

Minutes of the Tenth Meeting of the
Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee
under Eastern District Council

Date : 15 July 2025 (Tuesday)
Time : 2:30 pm
Venue : Eastern District Council Conference Room

Present

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| Mr TING Kong-ho, Eddie, MH | Mr LAM Wing-shing | Ms TSANG Cheuk-yi |
| Mr WONG Chi-chung | Mr LAM Wing-cheung | Ms CHIK Kit-ling, Elaine |
| Ms HO Sau-yin, Zareenah | Ms LIN Cai-ying | Mr CHENG Chi-sing, MH (Vice-chairman) |
| Mr YUEN Kin-chung, Kenny (Chairman) | Mr HUNG Chi-kit | Ms LAU Suk-yin |
| Ms LI Lee | Mr HUNG Lin-cham, MH, JP | Ms LAU Dana Sing-she |
| Ms LEE Ching-har, MH | Mr HUNG Chiu-kwan | Mr LAU Hing-yeung, MH |
| Ms NG Ching-ching | Mr KWOK Ho-king, Calvin | Mr LAI Nuen-san |
| Mr HO Ngai-kam, Stanley | Mr KWOK Wing-kin | Mr LAM Tsz-hung (Co-opted Member) |
| Mr LAM Sum-lim, MH | Mr CHAN Hoi-wing, Joseph | Mr CHAN Kwan (Co-opted Member) |

In Regular Attendance (Government Representatives)

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| Mr FU Yiu-nam, Daniel | Assistant District Officer (Eastern) ² , Eastern District Office |
| Miss MA Siu-ye | Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Eastern District Office |
| Ms TO Kit-ling, Caroline | Senior Liaison Officer (1), Eastern District Office |
| Mr LAU Chi-kan, Kenneth | Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Eastern District Office |
| Ms CHU Sui-yin | District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Eastern), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department |
| Ms CHAN Kit-man | Chief Health Inspector (Eastern) ³ , Food and Environmental Hygiene Department |
| Mr LOO Wing-tsun | Neighbourhood Police Co-ordinator, Eastern District Police Community Relation Office, Hong Kong Police Force |
| Ms LIN So-kuen, Debbie | Principal Estate Officer/Hong Kong East/Land Control (District Lands Office, Hong Kong East), Lands Department |
| Ms CHENG Yin-yin, Emily | Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional South) ² , Environmental Protection Department |

Mr CHOI Kai-bong, Martin District Engineer/North Point, Highways Department
Ms LEE Wai-leung, Carol Assistant Housing Manager/Yue Wan (2), Housing Department

In Attendance by Invitation (Representatives from the Government and Organisation)

Mr CHAN Tat-ming, Neil Principal Tobacco and Alcohol Control Inspector, Department of Health
Ms TAM Chung-yan, Joanna Chief Tobacco and Alcohol Control Inspector 1, Department of Health
Mr CHEUNG Chi-wang Senior Project Manager, Progressive Building & Foundation Co. Ltd.
Mr LO Po-lam Project Engineering Director, Progressive Building & Foundation Co. Ltd.

Secretary

Ms LEUNG Mun-chee, Charlie Executive Officer I (District Council)2, Eastern District Office

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Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all Members, representatives from the Government and organisation to the meeting.

Agenda 1. Confirmation of the Draft Minutes of the 9th Meeting of Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee (FEHC)

2. The above draft minutes were confirmed without amendments.

Agenda 2. Improvement Plan for Illegal Smoking Problem in Cooked Food Markets in Eastern District

(FEHC Paper No. 13/2025)

3. A Member briefed the meeting on Paper No. 13/2025.

4. Members' views and enquiries about the agenda item were summarised as follows:

- (a) Members stated that the problem of illegal smoking was severe in cooked food markets in the Eastern District, yet the number of prosecution

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remained low. They suggested the departments review and improve the enforcement and prosecution procedures, and also proposed installing additional closed-circuit televisions (CCTVs) to facilitate enforcement;

- (b) Members recommended the provision of additional smoking rooms to cater for the needs of smokers;
- (c) Members proposed to launch large-scale publicity campaigns to step up public education on the prohibition of smoking in cooked food markets;
- (d) Members enquired about the number of authorised enforcement officers;
- (e) Members asked about the number of joint operations conducted by the departments in the past three months;
- (f) Members raised questions about the number of complaints regarding illegal smoking in cooked food markets; and
- (g) Members queried the duration of the departmental inspections.

