees, independent tree specialist or qualified arborist should be assigned to monitor the trench works.
- 7.7 For safety reasons and preserving the affected trees, there will be a preworking meeting among all members involved in the trench works operation and they must be made aware of and comply with the control measures identified.
- 7.8 Safety briefing to all trench operatives will be provided by the safety supervisor before commencement of the trench works. All operatives should put on Personal Protective Equipment including safety helmet (EN397), safety boots (EN345) and reflecting vest (EN353). All equipment will be well prepared and safety certificate will be checked prior to their utilization. First aid kit with large wound dressing must be provided at site.
- 7.9 The whole process of the trench works will be under the close supervision of the Independent Tree Specialist / Qualified Arborist. They will advise the digging method to reduce any damage to any trees. They will also find out the escape routes for the operatives.
- 7.10 The whole trench works area will be cordoned off with advisory notices and all trench works must be carried inside the cordon off area.
- 7.11 The trench opening should be carried out by hand digging to avoid any accidental damage to any tree roots. No machinery is allowed for use in the trench digging. Some arboricultural tools and equipment will be used but not limited to the following:

- Sharp secateurs;
- Sharp handy pruning saw;
- Sharp tree root cutter;
- Hessian mat; and
- Tree root fasten string.

All tools and equipment must be checked functioning properly by the Independent Tree Specialist / Qualified Arborist before trench works. All faulty or expired tools should be replaced prior to any digging.

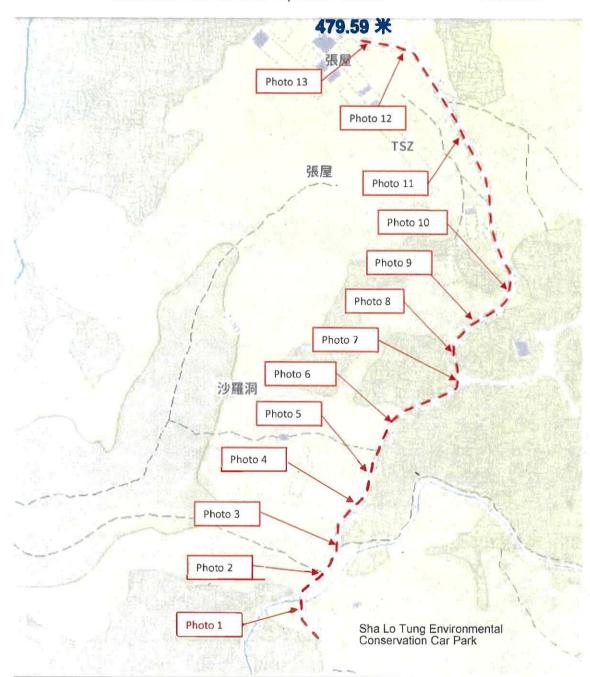
- 7.12 Trench digging can only be carried out by hand. No machinery is allowed for use in the trench opening or digging. If necessary, hand tools can be used. When any tree root is detected, the use of the high pressure air to remove materials or soil covering the tree root is the least injurious method.
- 7.13 Since the trench is not directly under the tree trunk, the possibility of damaging the tape root or main root is very low. However, tree root with diameter over 25 mm is not allowed to be cut. If they are found, they should be protected and preserved. Furthermore, they should be not exposed in the air. They should be immediately wrapped by soaked hessian mat until the backfilling of soil into the trench. The PVC ducts should be laid by tunneling under the preserved roots.
- 7.14 Tree roots with diameter below 25 mm such as small lateral root and small fibrous roots can be cut to give way for the proposed trench and PVC ducts laying. They should be sharp cut by sharp secateurs or sharp tree root cutter to avoid virus or disease attack.
- 7.15 Backfilling of soil into the trench after laying the PVC ducts should be immediately carried out as soon as possible so as not to affect the structural stability of the affected trees.

# 8.0 Report on Completion of Trench Works

8.1 A report on completion of trench works including photo records before, during and after trench works operation should be submitted to within 10 working days.

# 9.0 Conclusion and Recommendation

9.1 Tree preservation is important for environmental protection and sustainable aspects, however, provision of fibre-based networks services to remoted area, Cheung Uk is also significant. There should be a balance between them. In view of the fact that the proposed trench works will not remove or transplant the 30 nos. of affected trees or cause adverse impact on them, grateful if the concerned authority would approve the proposed trench works.



Details of our proposed work for HGC:

Proposed working period: Dec 2023 - Jan 2024

For Footway work:

Proposed to lay 1 x 56mm duct Dia. PVC Ducts

Max. width of our trench: 150mm

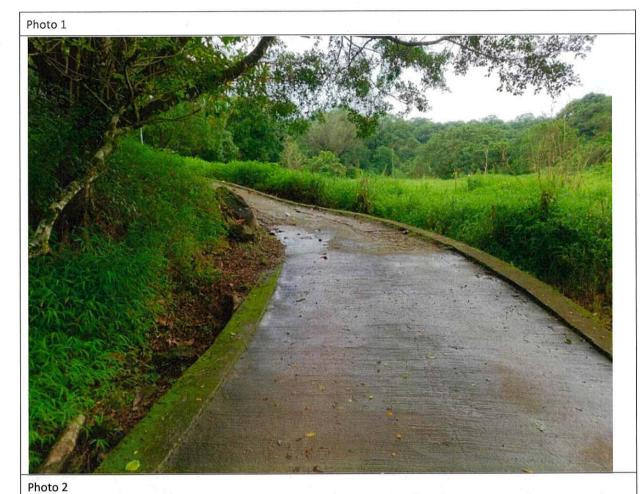








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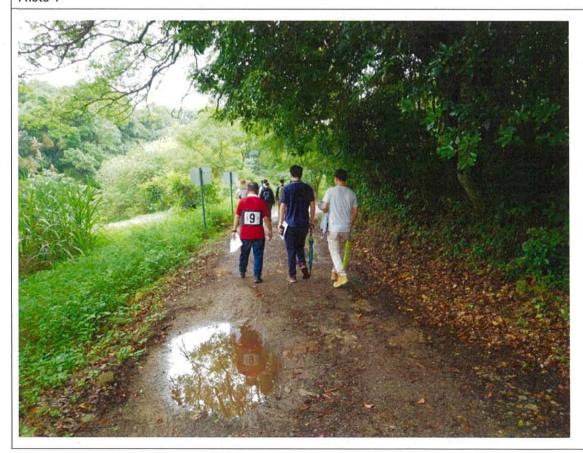




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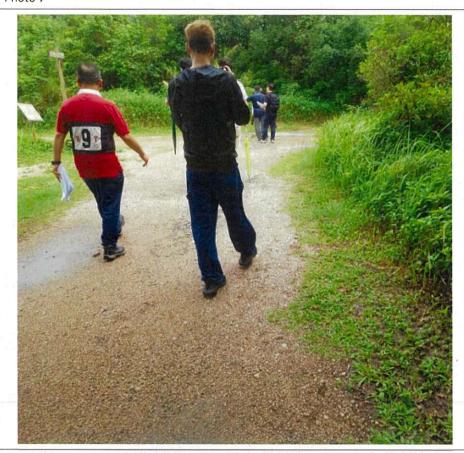


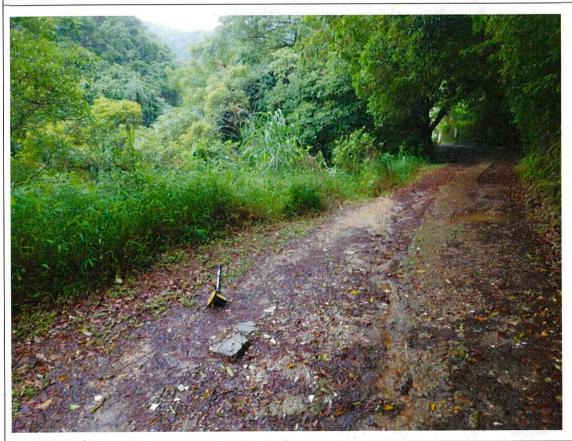
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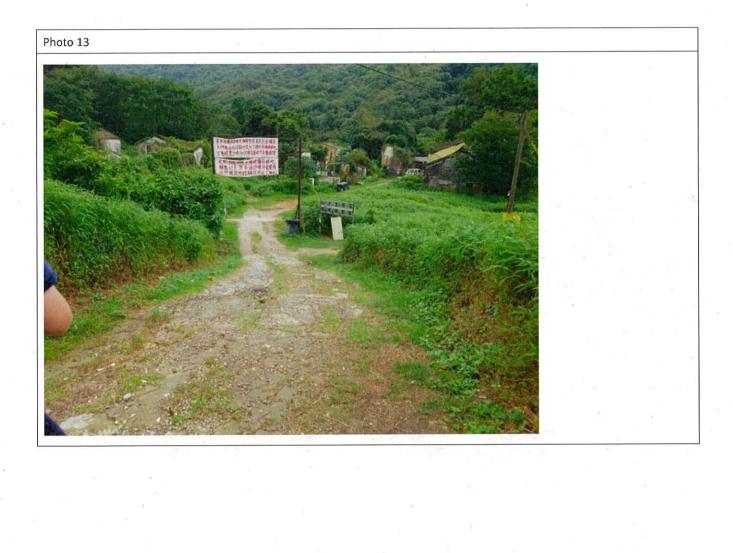


Photo 10









Location Plan of Affected Trees

# Tree Assessment Schedule

Title: Affected Trees along Footpath from Sha Lo Tung Environmental Conservation Car Park to Cheung UK due to Proposed Trench for Provision of Networks Services to Cheung Uk

Surveyed by: Mr. Erik Chaw Sing LEE (ISA HK-0587A) and Mr. Cheung Tin Yau (ISA HK-2054A) Date of Tree Survey: 3 December 2023

