# Sai Kung District Council District Facilities and Works Committee Minutes of the Sixth Meeting in 2024

Date : 12 November 2024 (Tuesday)

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Mr WAN Pui-lun, Joe

Mr LEE Cheuk-yin, Norris (Secretary)

<u>Venue</u>: Conference Room of the Sai Kung District Council

#### **Present**

Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, MH (Chairman) Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr CHAN Kai-wai, MH (Vice-Chairman) Member of Sai Kung District Council Ms FONG Kwok-shan, Christine Member of Sai Kung District Council Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr WANG Wen Mr WONG Shui-sang Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr LI Tin-chi Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr LI Ka-leung, Philip, MH Member of Sai Kung District Council Ms LI Ka-yan Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr CHAU Ka-lok Member of Sai Kung District Council Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr LAM Chun-ka Member of Sai Kung District Council Ms KI Lai-mei, MH Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr YAU Siu-hung, Kelvin, MH Mr YAU Ho-lun Member of Sai Kung District Council Member of Sai Kung District Council Ms YU Natasha Member of Sai Kung District Council Ms SZE Pan-pan Ms WU Suet-lin Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr CHEUNG Mei-hung, Chris Member of Sai Kung District Council Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang Mr CHEUNG Man-tim Member of Sai Kung District Council Ms CHONG Nga-ting, Angel Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr CHAN Chi-ho Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr CHAN Kin-chun, Ken Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr CHAN Kwong-fai Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr CHAN Kuen-kwan, MH Member of Sai Kung District Council Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr TSANG Kwok-ka Mr WAN Kai-ming Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr WONG Wang-to, MH Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr WONG Yuen-hong Member of Sai Kung District Council Ms KAN Tung-tung Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr LAU Kai-hong, MH Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr CHENG Yu-hei Member of Sai Kung District Council Ms TAM Chuk-kwan Member of Sai Kung District Council Ms WU Jia-xin Co-opted Member

Sai Kung District Office

Executive Officer (District Council)5,

Co-opted Member

In Attendance

Miss LAM I-ching Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)1,

Sai Kung District Office

Miss CHENG Suet-ching, Lacus Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)2,

Sai Kung District Office

Mr CHENG Chi-wing, Ken Senior Liaison Officer (1),

Sai Kung District Office

Ms LAM Yee-mang, Dawn Senior Liaison Officer (2),

Sai Kung District Office

Mr NG Wai-ming Senior Liaison Officer (3),

Sai Kung District Office

Mr PANG Kam-ping Senior Inspector of Works (Sai Kung),

Sai Kung District Office

Mr HUI Chun-kwan, Simon Senior Executive Officer (District Management),

Sai Kung District Office

Mr CHUNG Kai-yin Senior Executive Officer (District Council),

Sai Kung District Office

Miss WONG Chui-ying, Erin Executive Officer I (District Council),

Sai Kung District Office

Ms LUI Tung-ni Architect (Works)7,

Home Affairs Department

Ms CHEUNG Nga-wun, Mimi Architect (Works)9,

Home Affairs Department

Mr CHAU Chun-wing Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories East),

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms LEE Lai-sheung, Susan District Leisure Manager (Sai Kung),

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms LAI Ka-yee, Jenny Deputy District Leisure Manager (District

Support) Sai Kung,

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr YU Chun, Calvin Senior Executive Officer (Planning)22,

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Miss LAM Ka-foo, Tiffany Executive Officer (Planning)22A,

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr CHOW Kin-keung Administrative Assistant/Lands,

