Date: 23 November 2018 (Friday)

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Venue: Tuen Mun District Council (TMDC) Conference Room

		Time of	Time of
Present		Arrival	Departure
Ms LUNG Shui-hing, MH (Chairman)	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr KAM Man-fung (Vice-chairman)	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LEUNG Kin-man, BBS, MH, JP	TMDC Chairman	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LEE Hung-sham, Lothar, BBS, MH	TMDC Vice-chairman	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr SO Shiu-shing	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr KWU Hon-keung	TMDC Member	9:33 a.m.	11:53 a.m.
Mr TO Sheck-yuen, MH	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHU Yiu-wah	TMDC Member	9:33 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms KONG Fung-yi	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr NG Koon-hung	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	11:17 a.m.
Ms WONG Lai-sheung, Catherine	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms HO Hang-mui	TMDC Member	9:33 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TSUI Fan, MH	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms CHING Chi-hung	TMDC Member	9:36 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHAN Man-wah, MH	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms CHU Shun-nga, Beatrice	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TSANG Hin-hong	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	11:36 a.m.
Mr MO Shing-fung	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr YIP Man-pan	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr YEUNG Chi-hang	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr YAN Siu-nam	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TAM Chun-yin	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHAN Tsim-heng	Co-opted Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TSOI Shing-hin	Co-opted Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms CHAN Ching-yee, Jackie (Secretary)	Executive Officer I (Distr	ict Council)2,	

Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department

Senior Engineer/New Territories West 3,
Water Supplies Department
Engineer/New Territories West (Distribution 2),
Water Supplies Department
Engineer/Salt Water Conversion, Water Supplies Department
Director - Project Management Division,
Mannings (Asia) Consultants Limited
Deputy Managing Director, Mannings (Asia) Consultants
Limited
Chief Engineer/West 2 (Acting), Civil Engineering and
Development Department
Senior Engineer/2 (West), Civil Engineering and Development
Department
Engineer/1 (West), Civil Engineering and Development
Department
Project Manager, Atkins China Limited
Project Engineer, Atkins China Limited
Chief Engineer/Land Works, Civil Engineering and
Development Department
Senior Engineer/1, Civil Engineering and Development
Department
Engineer/12, Civil Engineering and Development Department
Senior Engineer/Project Management 3, Drainage Services
Department
Engineer/Project Management 16, Drainage Services
Department
Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Sewerage
Infrastructure)3, Environmental Protection Department
Technical Director, AECOM (Asia) Limited
Chief Executive Officer (Community Relations)2,
Environmental Protection Department
Environmental Protection Officer (Food Waste Recycling)22,
Environmental Protection Department
Senior Health Inspector (Administration & Development)
Special Duties, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

In Attendance			
Miss TSUI Man-yee, Joanna	Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun)1,		
	Home Affairs Department		
Mr LEUNG Kam-wai	Senior Inspector of Works, Tuen Mun District Office,		
	Home Affairs Department		
Mr LEE Kam-ho, Edwin	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tuen Mun),		
	Food and Environment Hygiene Department		
Ms CHAN Wing-yee Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tuen Mun)2,			
	Leisure and Cultural Services Department		
Mr CHAN Yung-leung	Engineer/Tuen Mun 5, Drainage Services Department		
Mr CHEUNG Chun-kit	Housing Manager/Tuen Mun 1, Housing Department		
Mr YEUNG Mo-man	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West)1,		
	Environmental Protection Department		
Mr CHAN Ka-chi, Kelvin	Town Planner/Tuen Mun 2, Planning Department		
Mr CHAN Yuen-heng, Jason	Engineer/15 (West), Civil Engineering and Development		
	Department		
Mr TAM Kwok-leung	Administrative Assistant/Lands (Acting) (District Lands		
	Office, Tuen Mun), Lands Department		
Mr CHOW Hing-yu	Project Coordinator/Design 3, Water Supplies Department		

Absent with Apologies	
Mr LAM Chung-hoi	TMDC Member
Mr CHAN Manwell, Leo	TMDC Member
Ms SO Ka-man	TMDC Member
Mr KEUNG Kai-pong	Co-opted Member
Mr LEUNG Kin-shing	Co-opted Member

I. <u>Opening Remarks</u>

The Chairman welcomed all participants and government department representatives in attendance to the 7th meeting of the Environment, Hygiene and District Development Committee ("EHDDC"). On behalf of the EHDDC, she welcomed Ms Jackie CHAN, who had taken up the post of Secretary.