5. The representatives of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) and Department of Health (DH) noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

FEHD

- (a) The FEHD conducted joint operations with the Tobacco and Alcohol Control Office (TACO) of the DH;
- (b) FEHD had a limited number of authorised enforcement officers responsible for day-to-day market management;
- (c) The FEHD broadcast announcements and distributed publicity leaflets in public markets and cooked food centres/markets under its management to remind the public that smoking was prohibited in these premises. It would also consider Members' suggestions on enhancing publicity and education efforts and adjusting the enforcement approach;
- (d) The FEHD received three complaints regarding illegal smoking in markets and cooked food centres/markets over the past 12 months;

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DH

- (e) The TACO adopted new enforcement strategies, which mainly involved deploying plain-clothes officers to take enforcement actions, with a view to enhancing enforcement effectiveness. The number of prosecutions against illegal smoking surged due to the new enforcement strategies. The TACO would review the situations of cooked food centres in various districts in due course, assessing whether it was necessary to increase inspection frequency and strengthen enforcement efforts. It would also continue to maintain close liaison and cooperation with the FEHD;
- (f) The DH would consider adopting CCTVs to facilitate enforcement;
- (g) The TACO had a regular establishment of 125 officers for the enforcement of legislation on tobacco and alcohol control across the territory; and
- (h) The DH was proposing to raise the fixed penalty for smoking offences to HK\$3,000 to enhance deterrence.

6. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat sent the supplementary information provided by the DH to the FEHC for reference on 26 August 2025.)

Agenda 3. Concern over the Problem of Dogs Urinating in the Streets of Eastern District

(FEHC Paper No. 14/2025)

7. A Member briefed the meeting on Paper No. 14/2025.

8. The views and enquiries of Members about the agenda item were summarised as follows:

- (a) Members proposed the provision of additional dog latrines and dog excreta collection bins;

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- (b) Members enquired about the number of prosecutions where a fixed penalty of HK\$3,000 was imposed for allowing dogs to foul the streets or public places by faeces;
- (c) Members recommended strengthening education for dog owners and domestic helpers on proper ways of rinsing dog urine, such as adding a small amount of bleach or detergent into clean water, and using sufficient water for rinsing;
- (d) Members suggested that the departments schedule, as far as practicable, cleansing operations after peak dog activity periods;
- (e) Members proposed the department to use enzymatic detergent and “yellow powder” that could decompose the odour of dog urine to cleanse dog urine on streets, thereby reducing the residual odour; and
- (f) Members recommended enacting new laws to regulate dog owners’ acts of not handling dog urine properly.

9. The representatives of the FEHD and Eastern District Office (EDO) noted Members’ views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

FEHD

- (a) The FEHD would, subject to the actual circumstances, use “yellow powder” and diluted bleach to spot-clean street stains. To avoid contaminating the environment, the FEHD would deploy mini street washing vehicles equipped with high pressure hot water cleaners and pressure washer surface cleaners to cleanse stubborn stains on some of the streets in the Eastern District with water not less than 80 degrees Celsius;
- (b) If Members identified any locations in the Eastern District that required additional dog latrines or dog excreta collection bins, they could refer them to the FEHD for following up;
- (c) The guidelines issued by the FEHD and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) clearly required dog walkers to

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properly wrap up dog faeces with sufficient paper and clean up dog urine with sufficient clean water after dog fouling. The FEHD did not have any further guidelines regarding the ways of cleaning up dog urine;

- (d) In an earlier written reply by the Secretary for Environment and Ecology in response to a Legislation Council Member's question, it was stated that the Government currently had no plans to amend the legislation to regulate dog urination on streets or public places; and

EDO

- (e) The EDO, upon receiving local views regarding the issue of dog urine odour on streets in the Eastern District, arranged 35 Care Teams to distribute publicity leaflets to remind dog owners to properly handle the excreta of their pets. The Care Teams would be willing to continue to assist in stepping up relevant publicity efforts.

- 10. The FEHC agreed to cease following up on the agenda item.

Agenda 4. Mitigation Measures for Redevelopment Site at 56-76 Kai Yuen Street, North Point

(FEHC Paper No. 15/2025)

- 11. A Member briefed the meeting on Paper No. 15/2025.
- 12. Members' views and enquiries about the agenda item were summarised as follows:
 - (a) Members considered that the Progressive Building & Foundation Co. Ltd. (hereafter referred to as the Contractor) demonstrated a positive attitude and maintained close liaison with the Environmental Protection Department (EPD), Transport Department (TD) and District Council (DC) Members to actively explore various solutions to mitigate the impact of construction noise on neighbouring residents;
 - (b) Members expressed reservations about the Contractor's practice of distributing earplugs to neighbouring residents;

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- (c) Members suggested that the Contractor submit project progress reports to DC Members to facilitate them to respond to public enquiries regarding the project; and
- (d) Members urged the Contractor to explore ways to mitigate the impact of construction noise on the residents of Braemar Hill before installing the steel-framed noise barriers in October this year.