District Lands Office, Sai Kung

Miss YEUNG Lok-kei, Kiki Senior Engineer/20(East),

East Development Office,

Civil Engineering and Development Department

Mr YEUNG Wong-pan Senior Property Service Manager/Kowloon West

& Sai Kung, Housing Department

Mr WANG Ran Engineer/New Territories East (Distribution 3),

Water Supplies Department

Mr LIU Wai-leung, Ricky Senior Environmental Protection Officer

(Sewerage Infrastructure)6,

**Environmental Protection Department** 

Mr LEUNG Ka-kay, Gary Senior Engineer/System Management Division 4,

Drainage Services Department

Mr CHUNG Ka-ho, Gary Engineer/System Management Division 7,

Drainage Services Department

Mr Kelvin KWOK Manager - External Affairs,

MTR Corporation Limited

### **Welcome Remarks**

The Chairman said a quorum was present and the meeting commenced officially. He welcomed all Members, representatives of government departments and organisations to the sixth meeting of the Sai Kung District Council (SKDC) District Facilities and Works Committee (DFWC) in 2024, in particular Mr WANG Ran, Engineer/New Territories East (Distribution 3) of the Water Supplies Department (WSD), Mr Ricky LIU, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Sewerage Infrastructure)6 of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD), Mr Gary LEUNG, Senior Engineer/System Management Division 4 of the Drainage Services Department (DSD), Mr Gary CHUNG, Engineer/System Management Division 7 of DSD and Mr Kelvin KWOK, Manager - External Affairs of the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL).

## I. <u>Confirmation of Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> DFWC Meeting in 2024 held on 10 September 2024</u>

2. <u>The Chairman</u> stated that the Secretariat had not received any proposed amendment before the meeting. There being no proposed amendment at the meeting, <u>the Chairman</u> declared that the above minutes were confirmed.

### II. Report Items

- (A) Report on management of recreation and sports facilities in Sai Kung District from September to October 2024 by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department
  (SKDC(DFWC) Paper No. 60/24)
- 3. Members raised the following questions and views:
  - Regarding the "Arrangements for Extending the Opening up of the Arenas of Selected Sports Centres for Booking by Individuals for New Sports Activities", they suggested opening up more sports centres in the district that were easily accessible by transport as selected venues, apart from Tsui Lam Sports Centre.

- Regarding the "Trial Scheme on the Use of Cheering Items during the Hong Kong Premier League Matches at Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground", they suggested inviting Members to inspect some selected matches.
- 4. <u>Ms Jenny LAI, Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Sai Kung, Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)</u> took note of Members' questions and views, and responded as follows:
  - LCSD would pay close attention to the usage of Tsui Lam Sports Centre, and review the "Arrangements for Extending the Opening up of the Arenas of Selected Sports Centres for Booking by Individuals for New Sports Activities" at appropriate times.
  - At present, Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground was the home ground to the Lee Man Football Club (Lee Man) from the Hong Kong Premier League. LCSD would arrange for Members site inspections of the matches under the "Trial Scheme on the Use of Cheering Items during the Hong Kong Premier League Matches at Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground".
- 5. <u>The Vice-Chairman</u> enquired about the data of the measurement of noise levels at Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground during major events, and whether the noise complaints were mainly from certain housing estates. The relevant information might indicate whether the noise issue had spread to other places.
- 6. Members expressed concerns about the convenience for members of the public to use the toilets at the Sai Kung Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground. They suggested managing the relevant facilities with flexibility and improving the design of toilets at sports grounds for the convenience of users in the long run.
- 7. Ms Jenny LAI of LCSD responded as follows:
  - The noise generated by the events organised at Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground was not continual. Nevertheless, LCSD would arrange inspections by venue staff during the major events held at Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground.
  - As noise complaints were mostly raised anonymously, there was no information on the relevant housing estates.
  - She took note of Members' views regarding the management of toilets in the Sai Kung Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground.
- 8. <u>The Vice-Chairman</u> recommended that LCSD strengthen liaison with Lee Man and enhance cooperation with the football team during major events.
- 9. The Chairman asked LCSD to take note of the views of the Vice-Chairman.
- 10. Members noted the above report.

- (B) Report on community halls/ community centre/ activity centre in Sai Kung

  <u>District</u>

  (SKDC(DFWC) Paper No. 61/24)
- 11. Members enquired about the floor repairing plan at Lohas Park Community Hall and its progress.
- 12. Mr Simon HUI, Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Sai Kung District Office (SKDO) said that a site inspection on the water leakage problem at Lohas Park Community Hall had been conducted earlier with the representatives from the management office of The Capitol in LOHAS Park (the management office) and the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD). SKDO had also requested the management office to submit an improvement proposal. SKDO would discuss with ArchSD the floor repairing plan and improvement works upon receipt of the reply from the management office.
- 13. Members noted the above report.
- (C) Overview of projects under the District Minor Works Programme by the Sai Kung District Office (SKDC(DFWC) Paper No. 62/24)
- 14. Members noted the above report.