2. The Chairman reminded Members that Members who were aware of their personal interests in any matters discussed at the meeting should declare the interests before the discussion. The Chairman would, in accordance with Order 39(12) of the Tuen Mun District Council ("TMDC") Standing Orders, decide whether the Members who had declared interests might speak or vote on the matters, might remain at the meeting as observers, or should withdraw from the meeting. All cases of declaration of interests would be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

II. <u>Absence from Meeting</u>

3. Ms SO Ka-man had made an application for leave of absence from the meeting as she needed a rest after childbirth. The EHDDC accepted her application. Besides, Mr Leo CHAN had applied for leave for absence from the meeting due to sickness.

[Post-meeting note: As per the requirement of the Standing Orders, Mr Leo CHAN submitted a medical certificate after the meeting. Therefore, his application for leave of absence was accepted by the EHDDC.]

III. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

4. As Members proposed no amendments to the minutes, the Chairman announced that the minutes of the 6^{th} meeting of the EHDDC (2018-2019) were confirmed.

IV. <u>Discussion Items</u>

(A) <u>Introduction to Conversion from Fresh Water to Salt Water for</u> <u>Flushing in Tuen Mun East</u> (EHDDC Paper No. 66/2018)

5. The Chairman welcomed Mr LEUNG Wai-kwong, Senior Engineer/New Territories West 3, Mr Ricky FUNG, Engineer/New Territories West (Distribution 2), Mr KWOK Wah-inn, Engineer/Salt Water Conversion, of the Water Supplies Department ("WSD"); and Mr LAM Chi-chiu, Director - Project Management

Division, and Mr Martin CHEUNG Kin-keung, Deputy Managing Director, of Mannings (Asia) Consultants Limited ("Mannings") to the meeting.

6. Mr LEUNG Wai-kwong of the WSD and Mr LAM Chi-chiu of Mannings gave a PowerPoint presentation (Annex 1*) to briefly introduce the captioned scheme to Members.

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7. Members made different comments and enquiries on the scheme concerned, which are summarised as follows:

- (i) Some Members opined that switching to seawater flushing was a good idea to save fresh water and supported switching to seawater flushing;
- (ii) A Member asked whether it was necessary to switch to pumps and pipes that were compatible with seawater before the switch to seawater flushing;
- (iii) Some Members asked if the department would provide subsidies or compensations for the affected households who needed to replace the relevant equipment, especially those who currently lived in buildings aged 40 or more;
- (iv) A Member requested the department to disclose the number of housing estates that had already switched to seawater flushing and the level of wear on pipes after their switch to seawater flushing. Moreover, the Member enquired how specifically the department would contact the affected residents in Tuen Mun East. The Member also remarked that getting in contact with the district councillor of the constituency concerned was not tantamount to consultation with residents;
- (v) A Member said that as a licensed plumber, he knew that the pipes, pumps, relevant materials and structures used for seawater flushing were different from those used for fresh water flushing. Generally speaking, developers installed equipment compatible with seawater flushing when they constructed new buildings, but for some housing estates or villas that had been complete for many years, the equipment there might not be compatible with seawater flushing; and
- (vi) A Member suggested the department give direct lines to residents for

technical support or for enquiry after the switch to seawater flushing.

Mr LEUNG Wai-kwong of the WSD responded that installation of pipes and 8. pumps compatible with seawater flushing was a requirement set by the department, which should be met in all applications for water supply to buildings. The problem of ageing equipment did exist in some buildings that had been complete for years, and the initially-installed pipes and pumps might have been replaced after years of use, but the new equipment installed might not be compatible with seawater The consultant would arrange to inspect them one by one to check if their flushing. equipment was compatible with seawater flushing. The consultant would conduct a site inspection at every housing estate, so after the equipment inspections, the consultant's representatives could explain the matters and arrangements concerned to the management companies/households and answer questions. Besides, the department would send a letter to the management companies/households of the housing estates that had been included in the scheme for switching to seawater flushing, and direct lines of the consultant would also be provided in the letter for the management companies/households to make contact and enquiries directly.

9. Mr LEUNG Wai-kwong of the WSD further said it was difficult for the department to obtain the relevant data on private housing estates that had already switched to seawater flushing, but it would collect from the Housing Department the fees for maintenance and replacement works to the inside service for flushing in public housing estates after their switch to seawater flushing. After collecting the data concerned, the department would provide them for Members' reference as soon as possible.