Remarks	Unbalance tree crown and trunk wounds, About 3350mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Multiple trunks with unbalance tree crown and leaning; About 3200mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Multiple trunks, unbalance free crown, leaning, dead trunk with severe wood decay; About 3300mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	No significant defects; About 1000mm between centre of the trunk and the trench
Approved Treatment (Retain/ Transplant /Fell)	Retain	Retain	Retain	Retain
Suitability for Transplanting (High/ Medium/Low)	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Amenity Value (High/ Medium /Low)	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
Structural Condition (Good /Fair/ Poor)	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
Health Condition (Good /Fair/ Poor)	Fair	Fair	Poor	Fair
Form (Good /Fair/ Poor)	Fair	Poor	Poor	Fair
Crown Spread (m)	6	4	4	3
Diameter at Breast Height (DBH)	450	140	130	140
Height (m)	13		L	6
Chinese Name	<b>本</b>	山香樹	山着樹	八角楓
Scientific Nam	Schima superba	Litsea cubeba	Litsea cubeba	Alangium chinense
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	Unbalance tree crown, leaning, broken branches; About 1650mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Unbalance tree crown; About 1350mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Unbalance tree crown; About 1300mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Unbalance tree crown, branches crossed with T9; About 1350mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Unbalance tree crown, branches crossed with T8; About 2300mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Unbalance free crown; About 3350mm between centre of the frunk and the french	Multiple trunks; About 3200mm between centre of the trunk and the trench
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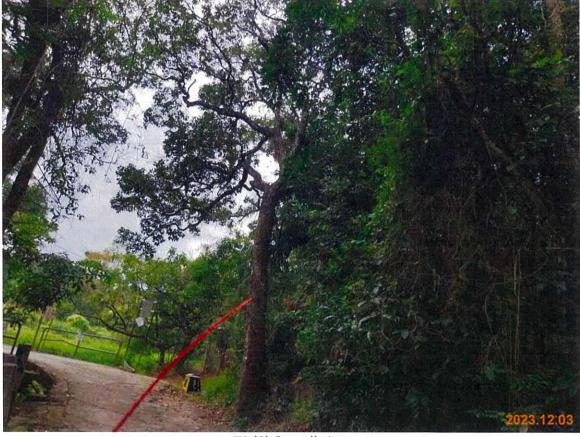
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centre of the trunk and the trench	Co-dominant trunks with included bark, unbalance tree crown; About 3200mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Unbalance tree crown, leaning; About 3300mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Unbalance tree crown, leaning, dead branches, trunk wound; About 1000mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Unbalance tree crown, leaning, broken trunk; About 1650mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	No significant defects; About 1350mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Unbalance tree crown, leaning, co-dominant, trunks, climber; About 1300mm between centre of the trunk and the trench
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	Celtis sinensis	Machilus gamblei	Ficus hispida	Ficus hispida	Machilus gamblei	Ficus hispida
	T19	T20	T21	T22	T23	T24

Unbalance tree crown, leaning, broken trunk; About 1350mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Unbalance tree crown, leaning, co-dominant stems with included bark, climber, sparse tree crown; About 2300mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Co-dominant trunks; About 3350mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Co-dominant trunks; About 3200mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Co-dominant stems; About 3300mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Unbalance crown, leaning About 2300mm between centre of the trunk and the trench
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Ficus hispida	Bridelia tomentosa	Ficus hispida	Ficus hispida	Litchi chinensis	Sapium sebiferum
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T1 (1) Tree tag



T1 (2) Overall view



T30 (1) Tree tag Overall view



T30 (2) Tree tag Overall view



T2 (1) Tree tag



T2 (2) Overall view



T3 (1) Tree tag



T3 (2) Overall view



T4 (1) Tree tag



T4 (2) Overall view



T5 (1) Tree tag



T5 (2) Overall view



T6 (1) Tree tag



T6 (2) Overall view



T7 (1) Tree tag



T7 (2) Overall view



T8 (1) Tree tag



T8 (2) Overall view

Sa Lo Tung Tree Photographic Record



T9 (1) Tree tag



T9 (2) Overall view



T10 (1) Tree tag



T10 (2) Overall view



T11 (1) Tree tag



T11 (2) Overall view



T12 (1) Tree tag



T12 (2) Overall view

Sa Lo Tung Tree Photographic Record



T13 (1) Tree tag



T13 (2) Overall view



T14 (1) Tree tag



T14 (2) Overall view



T15 (1) Tree tag



T15 (2) Overall view



T16 (1) Tree tag



T16 (2) Overall view



T17 (1) Tree tag



T17 (2) Overall view



T18 (1) Tree tag



T18 (2) Overall view



T19 (1) Tree tag



T19 (2) Overall view



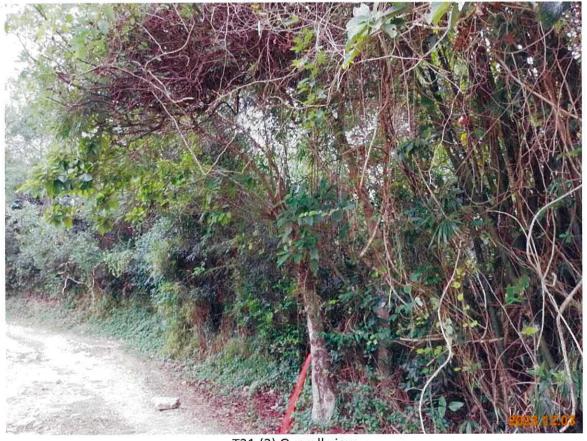
T20 (1) Tree tag



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T21 (1) Tree tag



T21 (2) Overall view



T22 (1) Tree tag



T22 (2) Overall view



T23 (1) Tree tag



T23 (2) Overall view



T24 (1) Tree tag



T24 (2) Overall view



T25 (1) Tree tag



T25 (2) Overall view



T26 (1) Tree tag



T26 (2) Overall view

Sa Lo Tung Tree Photographic Record



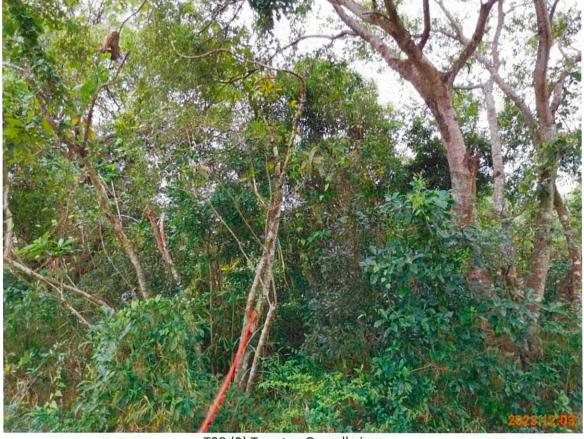
T27 (1) Tree tag



T27 (2) Overall view



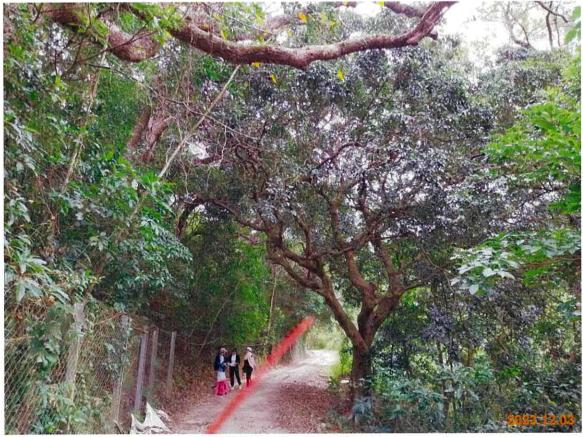
T28 (1) Tree tag Overall view



T28 (2) Tree tag Overall view



T29 (1) Tree tag Overall view



T29 (2) Tree tag Overall view

#### Method Statement

- 1) Carry out detection to locate the existing power lines or other underground facilities.
- 2) Proper fencing during the construction time with warning signs/ lighting e.g. road Hazard Warning Lanterns will be provided if necessary.

Work area: Max. 30m(L) x Max. 2m(W)each time

Lighting: Road Hazard Warning Lanterns will be provided to indicate to road users the limits of the works during the hours of darkness or at times of poor visibility.

3) Only a very minor portion of the proposed work will be taken place aboveground near the bridge.

Galvanized Iron Pipes (G.I. pipes) will be used due to its durability even under extreme climate. To minimise the impact to the surroundings environment, G.I with the smallest size (6m (L) x 0.086m (diameter)) will be used and no excavation will be taken place in this area. Place sandbags surround the construction site to avoid any ecological impact and runoff from the works area to the natural stream. Paying close attention to the weather forecast in order to refrain from working on rainy day.

4) Break up road surface and excavate the soil.

Work area: Max. 30m(L) x Max. 2m(W)each time update the diameter

- 5) Fixing 1x86mm dia. G.I. pipes / Laying duct with 1x56mm dia. PVC ducts/
- For duct laying work at dirt area will be kept as minimum by best effort but it is subject to an underground condition. .
- 6) The Site will be backfilled with soil to the current level and reinstated to the current condition upon completion of the proposed installation. AFCD will be notified upon the completion of the proposed work.
- 7) Excavated materials will be transported away by trolley to the designated temporary stockpiling area (as agreed by AFCD).

The stockpiling area with fenced off will be cleaned regularly with 2 or 3 times per week and frequency will be subject to the volume of excavated material.

- 8) Check reinstatement quality and report completion of works
- 9) Tentative work duration: The proposed work will only be carried out in dry seasons as advised by AFCD and the duration of the installation will be within Not more than 2 months.
- 10) Noting that the alignment is in close proximity to some mature trees, please clarify excavation will be carried out by what method. Felling of trees will not be taken place in this project.