13. The representatives of the EPD and the Contractor noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

EPD

- (a) The EPD had been closely monitoring the redevelopment site at 56-76 Kai Yuen Street, North Point and was highly concerned about its impact on nearby residents and the surrounding environment. To ensure effective monitoring of the site, the EPD conducted routine inspections. As at early July 2025, the EPD had conducted a total of 23 inspections, none of which revealed any contravention of the Noise Control Ordinance by the site;
- (b) To further mitigate the impact on nearby residences and environment during the construction period, the EPD proposed to the Contractor a number of effective noise mitigation measures, including elevating the noise barriers of the site hoarding and replacing them with thicker noise insulation materials; erecting movable noise barriers near construction machinery wherever practicable; adopting quieter construction methods; and restricting noisier operations to weekdays between 9:30 am and 6:30 pm and Saturday between 10:00 am and 6:30 pm;
- (c) Moreover, the EPD suggested that the Contractor consider extending the movable noise barriers to cover the top to reduce upward noise propagation and duly implement all noise mitigation measures, so as to minimise the nuisance to nearby residents;

The Contractor

Noise Mitigation Measures - First Phase

- (d) The Contractor had met with Members TING Kong-ho, Eddie and

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TSANG Cheuk-yi in July last year and inspected the site. Following the meeting, the Contractor erected noise barriers atop the hoarding and installed sound-absorptive materials inside the hoarding to reduce sound reflection. In addition, the Contractor replaced the construction equipment with quiet breakers to reduce noise generated by chiselling. The quiet breakers were further wrapped with sound insulation materials to minimise the noise generated. Besides, the Contractor installed mobile noise barriers near the chiselling noise sources to directly block noise propagation;

- (e) Last year, residents further requested to adjust the commencement time of morning chiselling works. Consequently, the working hours of the Contractor were postponed from 7:00 am to 9:00 am on weekdays, and then closed at 6:00 pm, reducing the daily working hours from 12 to 9 hours per day. As for Saturdays, the commencement time was further postponed by an additional hour to 10:00 am;

Noise Mitigation Measures - Second Phase

- (f) The Contractor spent \$1.5 million replacing the hoarding, using thicker noise absorptive materials for the production of noise barriers, as well as adopting more advanced and quieter construction methods. Also, in response to nearby residents' requests for further adjustments to the construction commencement time in the mornings, the Contractor held a meeting with Member TSANG Cheuk-yi and the representatives of the EPD in April 2025. To ensure that the time of chiselling works fulfil residents' expectations, the commencement time on weekdays was further postponed by half an hour to 9:30 am, with completion scheduled for 6:30 pm. As for Saturdays, the commencement time remained at 10:00 am, with completion at 6:30 pm;
- (g) The Contractor planned to install steel-framed noise barriers covering approximately 40% of the site area in October this year, with a view to significantly reducing upper noise propagation. The Contractor had a meeting with the residents in June this year to brief them on the work report and collect their views. In particular, at the requests of some residents, the Contractor distributed earplugs to residents in July this year. Member TSANG Cheuk-yi also established a communication group to facilitate real-time and direct communication between the

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Contractor and the representatives of nearby building management companies. The Contractor would continue to maintain communication with DC Members and residents, keeping all parties informed of the works progress and the noise mitigation measures arranged by the Contractor;

- (h) The Contractor sought understanding from stakeholders and expected the second phase of the chiselling works to be completed by the end of this year; and
- (i) The Contractor would install sunshades fitted with sound insulation materials on mechanical breakers in an attempt to mitigate upward noise propagation.

14. The agenda item would be followed up on upon further progress.

Agenda 5. Proposal for Housing Department and Link REIT to Enhance Collaboration for Improving the Living Environment and Services of Yiu Tung Estate

(FEHC Paper No. 16/2025)

15. A Member briefed the meeting on Paper No. 16/2025.

16. Members' views and enquiries about the agenda item were summarised as follows:

- (a) Members stated that they had visited Yiu Tung Estate on several occasions to discuss with the Link Real Estate Investment Trust (Link REIT) and Housing Department (HD), and found that responsibility for certain locations could not be clearly assigned. For example, refuse often accumulated beneath an escalator but was not cleared due to an unclear division of responsibilities;
- (b) Members proposed inviting Link REIT to attend the next meeting;
- (c) As mosquito infestation was serious at the lower part of Yiu Tung Estate, Members urged the HD to address the issue as soon as possible.