### **III.** Motions Raised by Members

- (A) The three motions raised by Members
- (1) Set up memorial facilities commemorating the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression in Sai Kung District (SKDC(DFWC) Paper No. 63/24)
- 15. The Chairman said that the motion was moved by Mr Philip LI and seconded by Mr WANG Wen, Mr LI Tin-chi, Mr CHAU Ka-lok, Mr YAU Ho-lun, Mr Chris CHEUNG, Ms SZE Pan-pan, Ms WU Suet-lin, Mr CHAN Kuen-kwan, Mr CHEUNG Man-tim, Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, Mr Ken CHAN, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai, Mr LAM Chun-ka, Ms KI Lai-mei, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr WONG Yuen-hong, Mr WONG Wang-to, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Mr WAN Kai-ming, Ms KAN Tung-tung, Mr LAU Kai-hong, Mr WONG Shui-sang, Ms Christine FONG, Ms LI Ka-yan, Mr Kelvin YAU, Ms Natasha YU, Ms TAM Chuk-kwan, Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang, Ms Angel CHONG, Mr CHAN Chi-ho and Mr CHAN Kai-wai.
- 16. Members noted the written reply from SKDO (SKDC(DFWC) Paper No. 67/24).

- 17. As regards setting up memorial facilities commemorating the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression, Members raised the following suggestions and views:
  - Information should be available in both Chinese and English for easy reading by overseas visitors.
  - Apart from the history of the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression, consideration could be given to including historical elements of resistance against the colonial rule.
  - Information boards on commemorating the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression could be coordinated and placed at locations such as the Sai Kung Waterfront Park or the Sai Kung Jockey Club Town Hall.
  - References could be drawn from the information kept by the Hong Kong Museum of the War of Resistance and Coastal Defence. Interviews with individuals participated in the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression and their descendants could also be carried out. The relevant information and videos could then be displayed by QR codes in the memorial facilities commemorating the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression.
  - They enquired about the design of the commemorative plaque.
  - The feasibility of developing related economic activities could be explored with residents living near the memorial facilities commemorating the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression.
  - Consideration could be given to renaming parks managed by LCSD in the vicinity of the memorial facilities commemorating the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression.

### 18. <u>Miss LAM I-ching, Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)1, SKDO</u> responded as follows:

- SKDO had all along attached importance to patriotic education. SKDO noted and would actively consider Members' suggestions.
- It is preferable to have the information on the memorial facilities commemorating the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression in both Chinese and English for easy reading by overseas visitors. Nonetheless, the actual implementation would depend on factors such as the size of commemorative plaques, the amount of information as well as the layout design.
- To ensure the accuracy of information on the memorial facilities commemorating the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression, Members were welcome to assist in gathering more relevant historical information for SKDO's reference. Also, Members were encouraged to consider making funding applications under the Community Involvement Programme, to invite scholars and the youth to actively explore and study wartime relics and the related history of Sai Kung District.