(ii) For Type (ii) applica	ution 供第(ii)類申請					
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(b) Intended use/development 有意進行的用途/發展	Public Utility Installa and Excavation of La		ommunication Duct, G.	l Pipe, Cables		
(iii) For Type (iii) applic	ration 供第(iii)類申請					
	Public utility installation  Utility installation for present the type and reach building/structure, whe	orivate project 私 number of utility re appropriate	拖裝置 人發展計劃的公用設施裝置 to be provided as well as the di 建築物/構築物(倘有)的長度			
6 °	Name/type of installation 裝置名稱/種類	Number of provision 數量	Dimension of each /building/structure (m) (LxWx 每個裝置/建築物/構築物 (米) (長 x 闊 x 高)			
(a) Nature and scale 性質及規模	Duct	1	454(L) x Ø0.056 (Diameter	)		
	Cables	2	460(L) x Ø0.012 (Diameter)	9		
7	Duct	1	6(L) XØ0.086 (Diameter)	-		
	(Please illustrate on plan the layout of the installation 請用圖則顯示裝置的布局)					

7. Anticipated Completio 擬議發展計劃的預		of the Development Proposal 時間
擬議發展計劃預期完成的年份及 (Separate anticipated completion Government, institution or common	b月份 (分 times (in unity facili	month and year) should be provided for the proposed public open space and
2024 年3月		
C. None Belleting 11 Section 11 Section 2015	10.00	
8. Vehicular Access Arra 擬議發展計劃的行		t of the Development Proposal 安排
Any vehicular access to the site/subject building?	Yes 是	✓ There is an existing access. (please indicate the street name, where appropriate) 有一條現有車路。(請註明車路名稱(如適用)) 通往沙螺洞張屋村的無名路
是否有車路通往地盤/有關 建築物?		□ There is a proposed access. (please illustrate on plan and specify the width) 有一條擬議車路。(請在圖則顯示,並註明車路的闊度)
	No·否	
Any provision of parking space for the proposed use(s)? 是否有為擬議用途提供停車位?	Yes 是 No 否	□ (Please specify type(s) and number(s) and illustrate on plan) 請註明種類及數目並於圖則上顯示) Private Car Parking Spaces 私家車車位 Motorcycle Parking Spaces 電單車車位 Light Goods Vehicle Parking Spaces 輕型貨車泊車位 Medium Goods Vehicle Parking Spaces 中型貨車泊車位 Heavy Goods Vehicle Parking Spaces 重型貨車泊車位 Others (Please Specify) 其他 (請列明)
Any provision of loading/unloading space for the proposed use(s)? 是否有為擬議用途提供上落客貨車位?	Yes 是	□ (Please specify type(s) and number(s) and illustrate on plan) 請註明種類及數目並於圖則上顯示) Taxi Spaces 的士車位 Coach Spaces 旅遊巴車位 Light Goods Vehicle Spaces 輕型貨車車位 Medium Goods Vehicle Spaces 中型貨車車位 Heavy Goods Vehicle Spaces 重型貨車車位 Others (Please Specify) 其他 (請列明)
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The applicant is invited to provide justifications in support of the application. Use separate sheets if necessary. 現請申請人提供申請理由及支持其申請的資料。如有需要,請另頁說明。
就香港特別行政區政府於二〇九年推出"擴展光纖網絡至偏遠地區鄉村(資助計劃)",此資則
計劃涵蓋.235.條鄉村,透過資助形式鼓勵本地固網營辦商(固網商)擴展光纖網絡連接偏遠鄉村
.分.佈於.9.個新界及離島區內.(.包括北區.、.西貢.、.大埔.、沙田.、元朗、.屯門、.荃灣、.葵青及離島
.) ,提升偏遠地區的光纖網絡覆蓋,並為其推展其他不同類型的電訊服務提供所需的基礎設施,於
偏遠地區更普及,當中沙螺洞張屋村資助計劃所涵蓋的鄉村,該工程為項目三里程碑的第二期部
分, 並需於2024年3月31完成工程, 為該村提供服務及交付所有報告文件。
本公司(環球全域電訊有限公司)為獲選受資助的固網商,現需在沙螺洞張屋村安排工程鋪
設地下光纖網絡,預計有關工程施工期需要約2個月,會根據線路沿途放設地下管道為村民提供理想
的光纖服務,滿足本港偏遠地區村民對高速寬頻服務的需求。
因部分路段(OZP No.: S/NE-SLT/4)涉及「綠化地帶」、「自然保育區」、「具特殊科學
價值地點」、「鄉村式發展」範圍(如附圖所示),有關上述堀路工程將於泥地之行人路上沿路
靠邊進行,為了減少對植披影響,部分路段於特殊科學價值地點並不需要挖掘,現應地政署要求希
望得到貴署批核同意在該地段進行上述所述工程, 敬希照准。
   備註:
管道鋪設挖土範圍約 454米(長) x 0.2 米(闊) x 0.51米(深)
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10. Justifications 理由

Tree Survey Report along Footpath from Sha Lo Tung Environmental Conservation Centre Car Park to Cheung Uk

Subsidy Scheme to Extended Fibre-based Networks to Villages in Remoted Areas by Office of the Communications Authority

(Fibre-based Networks to Cheung Uk)

Prepared by

(Erik Chaw Sing LEE) Independent Tree Specialist ISA CA HK-0587A

3 December 2023

### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 HGC was awarded as one of the FNOs under "Subsidy Scheme to Extend Fibre-based Networks to Villages in Remote Areas by Office of the Communications Authority (OFCA) to provide fibre-based networks. In order to provide networks service to Cheung Uk in Sha Lo Tung, it is proposed to lay 1 X 56mm duct diameter PVC ducts and 1 X 86mm GI pipe diameter along the footpath from Sha Lo Tung Environmental Conservation Centre to Cheung UK. The proposed trench will be about 460 metre long. The maximum width of the trench will be 200mm wide and 510mm deep. Please see the proposed route of the trench at Annex A for information. Due to site constraints, this is the only feasible and practical route.
- 1.2 In view of the proposed trench may affect some trees, the purpose of this document is to survey the affected trees, to assess their tree health, tree form, tree structural condition, any damaged to them, their amenity value and recommend mitigation measures and actions that should be taken to preserve them at site without any damage by the proposed trench.
- 1.3 Field tree survey was carried out on 3 December 2023 by the Independent Tree Specialist (ITS), Mr. Erik Chaw Sing LEE, Master in Landscape Management (Sheffield University, UK), Certified Arborist of International Society of Arboriculture (HK-0587A), and Professional Member of the Institute of Horticulture (Hong Kong) and the Certified Arborist Mr. CHEUNG Tin Yau, Certified Arborist of International Society of Arboriculture (HK-2054A). This report is based upon the site tree risk assessment and the surrounding environment concluded by the tree survey team and the tree risk assessment was conducted from various vantage points on the ground immediately adjacent to and at a distance from the tree. A thorough visual inspection of the above-ground portion of the entire tree was conducted.

### 2.0 Tree Survey Methodology

2.1 In accordance with the Lands Administration Office Practice Note Issue No. 2/2020 issued by the Lands Department, a plant is considered as a tree if its trunk diameter measures 95mm or more at a height of 1.3m above the ground level. The existing trees along the footpath from Sha Lo Tung Environmental Conservation Car Park to Cheung Uk that will be affected by the proposed

trench works and with their trunk diameter at or larger than 95mm measured at 1300mm above ground level, will be surveyed and identified with the following information recorded:

- (A) Tree Identity Number: Number individual trees, label on site and denote correspondingly on the tree survey plan;
- (B) Tree Species: Botanical (Scientific) and Chinese names of trees surveyed;
- (C) Tree Size (Measurement):
- (i) Overall Height: Height measured from ground level to the top branch;
- (ii) Trunk diameter (DBH): Diameter at Breast Height, Girth of the main trunk measured at 1.3m above ground level;
- (iii) Crown Spread: Average diameter of the foliage canopy;
- (D) Form:
- (i) Good: Well-balanced crown and straight strong trunk;
- (ii) Fair: Slightly unbalanced crown and non-straight trunk;
- (iii) Poor: Misshapen or awkwardly-forked trunk and / or unbalanced crown;
- (E) Health Condition:
- (i) Good: Sound and healthy trees;
- (ii) Fair: Trees which are with few or no visible defects or health problem
- (iii) Poor: Decays and / or cavities in the main trunk and / or crown die back, severely infected with disease.
- (F) Amenity Value (according to form, size, age, condition and situation of the tree):
- (i) High: Specimen of rare trees to be retained if at all possible or good form and good health.
- (ii) Medium: Trees which individually or collectively make a useful but not vital contribution to the local environment or fair form and fair health / fair form and good health / good form and fair health.
- (iii) Low: Dead, dangerous and unhealthy trees or trees of generally poor form / shape or poor form and fair health / fair form and poor health.
- (G) Anticipated survival rate after transplanting

- (i) High
- (ii) Medium
- (iii) Low
- (H) Proposed treatment
- (i) Retain
- (ii) Transplant
- (iii) Fell
- (iv) To be confirmed
- (I) Remarks: Supplementary notes towards the assessment on each tree

### 3.0 Tree Location Plan

3.1 Please see Annex B for the tree location plan.

### 4.0 Tree Assessment Schedule

4.1 Please see the tree assessment schedule at Annex C.

### 5.0 Photos of Affected Trees

5.1 Please see Annex D for the photographic record of the affected trees.

# 6.0 Summary of Affected Trees

Botanical Name	Chinese Name	Quantity (nos.)		
Alangium chinense	八角楓	3		
Aporosa dioica	銀柴	3		
Bridelia tomentos	土蜜樹	1		
Celtis sinensis	朴樹	3		
Cinnamomum camphora	樟	4		
Ficus hispida	對葉榕	6		
Ficus elastica	印度榕	1		
Litchi chinensis	荔枝	1		

Litsea cubeba	山蒼樹	2
Machilus gamblei	黄心樹	3
Sapium sebiferum	烏桕	1
Schima superba	木荷	1
Sterculia lanceolata	假蘋婆	2
	Total:	31

6.1 Totally 31 nos. of trees and 13 different tree species were surveyed. They would be affected by the construction of the proposed trench. The tree species recorded are common ornamental species in Hong Kong. No rare or endangered flora species, stonewall trees, Registered Old and Valuable Trees (OVT) and potential OVT were found.