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17. The representative of the HD noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

- (a) It was indicated that the Housing Authority had been actively communicating and collaborating with Link REIT on a routine basis regarding daily operation, with a view to jointly improving the living environment and services of Yiu Tung Estate.

18. The agenda item would be followed up on at the next meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat issued a letter to Link REIT on 26 August 2025.)

Agenda 6. Progress Report of Matters Arising from Previous FEHC Meetings under the Eastern District Council
(FEHC Paper No. 17/2025)

- (i) ***“Requesting the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department for Expeditious Adoption of Humane and Technological Approach for Controlling Feral Pigeons***
Requesting Government Departments to Follow Up on Feral Pigeon Nuisance in Braemar Hill”

AFCD/FEHD

19. The agenda items would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

- (ii) ***“Concern over Street Obstruction and Environmental Hygiene Problems caused by Loading/Unloading Activities in City Garden Road”***

20. Members' views and enquiries about the agenda item were summarised as follows:

- (a) The street obstruction caused by loading/unloading activities on City Garden Road had improved significantly, but Members urged the relevant departments to continue following up on the situation of domestic helpers leaving parcels on streets to prevent the situation from worsening.

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FEHD/Hong
Kong Police
Force(HKPF)/
EDO

21. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

(iii) ***“Suggestion for Provision of Food Waste Recycling Facilities at Refuse Collection Points Managed by Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in Eastern District”***

FEHD/
EPD

22. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

(iv) ***“Concern over Low Occupancy Rate and Business Environment of Quarry Bay Market”***

FEHD

23. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

(v) ***“Disposal of Domestic Waste on Shau Kei Wan Road”***

FEHD

24. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

(vi) ***“Concern over Serious Rodent Infestation at King’s Road, North Point in Eastern District and Suggesting the Government Enhance Anti-rodent Measures”***

FEHD

25. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

(vii) ***“Concern over Environmental Hygiene Problem under Fuk Yuen Street Footbridge in Fortress Hill”***

FEHD/EDO/
Social Welfare
Department

26. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

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(viii) “Concern over Illegal Cultivation on Government Land in Eastern District”

27. Members noted the written reply from the District Lands Office, Hong Kong East (DLO/HKE).

28. Members’ views and enquiries about the agenda item were summarised as follows:

- (a) Members of the public reported spotting naked individuals farming on a slope in Yiu Tung Estate from their homes.

DLO/HKE

29. The agenda item would be followed up on at the next meeting.

(ix) “Environmental Hygiene Issues on the Slope in the Vicinity of the Former Nga Choy Hang Village in Braemar Hill”

DLO/HKE/
Drainage Services
Department/
Highways
Department/
Civil Engineering
and Development
Department/
AFCD/FEHD

30. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

(x) “Suggesting the Government Set Up an Additional GREEN@NORTH POINT Recycling Store”

EPD/FEHD

31. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

(xi) “Concern over Illegal Bicycle Parking on King’s Road”

32. Members noted the written replies from the DLO/HKE and FEHD.

33. Members’ views and enquiries about the agenda item were summarised as follows:

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- (a) Members stated that the problem of illegal bicycle parking had improved, but such situations still occurred;
- (b) Members urged the DLO/HKE and FEHD to conduct joint operations to address the issue of illegal bicycle parking on King's Road;
- (c) Members enquired whether the DLO/HKE had deployed staff to conduct routine inspections on streets;
- (d) Members asked about how the FEHD identified abandoned bicycles; and
- (e) Members proposed that legislative amendments would enable departments to address the issue of illegal bicycle parking more effectively.

34. The representatives of the DLO/HKE and FEHD noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

DLO/HKE

- (a) The DLO/HKE would deploy staff to conduct an on-site inspection upon receiving a case;
- (b) The DLO/HKE would discuss with the FEHD on the feasibility of conducting joint operations; and

FEHD

- (c) The FEHD had strengthened the communication with the DLO/HKE and would discuss with the latter the feasibility of conducting joint operations, subject to actual circumstances.

DLO/HKE/
FEHD

35. The agenda item would be followed up on at the next meeting.

Agenda 7. Any Other Business

36. There was no other discussion item for the FEHC.

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Agenda 8. Date of Next Meeting

37. The eleventh FEHC meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 23 September 2025 (Tuesday).

38. The meeting ended at 4:30 pm.

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