- 19. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was passed and asked SKDO to consider Members' suggestions and views.
- 20. There being no other comments from Members, <u>the Chairman</u> declared that the item would be deleted at the next meeting.
- (2) Enhance directional signage provision to the entry permit service centre in Tseung Kwan O to facilitate access by the public to apply for permits (SKDC(DFWC) Paper No. 64/24)
- 21. The Chairman said that the motion was moved by Mr CHENG Yu-hei and seconded by Mr WANG Wen, Mr LI Tin-chi, Mr Philip LI, Mr CHAU Ka-lok, Mr YAU Ho-lun, Ms SZE Pan-pan, Ms WU Suet-lin, Mr Chris CHEUNG, Mr CHEUNG Mantim, Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, Mr Ken CHAN, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Mr WAN Kai-ming, Mr WONG Wang-to, Mr WONG Yuen-hong, Ms KAN Tung-tung, Mr LAU Kai-hong, Ms TAM Chuk-kwan and Ms Christine FONG.
- 22. Members noted the written replies from the Transport Department (TD) and MTRCL (SKDC(DFWC) Paper Nos. 68/24 and 75/24).
- 23. Members raised the following views:
  - They suggested that MTRCL should update information about the entry permit service centre in the guides and street maps at the exits of Tseung Kwan O Station, and notify Members upon completion.
  - They suggested that MTRCL should comprehensively review the directional signage facilities in Tseung Kwan O Station, and carry out enhancement work as appropriate.
  - The red light phase at the pavement leading to the entry permit service centre off Exit B of Tseung Kwan O MTR Station was relatively long, and there were no shade structures to shelter along the way. They suggested that TD could adjust the pedestrian phase of the traffic lights at the intersection, and consider enhancing pedestrian facilities.
  - They suggested adding directional signs at the properties managed by MTRCL (e.g. large shopping malls) near the entry permit service centre.
  - They suggested adding directional facilities on public roads. The use of wording such as "entry permit service centre" could be considered, instead of a direct mention of the name of a specific non-governmental organisation.
- 24. Mr Kelvin KWOK, Manager External Affairs, MTRCL responded as follows:
  - After being informed of the service commencement date for the entry permit service centre, MTRCL promptly reminded the station staff and

- ensured that they provided accurate information and appropriate assistance to passengers.
- Information regarding the entry permit service centre would be added to the guides and street maps at the exits of Tseung Kwan O MTR Station within this year. Relevant updates would also be made to the MTRCL website and MTR Mobile app simultaneously, and Members would be notified upon completion.
- He would relay to the relevant division of MTRCL the suggestion on the provision of directional signage at the properties managed by MTRCL (e.g. large shopping malls) near the entry permit service centre.
- 25. Members further suggested that the relevant departments could coordinate with the China Travel Service Entry Permit Service Hong Kong Limited, and consider displaying banners at temporary and authorised locations to direct members of the public to apply for documents.

[Post-meeting note: On 19 November 2024, SKDO wrote to the District Lands Office, Sai Kung (DLO/SK) to relay views raised by Members, followed by the response from DLO/SK on 26 November 2024.]

- 26. There being no objection from Members, <u>the Chairman</u> declared that the motion was passed and asked TD and MTRCL to follow-up.
- 27. There being no other comments from Members, <u>the Chairman</u> declared that the item would be deleted at the next meeting.
- (3) Enhance pavements in Sai Kung town centre, expedite the repairs of damaged paving slabs and beautify pavements and manhole covers (SKDC(DFWC) Paper No. 65/24)
- 28. The Chairman said that the motion was moved by Ms Christine FONG and seconded by Mr WAN Kai-ming, Mr LAM Chun-ka, Ms Natasha YU, Ms WU Suet-lin, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, Mr CHAU Ka-lok, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Ms LI Ka-yan, Ms TAM Chuk-kwan, Mr LI Tin-chi, Mr YAU Ho-lun, Ms Angel CHONG, Mr Ken CHAN, Ms KAN Tung-tung, Mr WANG Wen, Mr Philip LI, Mr Kelvin YAU, Mr CHAN Chi-ho, Mr Chris CHEUNG, Ms KI Lai-mei and Mr WONG Wang-to.
- 29. Members noted the written replies from SKDO, TD, DSD, WSD and the Highways Department (HyD) (SKDC(DFWC) Paper Nos. 69/24 to 73/24).
- 30. Members raised the following views:
  - They suggested that TD should conduct a site inspection and improve the kerbs in the vicinity of Yi Chun Street (near Tin Hau Temple in Sai Kung).