### 7.0 Method Statement of Trench Works

- 7.1 In view of the site constraints, the proposed trench cannot be located at least 6 times the diameter of the affected tree trunk or outside the tree protection zone. However, in order to preserve the 31 nos. of affected tree on site and minimize any adverse effect on them, a Method Statement of Trench Works is drawn up to ensure the safe trench works without any damage to the affected trees, any properties and any hazard to anybody. It aims at the safest method with zero risk and accident. It also aims at well preserve the affected trees on site and enhance better tree growth.
- 7.2 The trench works will be performed in compliance with the particular specifications as stated in the Tender Contract, the related regulations and the approval of this method statement by the concerned authorities.
- 7.3 In case of any circumstances that may have different conditions from those expected and may require special procedures for the execution of the trench works, such case should seek the appropriate prior approval before the commencement of works.
- 7.4 It is anticipated that the trench works will be started in January 2024 for anticipated completion in February 2024 tentatively. Works will be carried out from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm on 9 December 2023 or the later date as directed by the authorities.

### 7.5 Emergency Contact Person

Name	Position	Telephone Contact Number	
Mr. Jason LOK	Project Manager Hopeful Construction Limited	9180 9990	
Mr. Erik Chaw Sing LEE	Independent Tree Specialist	9829 7468	
Mr. CHEUNG Tin Yau	Qualified Arborist	64190837	
, a	Experience trench works workers	a	

- 7.6 To ensure absolutely zero accident and no damage to the affected trees, independent tree specialist or qualified arborist should be assigned to monitor the trench works.
- 7.7 For safety reasons and preserving the affected trees, there will be a preworking meeting among all members involved in the trench works operation and they must be made aware of and comply with the control measures identified.
- 7.8 Safety briefing to all trench operatives will be provided by the safety supervisor before commencement of the trench works. All operatives should put on Personal Protective Equipment including safety helmet (EN397), safety boots (EN345) and reflecting vest (EN353). All equipment will be well prepared and safety certificate will be checked prior to their utilization. First aid kit with large wound dressing must be provided at site.
- 7.9 The whole process of the trench works will be under the close supervision of the Independent Tree Specialist / Qualified Arborist. They will advise the digging method to reduce any damage to any trees. They will also find out the escape routes for the operatives.
- 7.10 The whole trench works area will be cordoned off with advisory notices and all trench works must be carried inside the cordon off area.
- 7.11 The trench opening should be carried out by hand digging to avoid any accidental damage to any tree roots. No machinery is allowed for use in the

trench digging. Some arboricultural tools and equipment will be used but not limited to the following:

- Sharp secateurs;
- Sharp handy pruning saw;
- Sharp tree root cutter;
- · Hessian mat; and
- · Tree root fasten string.

All tools and equipment must be checked functioning properly by the Independent Tree Specialist / Qualified Arborist before trench works. All faulty or expired tools should be replaced prior to any digging.

- 7.12 Trench digging can only be carried out by hand. No machinery is allowed for use in the trench opening or digging. If necessary, hand tools can be used. When any tree root is detected, the use of the high pressure air to remove materials or soil covering the tree root is the least injurious method.
- 7.13 Since the trench is not directly under the tree trunk, the possibility of damaging the tape root or main root is very low. However, tree root with diameter over 25 mm is not allowed to be cut. If they are found, they should be protected and preserved. Furthermore, they should be not exposed in the air. They should be immediately wrapped by soaked hessian mat until the backfilling of soil into the trench. The PVC ducts should be laid by tunneling under the preserved roots.
- 7.14 Tree roots with diameter below 25 mm such as small lateral root and small fibrous roots can be cut to give way for the proposed trench and PVC ducts laying. They should be sharp cut by sharp secateurs or sharp tree root cutter to avoid virus or disease attack.
- 7.15 Backfilling of soil into the trench after laying the PVC ducts should be immediately carried out as soon as possible so as not to affect the structural stability of the affected trees.

## 8.0 Report on Completion of Trench Works

8.1 A report on completion of trench works including photo records before, during and after trench works operation should be submitted to within 10 working days.

### 9.0 Conclusion and Recommendation

9.1 Tree preservation is important for environmental protection and sustainable aspects, however, provision of fibre-based networks services to remoted area, Cheung Uk is also significant. There should be a balance between them. In view of the fact that the proposed trench works will not remove or transplant the 31 nos. of affected trees or cause adverse impact on them, grateful if the concerned authority would approve the proposed trench works.

Details of our proposed work for HGC:

Tentative working period: Jan 2024 -Feb 2024

For Footway work:

Proposed to lay 1 x 56mm duct Dia. PVC Ducts and 1 x 86mm GI pipe with approx. 460 m

Max. width of our trench: 200mm

Location Plan of Affected Trees

Tree Assessment Schedule

Title: Affected Trees along Footpath from Sha Lo Tung Environmental Conservation Car Park to Cheung UK due to Proposed Trench for Provision of Networks Services to Cheung Uk

Surveyed by: Mr. Erik Chaw Sing LEE (ISA HK-0587A) and Mr. Cheung Tin Yau (ISA HK-2054A) Date of Tree Survey: 3 December 2023

Remarks	Unbalance tree crown and trunk wounds; About 3350mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Multiple trunks with unbalance tree crown and leaning; About 3200 mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Multiple trunks, unbalance tree crown, leaning, dead trunk with severe wood decay; About 3300 mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	No significant defects; About 1000mm between centre of the trunk and the trench
Approved Treatment (Retain/ Transplant /Fell)	Retain	Retain	Retain	Retain
Suitability for Transplanting (High/ Medium/Low)	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Amenity Value (High/ Medium /Low)	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
Structural Condition (Good /Fair/ Poor)	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
Health Condition (Good /Fair/ Poor)	Fair	Fair	Poor	Fair
Form (Good /Fair/ Poor)	Fair	Poor	Poor	Fair
Crown Spread (m)	6	4	4	rs .
Diameter at Breast Height (DBH)	450	140	130	140
Height (m)	13	_	r	6 .
Chinese	本	日春樹	山 養養	八角櫃
Scientific Nam	Schima superba	Litsea cubeba	Litsea cubeba	Alangium chinense
Tree No.	E	7.7	13	T4

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Unbalance tree crown, leaning, broken branches; About 1650mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Unbalance tree crown; About 1350mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Unbalance tree crown; About 1300 mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Unbalance tree crown, branches crossed with T9; About 1350mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Unbalance tree crown, branches crossed with T8; About 2300mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Unbalance tree crown; About 3350mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Multiple trunks; About 3200mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Unbalance tree crown, leaning; About 3300mm between centre of the trunk and the trench
Retain	Retain	Retain	Retain	Retain	Retain	Retain	Retain
Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Medium	Medium	Low	Medium
Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
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Machilus gamblei	Cettis sinensis	Celtis sinensis	Сіппатопит сатрнога	Sterculia Ianceolata	Sterculia Ianceolata	Aporosa dioica	Alangium chinense
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Co-dominant stems, unbalance tree crown, cavity at trunk base, decayed wood; About 1000mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Crooked trunk, unbalance tree crown, leaning; About 1650mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Co-dominant trunks; About 1350mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Unbalance tree crown, codominant stems; About 1300mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Unbalance tree crown, leaning, small cavity at trunk base, large trunk broken wound with severe wood decay, crooked trunk;  About 1350mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Co-dominant stems; About 3350mm between centre of the trunk and the trench
Retain	Retain	Retain	Retain	Retain	Retain
Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Medium
Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Poor	Fair
Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Poor	Fair
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450	100	110	360	200	95
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魯	八角機	紫	晕	類	報券
сатрнога	Alangium chinense	Aporosa dioica	Cinnamonum	сатрнога	Aporosa dioica
113	T14	T15	T16	T17	118

Co-dominant trunks with included bark, unbalance tree crown; About 3200mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Unbalance tree crown, leaning; About 3300mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Unbalance tree crown, leaning, dead branches, trunk wound; About 1000mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Unbalance tree crown, leaning, broken trunk; About 1650mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	No significant defects; About 1350mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Unbalance tree crown, leaning, co-dominant trunks, climber; About 1300mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Unbalance tree crown, leaning, broken trunk; About 1350mm between centre of the trunk and the trench
Retain	Retain	Retain '	Retain	Retain	Retain	Retain
Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
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<b>秦</b>	極心極	野葉榕	對葉榕	黄心横	松林	野葉榕
Celtis sinensis	Machilus gamblei	Ficus hispida	Ficus hispida	Machilus gamblei	Ficus hispida	Ficus hispida
T19	T20	121	T22	T23	T24	125

Unbalance tree crown, leaning, co-dominant stems with included bark, climber, sparse tree crown; About 2300mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Co-dominant trunks; About 3350mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Co-dominant trunks; About 3200mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Co-dominant stems; About 3300mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Unbalance crown, leaning About 2300mm between centre of the trunk and the trench	Multiple trunks, codominant stems, aerial roots, dead branches; About 4500 mm between centre of the trunk and the trench
Retain	Retain	Retain	Retain	Retain	Retain
Low	Medium	Medium	Low	Medium	Medium
Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
Poor	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
Poor	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
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上蜜母	野葉榕	野葉榕	類枝	即	印度榕
Bridelia tomentosa	Ficus hispida	Ficus hispida	Litchi chinensis	Sapium sebiferum	Ficus elastica
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T1 (1) Tree tag



T1 (2) Overall view



T2 (1) Tree tag



T2 (2) Overall view

Sa Lo Tung Tree Photographic Record



T3 (1) Tree tag



T3 (2) Overall view



T4 (1) Tree tag



T4 (2) Overall view

Sa Lo Tung Tree Photographic Record



T5 (1) Tree tag



T5 (2) Overall view



T6 (1) Tree tag



T6 (2) Overall view



T7 (1) Tree tag



T7 (2) Overall view



T8 (1) Tree tag



T8 (2) Overall view

Sa Lo Tung Tree Photographic Record



T9 (1) Tree tag



T9 (2) Overall view



T10 (1) Tree tag



T10 (2) Overall view



T11 (1) Tree tag



T11 (2) Overall view



T12 (1) Tree tag



T12 (2) Overall view



T13 (1) Tree tag



T13 (2) Overall view



T14 (1) Tree tag



T14 (2) Overall view



T15 (1) Tree tag



T15 (2) Overall view



T16 (1) Tree tag



T16 (2) Overall view



T17 (1) Tree tag



T17 (2) Overall view



T18 (1) Tree tag



T18 (2) Overall view



T19 (1) Tree tag



T19 (2) Overall view



T20 (1) Tree tag



T20 (2) Overall view



T21 (1) Tree tag



T21 (2) Overall view



T22 (1) Tree tag



T22 (2) Overall view



T23 (1) Tree tag



T23 (2) Overall view



T24 (1) Tree tag



T24 (2) Overall view

Sa Lo Tung. Tree Photographic Record



T25 (1) Tree tag



T25 (2) Overall view



T26 (1) Tree tag



T26 (2) Overall view

Sa Lo Tung Tree Photographic Record



T27 (1) Tree tag



T27 (2) Overall view



T28 (1) Tree tag Overall view



T28 (2) Tree tag Overall view



T29 (1) Tree tag Overall view



T29 (2) Tree tag Overall view



T30 (1) Tree tag Overall view



T30 (2) Tree tag Overall view



T31 (1) Tree tag Overall view



T31 (2) Tree tag Overall view

## Method Statement

- 1) Carry out detection to locate the existing power lines or other underground facilities.
- 2) Proper fencing during the construction time with warning signs/ lighting e.g. road Hazard Warning Lanterns will be provided if necessary.

Work area: Max. 30m(L) x Max. 2m(W)each time

Lighting: Road Hazard Warning Lanterns will be provided to indicate to road users the limits of the works during the hours of darkness or at times of poor visibility.

3) Only a very minor portion of the proposed work will be taken place aboveground near the bridge.

Galvanized Iron Pipes (G.I. pipes) will be used due to its durability even under extreme climate. To minimise the impact to the surroundings environment, G.I with the smallest size (6m (L) x 0.086m (diameter)) will be used and no excavation will be taken place in this area. Place sandbags surround the construction site to avoid any ecological impact and runoff from the works area to the natural stream. Paying close attention to the weather forecast in order to refrain from working on rainy day.

4) Break up road surface and excavate the soil.

Work area: Max. 30m(L) x Max. 2m(W)each time.

- 5) Fixing 1x86mm dia. G.I. pipes / Laying duct with 1x56mm dia. PVC ducts.
- For duct laying work at dirt area will be kept as minimum by best effort but it is subject to an underground condition.
- 6) The Site will be backfilled with soil to the current level and reinstated to the current condition upon completion of the proposed installation.
- 7) Excavated materials will be transported away by trolley to the designated temporary stockpiling area (as agreed by AFCD).

The excavated material inside the stockpiling area will be fenced off and cleared regularly with 2 or 3 times per week and frequency will be subject to the volume of excavated material.

- 8) Work commencement notification will be sent to the relevant authorities including AFCD, CCO, Lands Department two weeks in advance and check reinstatement quality with reporting completion of works to the relevant authorities including AFCD, CCO and Lands Department.
- 9) Tentative work duration: The proposed work will only be carried out in dry seasons as advised by AFCD and the duration of the installation will be within 2 months.
- 10) Noting that the alignment is in close proximity to some mature trees, excavation will be carried out by hand digging. Felling of trees will not be taken place in this project.

7. Anticipated Completion Time of the Development Proposal 擬議發展計劃的預計完成時間  Anticipated completion time (in month and year) of the development proposal (by phase (if any)) (e.g. June 2023) 擬議發展計劃預期完成的年份及月份 (分期 (倘有)) (例:2023 年 6 月) (Separate anticipated completion times (in month and year) should be provided for the proposed public open space and Government, institution or community facilities (if any)) (申請人須就擬議的公眾休憩用地及政府、機構或社區設施(倘有)提供個別擬議完成的年份及月份)					
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site/subject building?		通往沙螺洞張屋村的無名路			
是否有車路通往地盤/有關建築物?		There is a proposed access. (please illustrate on plan and specify the width) 有一條擬議車路。(請在圖則顯示,並註明車路的闊度)			
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10. Justifications 理由	
The applicant is invited to provide justifications in support of the application 現請申請人提供申請理由及支持其申請的資料。如有需要,請另頁說明	
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## Tree Survey Report along Footpath from Sha Lo Tung Environmental Conservation Centre Car Park to Cheung Uk

Subsidy Scheme to Extended Fibre-based Networks to Villages in Remoted Areas by Office of the Communications Authority

(Fibre-based Networks to Cheung Uk)

Prepared by

(Erik Chaw Sing LEE) Independent Tree Specialist ISA CA HK-0587A

28 December 2023

Litsea cubeba	山蒼樹	2
Machilus gamblei	黄心樹	3
Sapium sebiferum	烏桕	1
Schima superba	木荷	1
Sterculia lanceolata	假蘋婆	2
	Total:	31

6.1 Totally 31 nos. of trees and 13 different tree species were surveyed. They would be affected by the construction of the proposed trench. The tree species recorded are common ornamental species in Hong Kong. No rare or endangered flora species, stonewall trees, Registered Old and Valuable Trees (OVT) and potential OVT were found.

## 7.0 Method Statement of Trench Works

- 7.1 In view of the site constraints, the proposed trench cannot be located at least 6 times the diameter of the affected tree trunk or outside the tree protection zone. However, in order to preserve the 31 nos. of affected tree on site and minimize any adverse effect on them, a Method Statement of Trench Works is drawn up to ensure the safe trench works without any damage to the affected trees, any properties and any hazard to anybody. It aims at the safest method with zero risk and accident. It also aims at well preserve the affected trees on site and enhance better tree growth.
- 7.2 The trench works will be performed in compliance with the particular specifications as stated in the Tender Contract, the related regulations and the approval of this method statement by the concerned authorities.
- 7.3 In case of any circumstances that may have different conditions from those expected and may require special procedures for the execution of the trench works, such case should seek the appropriate prior approval before the commencement of works.
- 7.4 It is anticipated that the trench works will be started in January 2024 for anticipated completion in February 2024 tentatively (Monday to Saturday except Sunday and public holiday). Works will be carried out from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm on 29 January 2024 or the later date as directed by the authorities.

## Extract of Town Planning Board Guidelines for Application for Development within "GB" zone under Section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance

- (a) there is a general presumption against development (other than redevelopment) in a "GB" zone. In general the Board will only be prepared to approve applications for development in the context of requests to rezone to an appropriate use;
- (b) an application for new development in a "GB" zone will only be considered in exceptional circumstances and must be justified with very strong planning grounds. The scale and intensity of the proposed development including the plot ratio, site coverage and building height should be compatible with the character of surrounding areas. With the exception of New Territories Exempted Houses, a plot ratio up to 0.4 for residential development may be permitted;
- (c) applications for G/IC uses and public utility installations must demonstrate that the proposed development is essential and that no alternative sites are available. The plot ratio of the development site may exceed 0.4 so as to minimize the land to be allocated for G/IC uses;
- (d) the design and layout of any proposed development should be compatible with the surrounding area. The development should not involve extensive clearance of existing natural vegetation, affect the existing natural landscape, or cause any adverse visual impact on the surrounding environment;
- (e) the vehicular access road and parking provision proposed should be appropriate to the scale of the development and comply with relevant standards. Access and parking should not adversely affect existing trees or other natural landscape features. Tree preservation and landscaping proposals should be provided;
- (f) the proposed development should not overstrain the capacity of existing and planned infrastructure such as sewerage, roads and water supply. It should not adversely affect drainage or aggravate flooding in the area;
- (g) the proposed development must comply with the development controls and restrictions of areas designated as water gathering grounds; and
- (h) the proposed development should not be susceptible to adverse environmental effects from pollution sources nearby such as traffic noise, unless adequate mitigating measures are provided, and it should not itself be the source of pollution.

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## Previous Application covering the Application Site on the Sha Lo Tung Outline Zoning Plan\_

#### **Rejected Applications**

Application No.	Proposed Development	Date of Consideration	Rejection Reasons
A/DPA/NE-SLT/1	Proposed 120 New Territories Exempted Houses (NTEHs) (Small Houses), Ancillary Village Uses, and Public Car Park and Amenity Area	11.5.2001 (Review)	R1 - R5

#### Rejected reasons

- R1. The proposed development was not in line with the planning intention of the "Unspecified Use" area which was to conserve the rural characteristics, the existing woodlands, the existing natural features and the amenity of the area.
- R2. No assessment had been submitted to demonstrate that the proposed development would not have adverse ecological impact on the area.
- R3. No assessment had been submitted to demonstrate that the proposed development would not have adverse environmental impact on the water gathering ground.
- R4. No assessments had been submitted to demonstrate that the proposed development would not have adverse traffic, drainage, visual and landscape impacts on the surrounding areas.
- R5. There was insufficient information to demonstrate that the necessary infrastructural facilities and the access road to serve the proposed development would be provided.

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To: File Ref: tpbpd <tpbpd@pland.gov.hk>

A/NE-SLT/5 HGC

Government Land in D.D. 31 near Cheung UK, Sha Lo Tung, Tai Po

Site area: 92sq.m

Zoning: "Conservation Area", "Green Belt", "Site of Special Scientific Interest" and "VTD"

Applied development: Telecommunication Duct and Cables / Excavation of Land

Dear TPB Members,

Strong Objections. The plan would extend the telecom service over SSI zoning and into CA. The area is covered is well outside the village enclave.

There has been no approval for development in this ecological sensitive area. HGC has provided no information with regard to the end use of the service.