- Shop operators in Sai Kung town centre reflected that the red paving slabs of the pavements were easily damaged due to the passage of heavy construction machinery. In addition to emergency repairs of the damaged slabs, they suggested considering the use of other materials (e.g. concrete) to resurface roads in the long run, and incorporating featured elements of Sai Kung District.
- They suggested adopting the Sai Kung-themed entries in the "DSD Thematic Manhole Cover Design Competition" for the design of manhole covers in Sai Kung town centre.
- 31. <u>Miss Lacus CHENG, Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)2, SKDO</u> noted Members' views and responded as follows:
  - Due to the concentration of shops along the footpaths in Sai Kung town centre which are in close proximity to residential buildings, the use of concrete for road resurfacing might create difficulties for public utility undertakers to conduct maintenance and repair works of underground pipelines in the area, potentially causing inconvenience to the shop operators. Therefore, SKDO preferred repairing the existing paving slabs and would consider selecting certain locations for beautification.
  - SKDO would continue deploying staff for regular site inspections to repair damaged road surface in a timely manner so as to ensure pedestrian safety.
  - Distinctive paving slabs had been laid on the footpaths in Pak Lap and Yim Tin Tsai (near the golf course). Studies were underway to explore using similar paving slabs at appropriate locations on the footpaths in Sai Kung town centre (Tak Lung Front Street, Centre Street and Sai Kung Tai Street).
- 32. Mr WANG Ran, Engineer/New Territories East (Distribution 3), WSD said that to facilitate the operation of valves in case of emergency and for easy identification, WSD had to use standard valve covers and might spray-paint manhole covers based on operational needs. Therefore, the colours of manhole covers might not fully match the thematic designs reflecting the features of Sai Kung District. If necessary, WSD would actively consider aligning with other thematic design work in Sai Kung District.
- 33. Mr Gary LEUNG, Senior Engineer/System Management Division 4, DSD said that DSD was exploring the installation of distinctive manhole covers at suitable locations in Sai Kung District. Amongst the 90 entries in the "Thematic Manhole Cover Design Competition" held by DSD, many design submissions had featured Sai Kung District. DSD would consider selecting suitable entries for manhole covers to be installed in the district upon the announcement of the competition results.
- 34. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was passed and asked SKDO, TD, DSD, WSD and HyD to follow up.

- 35. There being no other comments from Members, <u>the Chairman</u> declared that the item would be deleted at the next meeting.
- (B) The one question raised by Members
- (1) Provision of Village Sewerage in Sai Kung related works progress and the current situation (SKDC(DFWC) Paper No. 66/24)
- 36. <u>The Chairman</u> said the question was raised by Mr Ken CHAN.
- 37. Mr Gary LEUNG of DSD introduced the paper (SKDC(DFWC) Paper No. 74/24).
- 38. Members raised the following questions and views:
  - They enquired about the target completion dates of the works which were underway in villages, as well as the plans and timetables for the new stages of works to be launched in the future (including the villages between the section of Pan Long Wan and Tai Wan Tau, in the area of Tai Mong Tsai Road and those that could not be covered by the works at the present stage due to technical issues).
  - They enquired how to encourage and educate villagers to take part in the connection works to public sewers, and details of the subsidy scheme on the cost of the connection works applicable to the villagers.
  - They suggested enhancing the road facilities in the villages (e.g. Po Toi O Village) in tandem with the sewerage works.
  - They suggested coordinating with village representatives and contractors to reduce the impact of heavy vehicles (such as concrete mixers, works vehicles and cranes) on villagers during the construction period.
- 39. <u>Mr Gary LEUNG of DSD</u> responded as follows:
  - DSD would step up the efforts to educate villagers on the content of the connection to public sewers, such as by explaining the connection procedures in detail.
  - Regarding the enhancement of road facilities in Po Toi O Village in tandem with the sewerage works, DSD would be pleased to proactively coordinate with SKDO on the works proposal.
  - DSD understood that the exit and entry of heavy vehicles (e.g. concrete mixers) might cause inconvenience to villagers. DSD had all along maintained close communication and harmonious relationships with village representatives and villagers. DSD would definitely continue to maintain close coordination with village representatives and notify them in advance, if there was a need for large vehicles or machinery to exit and enter the

- villages in the future.
- The ongoing works were expected to be completed in stages starting from late 2025, and the regional office of DSD and EPD would be informed upon completion. EPD would start to gradually issue letters to owners of village houses, notifying them of the commencement of connection works to public sewers in approximately half a year after ascertaining the completion of works, i.e. around 2026.