Excavation of land in Conservation areas is allowed only for essential services to approved operations of community benefit.

Application should be rejected.

Mary Mulvihill

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Attached please see our comments regarding three applications. There are three pdf files attached to this email. If you cannot see/ download/ open these files, please notify us through email.

Also, please do not disclose our email address.

Thank You and Best Regards,

Ecological Advisory Programme Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden

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The Secretary,
Town Planning Board,
15/F, North Point Government Offices,
333, Java Road, North Point,
Hong Kong.
(Email: tpbpd@pland.gov.hk)

19th September, 2023.

By email only

Dear Sir/ Madam,

## Proposed Public Utility Installation(Telecommunication Duct and Cables) and Associated Excavation of Land (A/NE-SLT/5)

- 1. We refer to the captioned.
- 2. There was an application for similar purpose in June 2023 and was withdrawn (A/NE-SLT/4). In the present application, we are glad to see that the alignment would not pass through the woodland now. However, we would still like the Board to consider the following:
- How necessary is this application or the proposed use? Please note that the alignment passes through Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Conservation Area (CA) zones. Is it in line with the planning intention of these zones?
- The alignment would still be very close to the woodland edge including some mature trees (see **Figure 1**). Has the applicant proposed any measures to protect the root system of these trees? Is hand digging enough? Is the proposed depth (about 0.51 m) excessive? Can it be shallower? Has any other methodology been considered like pneumatic soil trenching?
- Is an Environmental Permit under the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance needed for this project?
- 3. We would like the Board to ask a fundamental question: who and how many people are



to be benefited by this project? According to the latest Explanatory Statement of the Approved Sha Lo Tung Outline Zoning Plan, there was only one person living there based on the 2001 Census<sup>1</sup>. Although the 'planned' population would be 288 persons<sup>1</sup>, we urge the Board to liaise with relevant authorities as to whether there would be more than 10 people constantly living there (e.g., stay overnight) at present. We urge the Board to seriously consider the necessity of the project and whether it is of overriding public interest. We urge the Board to seriously consider whether it would be more important to ensure the valuable habitats in Sha Lo Tung would not be impacted.

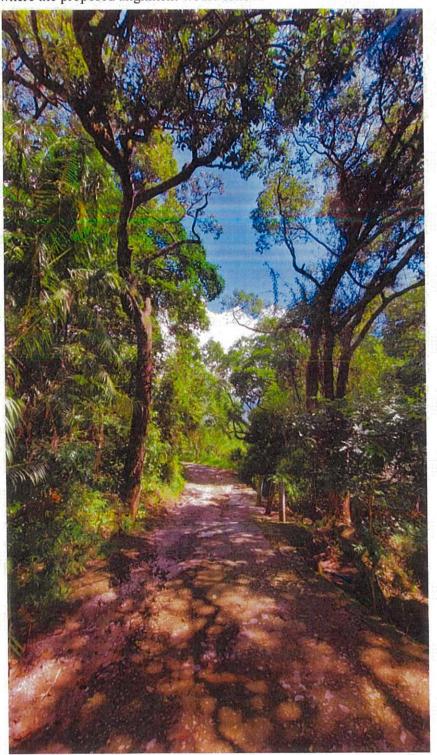
- 4. We kindly urge the Board to seriously consider all the above, in view of the extremely high sensitivity of the area and the nature of the project (e.g., involving excavation and passing through various conservation zonings).
- 5. Our previous submission for A/NE-SLT/4 is also attached as **Appendix 1** for your reference.
- 6. Thank you for your attention.

Ecological Advisory Programme Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden

https://www2.ozp.tpb.gov.hk/plan/ozp\_plan\_notes/en/S\_NE-SLT\_4\_e.pdf



**Figure 1.** Photo taken in September 2023, showing the big trees on both sides of the path where the proposed alignment would follow.





The Secretary,
Town Planning Board,
15/F, North Point Government Offices,
333, Java Road, North Point,
Hong Kong.
(Email: tpbpd@pland.gov.hk)

9th June, 2023.

By email only

Dear Sir/ Madam,

# Proposed Public Utility Installation (Telecommunication Ducts, Cables, Common Manhole and Cable Drawpits) and Excavation of Land (A/NE-SLT/4)

- We refer to the captioned.
- 2. We urge the Board to note that the application site would pass through Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Conservation Area (CA) and Green Belt (GB), and a substantial portion of the alignment are within the former two zones. There are so many conservation zonings in this area because Sha Lo Tung is a place of very high conservation importance it is one of the '12 Priority Sites for Enhanced Conservation' under the 'New Nature Conservation Policy' by the Government, and its importance is ranked 'second', just after the Mai Po Ramsar Site<sup>1</sup>. There should be no doubt for its high ecological and conservation significance.
- 3. According to the information submitted to support this application, the alignment would mainly follow the existing footpath and would not affect vegetation (the original Chinese statement: '... 工程將於泥地之行人路上沿路靠邊進行,並不會影響植被...'); however, as shown in the map at the application gist, the alignment would not entirely follow the footpath as shown on the base map (see Figure 1), and we also found that the base maps as shown in the application gist and the supporting document are not exactly the same (see Figure 1). Based on our on-site observation as well as the alignment and the base map as shown in the

<sup>1</sup> https://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/conservation/con\_nncp/con\_nncp\_list/con\_nncp\_list.html



application gist, we are highly concerned that part of the woodland in Sha Lo Tung would be directly impacted. Based on our on-site observation, we suspect that a section of the proposed alignment as shown in the map in the application gist would pass through a well-vegetated woodland area (see Figure 1, and then Figure 2). As shown, large trees and dense vegetation are flourishing in this area; we even observed during our recent site visit some of the branches of the big trees in this area supporting a population of a legally protected orchid species, *Cleisostoma simondii*<sup>2</sup>. We urge the project proponent and relevant authorities to seriously investigate whether the base map used in the supporting document is correct, and whether the proposed alignment would pass through the woodland area of concern (Figure 2).

- 4. Besides, the alignment would definitely pass through watercourse, which is within SSSI zone and also Water Gathering Ground. We are highly concerned that the proposed excavation may generate muddy runoff, potentially polluting the stream. Sha Lo Tung is very famous for its diverse dragonfly community and the stream system provides the most important habitat for them in the locality (e.g., feeding, nursery and breeding grounds). Muddy runoff can smother the aquatic dragonfly larvae and many other faunas of conservation interest, such as Hong Kong Newt, a legally protected wild animal<sup>3</sup> which can be found in this stream system and also a Globally Near Threatened species<sup>4</sup>, and this can cause highly significant ecological impacts. **Figure 3** shows the works for laying a pipe in a CA zone near Mai Po; as shown, muddy runoff was generated under heavy rain. We urge the Board and relevant authorities to imagine how damaging it would be ecologically if this kind of incident appears next to the stream system in Sha Lo Tung.
- 5. As indicated from the map of the gist/ supporting document, the alignment would largely follow the footpath. However, it is not unusual to see trees, including big ones, growing along the path (Figures 2 and 4). We also observed at least two individuals of Hong Kong Pavetta, which is a legally protected flora species<sup>5</sup>, growing at the path-side (Figure 5). Some of the big trees growing along the footpath also provide habitats for protected species, such as the orchid aforementioned. We are highly concerned that the proposed excavation, even only carrying out along the path-side as claimed, would affect the root system of these trees and plants as we believe some of the roots would extend towards the path underground. If these

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> http://117.18.74.132/tc/hk-plant-database/plant-detail/index.html?pType=species&oID=11604

<sup>3</sup> https://bih.gov.hk/en/species-database/species-information/index.html?id=3369

<sup>4</sup> https://www.iucnredlist.org/search?query=Paramesotriton%20hongkongensis&searchType=species

https://herbarium.gov.hk/en/hk-plant-database/plant-detail/index.html?pType=species&oID=2491



trees are affected, not only the trees but also the microhabitats they currently support would also be impacted.

- 6. We think in above paragraphs we should have briefly indicated some of the ecological concerns that this application may cause. In view of the above and also the nature of this application, we have the following questions, which we hope the Board can also seriously consider and/ or clarify with relevant parties and/ or authorities:
  - a. What is the actual alignment of the project? Alternatively, is the base map shown in the supporting document correct?
  - b. Would the alignment pass through the woodland area of Sha Lo Tung?
  - c. Has any tree survey and assessment been carried out, or is it necessary to carry out such survey and assessment? Please note that even the alignment only passes along the existing footpath it would still be very close to the existing dense woodland.
  - d. Has any ecological impact assessment been carried out to identify and evaluate the potential ecological impacts of this project? Is it necessary to conduct such assessment? Even it may not be a legal requirement, would it be better to have such assessment, in view of the ecological sensitivity of the site?
  - e. Could/ how could the root systems of the trees along the footpath be appropriately protected from the proposed excavation?
  - f. How can the works materials/ machineries be transported to the site? We would like the Board to note that there are only a single-lane vehicle road and some hiking trails connecting with Sha Lo Tung. Would construction materials be stockpiled at the site? If yes, where would they be stockpiled and would there be any potential ecological impacts? Have they been appropriately identified and considered?
  - g. Would there be usage of lubricant, diesel or any other chemicals for the works? Would these materials be stored at the site and if yes, how to protect the site from any potential accidental spillage impacts? Has this been appropriately considered and assessed?
  - h. Would cement be used at the site and would cement mixing be carried out? If yes, would there be any potential ecological impacts, such as the spreading of runoff full of cement? Runoff full of cement can be highly lethal to aquatic species.
  - i. Would there be portable toilets provided for the workers? Or would the workers be asked to use only the toilet(s) near the southern end of the alignment? Have the potential sewage impacts that may be caused by the workers been appropriately assessed and considered?



- j. How can construction runoff be prevented to enter the valuable stream system, which is within SSSI and Water Gathering Ground? Has this potential impact, which can be highly significant, been appropriately assessed and considered?
- k. How would the visitor(s) be affected? The footpath of concern is a popular hiking trail and has the potential impacts on the hikers and visitors been appropriately assessed and considered?
- 1. There is a habitat management project carrying out by a local environmental NGO with the support from the Government (Figure 6). Have these parties been informed/ consulted? Do they agree with the project? Or do they consider this project necessary?
- m. Is an Environmental Permit under the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance needed for this project?
- 7. Besides the above questions which are mostly relating to environmental concerns, we would also like the Board to ask a fundamental question: who and how many people are to be benefited by this project? According to the latest Explanatory Statement of the Approved Sha Lo Tung Outline Zoning Plan, there was only one person living there based on the 2001 Census<sup>6</sup>. Although the 'planned' population would be 288 persons<sup>6</sup>, we urge the Board to liaise with relevant authorities as to whether there would be more than 10 people constantly living there (e.g., stay overnight) at present. We urge the Board to seriously consider the necessity of the project and whether it is of overriding public interest. We urge the Board to seriously consider whether it would be more important to ensure the valuable habitats in Sha Lo Tung would not be impacted.
- 8. Finally, we would like to mention the planning intention of the SSSI and CA zones in the area<sup>6</sup> for your reference:

#### SSSI:

'The planning intention of this zone is to conserve and protect the streamcourses and the freshwater marshes which are important habitats for the breeding and development of rare species and diverse community of dragonflies, for other aquatic and stream fauna such as freshwater fishes and amphibians which are of special scientific interest. It intends to deter human activities or developments within the Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

<sup>6</sup> https://www2.ozp.tpb.gov.hk/plan/ozp plan notes/en/S\_NE-SLT\_4\_e.pdf



There is a general presumption against development in this zone. <u>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.</u>

#### CA:

'This zoning is intended to protect and retain the existing natural character, landscape, ecological, biological or topographical features of the area for conservation, educational and research purposes and to serve as a buffer to give added protection to the ecologically sensitive areas, in particular, the streamcourses within the Site of Special Scientific Interest.

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/features of the area or are essential infrastructure projects with overriding public interest may be permitted.'

- 9. We kindly urge the Board to seriously consider all the above, in view of the extremely high sensitivity of the area and the nature of the project (e.g., involving excavation and passing through various conservation zonings).
- 10. Our view is that it is not appropriate to approve this application if the above issues/concerns cannot be appropriately addressed.
- 11. Thank you for your attention.

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cc. Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Countryside Conservation Office
Water Supplies Department
Environmental Protection Department
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Figure 1. Maps in the application gist (left) and supporting document (right); please note the difference marked by the red circle.

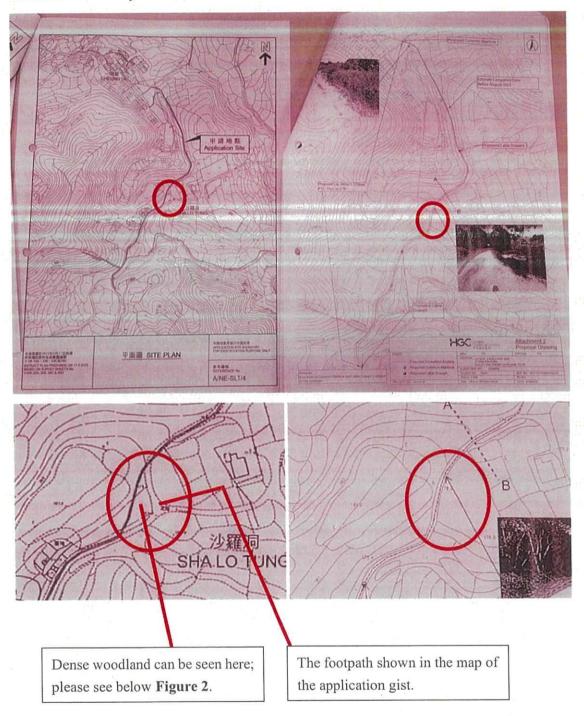




Figure 2. Woodland area of concern (approximately indicated by the circle); based on the map as shown in the application gist, we are concerned that this woodland area would be directly impacted.





Figure 3. Pipe-laying works within the CA zone near Mai Po involving excavation of a trench; muddy runoff generated under heavy rain.





Figure 4. Big trees along the footpath.



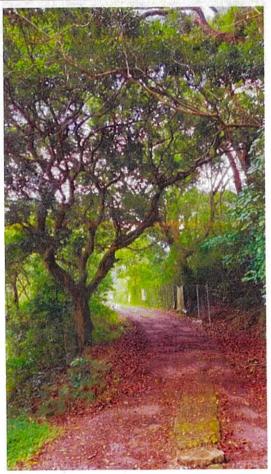




Figure 5. Hong Kong Pavetta observed along the footpath.







Figure 6. Some signages along the footpath.



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Dear Sir/Madam,

#### Comments on the Section 16 Application No. A/NE-SLT/5

We have to highlight that Sha Lo Tung ranks seconda according to 12 priority site for enhanced conservation under New Nature Conservation Policy. Any works, either public or private, in such important ecological hotspot need good justification and careful assessment. Based on information provided by the applicant, The Conservancy Association (CA) would like to express and highlight some of the concerns on the captioned application.

#### 1. Impact on Ecologically Impact Stream (EIS)

The work section in SSSI lies very close to the natural stream which is "Ecologically Important Stream" (EIS) (Figure 1). We are still very concerned that polluted and muddy runoff would be directly discharged into this EIS. While all pipe works, according to the planning application, would be conducted by hand digging except the section in SSSI, it would be necessary to clarify how runoff arise from construction work can be handled in proper.

It is also noted that all pipes are 56mm in width, except the one near SSSI (i.e. 86mm). We wonder if the size could be further amended to further minimize the work footprint.

#### 2. Impact on trees/woodland

We note that part of the alignment has already been amended to avoid encroachment of some woodland patches. However, we hope to clarify that if mature trees and species

of conservation importance would be affected. For trees close to the alignment of telecommunication ducts and cables, it is unclear if any tree protection zones or some other measures would be provided to separate the work site and those trees.

#### 3. Other details related to the work

We would also express concerns on the following items:

- How the excavated materials would be transported away from the site probably.
- The time schedule of the work should be mentioned.

Yours faithfully, Ng Hei Man Campaign Manager The Conservancy Association



Figure 1 The work section in SSSI lies very close to the natural stream which is "Ecologically Important Stream" (EIS) (marked in blue). We are very concerned that polluted and muddy runoff would be directly discharged into this EIS.



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#### Dear TPB Members.

Sha Lo Tung is widely acknowledged to be an area of outstanding natural beauty and important ecological and cultural value. There is no need to have it wired up like a densley inhabited urban area. Incursions like this inevitably encourge development that gradually encroach into the area and chip away at its unique fora and fauna.

Previous objections upheld.

Mary Mulvihill

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A/NE-SLT/5 HGC

Government Land in D.D. 31 near Cheung UK, Sha Lo Tung, Tai Po

Site area: 92sq.m

Zoning: "Conservation Area", "Green Belt", "Site of Special Scientific Interest" and "VTD"

Applied development: Telecommunication Duct and Cables / Excavation of Land

Dear TPB Members.

Strong Objections. The plan would extend the telecom service over SSI zoning and into CA. The area is covered is well outside the village enclave.

There has been no approval for development in this ecological sensitive area. HGC has provided no information with regard to the end use of the service.

Excavation of land in Conservation areas is allowed only for essential services to approved operations of community benefit.

Application should be rejected.

Mary Mulvihill

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Please find the attached self-explanatory letter.
For any enquiries, please contact me at Green Power (T:

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Yours faithfully, Henry LUI Senior Conservation Manager Green Power

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8th Jan, 2024

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Dear Sir / Madam,

#### Green Power's Comments Regarding Planning Application A/NE-SLT/5

We would like to express our concerns regarding the environmental impacts likely brought about by the entitled application.

#### 1. Proximity to Ecological Sensitive Areas

Sha Lo Tung is well-known for its unique and high ecological value, especially for its highly biodiverse streams and wetlands and the globally/locally important species they harbour. The proposed alignment of excavation is in close proximity to a natural stream bordering the southern edge of the valley, as well as wetlands and other habitats within and outside of the area managed by Green Power. Parts of the alignment are also within Site of Special Scientific Interest or Conservation Area zones. We opine that despite with refinement of the work methods as stated in the Method Statement, the associated disturbance, including human disturbance, noise pollution and potential dumping/stockpiling of C&D materials (see Point 3), would cause adverse long-term impacts to these vulnerable habitats and wildlife inhabiting the valley.

#### 2. Proximity to Protected / Important Plants

Several important plant species are found growing along the proposed work alignment. There are individuals of legally protected species, including Hong Kong Pavetta (*Pavetta hongkongensis*) and Terete Cleisostoma (*Cleisostoma simondii* var. *guangdongense*), growing along the footpath. Although these individuals may not be classified as trees that have attained trunk diameter of 95mm or more at a height of 1.3m above the ground level and be included in the tree survey, we opine that the impacts of the proposed excavation work to these important species should not be neglected but assessed in a comprehensive ecological assessment.

#### 3. Dumping / Stockpiling of C&D materials

The application states that the excavation of land involves an area of about 90.8 m² with a depth of about 0.51m. Although the applicant has rescheduled the work to the dry season and proposed to fence up and clean up stockpiled materials regularly, the proposed alignment and stockpiling area are nonetheless very close to a nearby stream and wetlands. Experiences of work in remote and rural areas show that illegal dumping and stockpiling of C&D materials outside of designated stockpiling areas/normal worksite boundaries are highly likely due to poor frontline workmanship and surveillance, and the vulnerable natural habitats could easily be turned into dumping sites. In fact, such cases have

already occurred in Sha Lo Tung under previous utility projects, and it is reasonable to predict that similar consequences may arise.