# 40. Mr Ricky LIU, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Sewerage Infrastructure)6, EPD responded as follows:

- The Government would take into account various factors comprehensively, including the level of environmental improvement associated with the "Port Shelter Sewerage Master Plan" (PSSMP), village population density, residents' preferences, technical feasibility, cost effectiveness, fiscal situation, etc., in the timely planning of the relevant works.
- The Government planned to carry out the works by grouping the villages in the Port Shelter catchment into three stages:
  - Stage 1: Completed.
  - Stage 2: Involving 31 villages, of which 11 villages had works completed; 3 villages were carrying out works; and the remaining 17 villages under Public Works Programme (PWP) Item No. 4272DS were under planning, design or consultation.
  - Stage 3: Involving 19 villages, of which 10 villages had works completed; 4 villages were carrying out works; and the remaining 5 villages under PWP Item No. 4273DS were under planning.
  - For the remaining 22 villages that were under planning in Stages 2 and 3, it would take a few years to complete the works. Upon completion, a number of factors would be taken into consideration comprehensively, including the level of environmental improvement, village population density, residents' preferences, technical feasibility, cost effectiveness, fiscal situation, etc., in the timely planning of the relevant works in other villages.
- 41. Mr Gary LEUNG of DSD added that in respect of the fees arising from the connection works, village house owners could consider applying to the Urban Renewal Authority for the Building Maintenance Grant Scheme for Needy Owners, or to the Buildings Department for the Building Safety Loan Scheme. DSD would also provide the relevant information when reaching out to villagers.
- 42. Members continued to raise the following views:
  - They enquired about the arrangements for the septic tanks upon completion of the relevant connection works that were previously used by villagers.
  - They were concerned about the situation of the submarine outfall pipe

- works, as well as the issue of pipeline corrosion in Po Toi O Village.
- They asked about the tendering status of village works, and the progress made by the contractors in fulfilling works contracts.
- Some villagers might be deterred by the high cost of connection works and would probably continue to use a more affordable method of sewage treatment through cleaning septic tanks. Members suggested that the departments should put more effort in explaining the subsidy or loan schemes concerned to villagers.
- Noting the situation of sewage backflow in the septic tanks in some villages, they suggested that EPD should also take this into consideration when deciding the sequence of works.

### 43. Mr Gary LEUNG of DSD responded as follows:

- The structure on the sea surface of Po Toi O was temporary, and the exterior of which was enclosed by large fences, to avoid polluting the surrounding water during the submarine outfall pipe works. Although rusting occurred in the temporary structure due to erosion by wind and rain during construction, it would not affect the installation of the submarine outfall pipe. At present, the installation of the submarine outfall pipe had been completed, and the submarine diffuser would be installed within the enclosed areas in a timely manner.
- Upon completion of the sewerage works, the septic tanks would be no longer in use. The septic tanks would have to be plugged or demolished by the owners themselves under the "Water Pollution Control (Sewerage) Regulation".
- Regarding the works progress, as the project would cover village sewers of 18 kilometres in length, which would be affected by the obstruction of pedestrian walkways and unchartered underground pipelines during construction, extra time would be needed for temporary diversion or relocation of the pipelines. Therefore, part of the works could not be able to concurrently implemented.

### 44. Mr Ricky LIU of EPD responded as follows:

- The regional representatives of EPD would contact the villagers when appropriate and send them notices, reminding them to carry out the relevant connection works. EPD would also make suitable arrangements in response to villagers' individual circumstances.
- Having regard to factors such as resource availability, technical feasibility and departmental funding regulations, the planning progress of works would need to be made in a gradual and step-by-step manner.
- 45. There being no other comments from Members, <u>the Chairman</u> thanked the representatives of EPD and DSD for their presentations. He also asked EPD and DSD

to note Members' views and to step up liaison with the Sai Kung Rural Committee, village representatives and members of SKDC on the progress of works.

46. The Chairman declared that the item would be deleted at the next meeting.

### IV. Any Other Business

47. No other business was raised by Members.

### V. <u>Date of Next Meeting</u>

- 48. The next meeting was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on 14 January 2025 (Tuesday).
- 49. The meeting ended at 11:55 a.m.

Sai Kung District Council Secretariat December 2024