#### Conclusion

Although the proposed work is under the Government's Subsidy Scheme to Extend Fibre-based Networks to Villages in Remote Areas, we would also like to stress that currently there is only one household of usual residence in Cheung Uk, and the true benefits of such work compared with the potential environmental cost should be duly assessed. The planning and management of any works within such an ecologically important site are of utmost importance to its conservation, and the planning intention stipulated in the Outline Zoning Plan should be upheld. We opine that the application should not be approved unless the applicant could demonstrate thorough assessment and effective avoidance of the above potential environmental impacts.

Thank you very much for your attention. For any inquiries, please contact the undersigned at Green Power (T:

Yours sincerely,

Henry LUI

Senior Conservation Manager

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Dear Sir/Madam.

#### Comments on the Section 16 Application No. A/NE-SLT/5

While The Conservancy Association (CA) would like to state that some of our comments dated 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 remain valid, we would add the following concerns regarding the captioned application.

#### 1. Cumulative impact

We understand from Countryside Conservation Office that a project named Footpath Improvement Works at Sha Lo Tung, Tai Po – Cheung Uk Main Section is located within the proposed works area, and may inferface with the construction and operation of the work. It is unsure whether potential cumulative environmental impacts have been evaluated in this stage. Co-ordination among various departments would be necessary in future.

#### 2. Potential disturbance on Water Gathering Ground (WGG)

The works area falls within WGG and we are very concerned that polluted runoff from the proposed works would be directly discharged WGG. However, we cannot see how potential polluted runoff can be handled properly in the provided information. For example, if concrete mixing would be performed on-site, potential impacts, particularly leakage of slurry runoff, should be avoided and appropriately treated.

We have to reiterate that Sha Lo Tung ranks second according to 12 priority site for enhanced conservation under New Nature Conservation Policy. Any works, either public

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9th January, 2024.

By email only

Dear Sir/ Madam,

## Proposed Public Utility Installation(Telecommunication Duct and Cables) and Associated Excavation of Land (A/NE-SLT/5)

- 1. We refer to the captioned.
- 2. We can see that further information (FI) relating to trees has been submitted to support this application. However, we would like the Board to seriously note that Sha Lo Tung is not just an ordinary rural place famous only for its 'trees'. It is, indeed, ranked second among the 12 'Priority Sites for Enhanced Conservation' designated by the government; its conservation value, according to this government's evaluation, is just lower than the Mai Po and Inner Deep Bay Ramsar Site<sup>1</sup>. Undoubtedly, it is of very high conservation significance. The assessment by the government regarding the conservation value of Sha Lo Tung (also extracted in **Figure 1**) <sup>2</sup> also describes it as a 'heterogeneous' site, and highlights several taxa of conservation importance, including both flora and fauna (not only trees), and the plants highlighted in the document are not even trees *Carex phacota* is a herb species<sup>3</sup> and *Viburnum hanceanum* is a shrub species<sup>4</sup>.
- 3. Has the applicant submitted any detailed assessment to evaluate the potential impacts of

<sup>1</sup> https://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/conservation/con nncp/con nncp list/con nncp list.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/conservation/con\_nncp/con\_nncp\_list/files/02\_ShaLoTung\_Public\_18\_E.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://herbarium.gov.hk/en/hk-plant-database/plant-detail/index.html?pType=species&oID=8733

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> https://herbarium.gov.hk/en/hk-plant-database/plant-detail/index.html?pType=species&oID=4591



their proposal on all the taxa groups (as well as their habitats) as highlighted by the government? For instance, has the FI related to trees for this application covered herbs and shrubs? Would there be rare plants/ fauna habitats along the proposed alignment that have not been covered by the FI?

- 4. In view of the complexity of the ecosystem at Sha Lo Tung as recognised by the government <sup>2</sup> (i.e., a heterogeneous site), we urge the Board to seriously consider whether only considering the potential impacts of the proposal on trees would be enough to address the ecological concerns that this proposal may cause. For instance, should the proposal be scheduled to prevent the migratory seasons of birds of conservation concern that would utilise the site? Should measures to protect the water quality of the valuable stream systems there be proposed—is it needed to carry out a water quality impact assessment for this proposal; if yes, has it been done? Simply speaking, should a comprehensive ecological impact assessment be conducted for this proposal, which extends deep into the Sha Lo Tung Valley, in view of the high conservation value and heterogeneity of Sha Lo Tung; if yes, has it been done?
- 5. We urge the Board to seriously realise the conservation value, not only high but also sophisticated, of Sha Lo Tung, which is also recognised by the government (please see Figure 1).
- 6. Our previous submissions related to this proposal are also attached below for your reference.
- 7. Thank you for your attention.

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**Figure 1.** Evaluation of the conservation value of Sha Lo Tung by the government (https://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/conservation/con\_nncp/con\_nncp\_list/files/02\_ShaLoTung\_Public\_18\_E.pdf).

#### Sha Lo Tung

	Assessment Criteria (Weighting)	Comments	Score	Weighted Score
1.	Naturalness (15%)	<ul> <li>The major habitats are freshwater marsh, natural stream and abandoned agricultural land. The site is thus considered as semi- natural.</li> </ul>	2	0.30
2.	Habitat diversity (15%)	<ul> <li>The site comprises three major habitat types, namely natural stream and the seasonal marsh, abandoned dry agricultural land and Fung Shui wood.</li> </ul>	2	0.30
3.	Non- recreatability (10%)	<ul> <li>It is a very heterogeneous site consisting of various habitat types including stream, freshwater marsh and Fung Shui wood. Thus it is considered very difficult to be recreated.</li> </ul>	3	0.30
4.	Species diversity & richness (30%)	<ul> <li>Supports high diversity (&gt;50%) of amphibians (14 species, 61%) and dragonflies (72 species, 65%) and moderate diversity (20%<diversity≤50%) (95<br="" butterflies="" of="">species, 40%).</diversity≤50%)></li> </ul>	3	0.90
5.	Species rarity/ endemism (30%)	<ul> <li>Supports the endemic dragonfly Macromidia ellanae and Hong Kong Paradise Fish Macropodus hongkongensis</li> <li>Supports populations of rare species of six taxa groups –         <ul> <li>Plants: Viburnum hanceanum, Carex phacota</li> <li>Mammal: Chinese Pangolin Manis pentadactyla</li> <li>Birds¹: Bonelli's Eagle, Crested Goshawk, Lesser Coucal*, Greater Coucal* and Emerald Dove</li> <li>Reptile: Three Banded Box Terrapin Cuora trifasciata</li> <li>Butterflies²: Catochrysops strabo and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	3	0.90

Comments	Score	Weighted Score
Caltoris bromus  □ Dragonflies³: Lamelligomphus hainanensis and Sieboldius alexanderi		
	Total:	2.70

#### Recommended Advisory Clauses

- (a) to note the comments of the Head of Countryside Conservation Office, Environment and Ecology Bureau (Head of CCO, EEB) that the applicant is required to seek the agreement from the CCO on the final design of the works before construction, in order to minimize the interfacing issues on CCO's proposed improvement works along the same footpath and Sha Lo Tung Visitor Facilities and Management Office.
- (b) to note the comments of the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (DAFC) that the work period for the whole alignment should be limited to the dry season, i.e. from October to February (inclusive). The applicant should notify DAFC the work commencement date and the anticipated completion date at least two weeks in advance of the work commencement.
- (c) to note the comments of the Director of Environmental Protection (DEP) that the applicant is reminded to strictly comply with all relevant environmental pollution control ordinances and adopt suitable mitigation measures and good site practices during construction, by making reference to "Recommended Pollution Control Clauses for Construction Contract" (available at <a href="https://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/english/environmentinhk/eia\_planning/guide\_ref/rpc.html">https://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/english/environmentinhk/eia\_planning/guide\_ref/rpc.html</a>).
- (d) to note the comments of the District Lands Officer/Tai Po, Lands Department (DLO/TP, LandsD) that:
  - (i) no tree at government land as per the tree survey report of the FI would be affected by the proposed works. Otherwise, the applicant shall obtain a prior approval from his office; and
  - (ii) the applicant should apply from his office for an excavation permit before commencement of works.
- (e) to note the comments of the Chief Town Planner/Urban Design and Landscape, Planning Department (CTP/UD&L, PlanD) that:
  - (i) proper tree preservation measure should be carried out to avoid damage to existing tree during the excavation. It is advised to refer to guideline promulgated by the DEVB on Tree Preservation during the Construction; and
  - (ii) approval of the application does not imply approval of tree works such as pruning, transplanting and felling under lease. The applicant is reminded to seek approval for any proposed tree works from relevant departments prior to commencement of the works.
- (f) to note the comments of the Chief Engineer/Construction, Water Supplies Department (CE/C, WSD) that the Site area is within WGG and hence, the project proponent shall comply with the requirements as given in the "Conditions of Working within Gathering Grounds".
- (g) to note the comments of the Commissioner for Transport (C for T) that the application site on the village footpath is not under Transport Department's management. It is suggested that the land status, management and maintenance responsibilities of the

village footpath should be clarified with the relevant lands and maintenance authorities accordingly in order to avoid potential land disputes.

- (h) to note the comments of the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (DEFH) that the operation of waste collection services along the proposed excavation route should NOT be affected by the works. No FEHD facilities will be affected, in particular the Sha Lo Tung Aqua Privy. The proposed work and operation should be no encroachment on the public place and no environmental nuisance should be generated to the surroundings. Its state should not be a nuisance or injurious or dangerous to health and surrounding environment. For any waste generated from the such activity / operation, the applicant should arrange disposal properly at their own expenses.
- (i) to note the comments of the Executive Secretary of Antiquities and Monuments Office, Development Bureau (ES(AMO), DEVB) that the Site falls within and in the vicinity of the boundary of Sha Lo Tung Cheung Uk ("the Graded Item") which was accorded a Grade 2 status by the Antiquities Advisory Board ("AAB") in December 2009, the applicant is required to notify AMO two weeks prior to the commencement of the construction works and ensure that no damage(s) / disturbance(s) would be made to the Graded Item during any proposed works arising from the subject application.