[Post-meeting note: The WSD provided the data concerned (see Annex 1A*) in January 2019.]

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- 10. Member made comments and enquiries on the WSD's response as follows:
- A Member hoped the department would pay more attention to situations in squatters (e.g. Kar Wo Lei). The Member said the space for installation of seawater-compatible tanks was limited in squatter areas, and the households might have financial difficulty as there were few user households who could share the installation costs;
- (ii) A Member wondered if the department could obtain data on public housing

estates that had already switched to seawater flushing and on the levels of wear on pipes after their switch;

- (iii) While expressing support in principle for switching to seawater flushing, a Member worried that congestion on Castle Peak Road would be aggravated by several excavation works needed to be carried out in 2021 to 2023. The Member enquired whether the department had made any appropriate arrangements for traffic support;
- (iv) A Member asked whether the department had looked at in its studies how the levels of wear on pipes changed after the switch to seawater. Citing housing estates in Tin Shui Wai as an example, the Member said pipes wore out more quickly after the switch to seawater and this would have a direct impact on the maintenance costs to be borne by residents in the future. Besides, the Member asked whether the department would provide support for the housing estates in matters concerning pipe maintenance;
- (v) A Member suggested the department carry out replacement in housing estates or buildings in two phases, with seawater flushing equipment in younger housing estates to be given priority in replacement over the older ones. Besides, the Member hoped the department would contact the affected households or the Tuen Mun South East Area Committee on its own initiative to give more explanations; and
- (vi) A Member enquired what the consultant would do if it found it difficult to install tanks for seawater after site inspections.

11. Mr LEUNG Wai-kwong of the WSD said that looking at the three types of water supply connection, the works for two of them cost zero, and for the remaining type of water supply connection, which entailed works costs, the department provided no subsidy at the moment. The department would offer technical support in the switch scheme to help buildings to improve, convert or renovate relevant equipment. Besides, the department would provide information for EHDDC Members' reference after it obtained data on public housing estates that had already switched to seawater flushing and collected the fees for the repair, maintenance and replacement works necessitated by wear and tear on relevant equipment after the switch.

12. Mr LEUNG Wai-kwong of the WSD added that on traffic support, the

department had completed the largest excavation works necessitated by the switch to seawater flushing in 2015, in which a 1 000-millimetre diameter pipe for seawater had been installed underground. For the captioned project, the works to be carried out in the future would require road closures in small areas only as they merely involved connection of housing estate and seawater flushing pipe joints by, for example, digging holes near the housing estates. To minimise possible impacts on traffic during the works, the department would assess traffic conditions in the works design and recommend appropriate temporary traffic management measures.

13. Mr LEUNG Wai-kwong of the WSD further said that currently, the consultant would arrange inspections for every affected housing estate or building. It was believed that the switch would likely be carried out in younger housing estates first since their designs were better and their pipes were relatively new. For housing estates or buildings with facilities and pipes getting old possibly due to the ageing of buildings, the consultant would identify the technical difficulties during the site inspections and conferred with the management offices/households to resolve the problems and difficulties. Currently the department did not conduct relevant studies on the levels of wear on seawater pipes, but seawater flushing had been in use for many years, so it was believed that wear and tear was not a big problem as long as the parts of the pipes were compatible with seawater in themselves. He pointed out that the limited space available for installation of tanks in village houses and load issues posed technical challenges for the works, and engineers would discuss measures with the management offices/households in response to different situations; however, advice on the details of the measures could only be offered based on the actual circumstances.

14. The Chairman concluded by saying that while supporting the captioned scheme on environmental grounds, the EHDDC would like the department to further follow it up and hear the views of different stakeholders in a bid to resolve technical difficulties.

(B) <u>PWP Item No. 268RS - Cycle Track Between Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun</u> - <u>Stage 2A Works</u> (EHDDC Paper No. 67/2018)

15. The Chairman welcomed Mr Thomas CHU, Chief Engineer/West 2 (Acting), Mr Freddie TSANG, Senior Engineer/2 (West), Mr Tyler HO, Engineer/1 (West), of the Civil Engineering and Development Department ("CEDD"); and Mr Jeffrey CHAN, Project Manager, and Mr Ricky CHEUNG, Project Engineer, of Atkins China Limited ("Atkins") to the meeting.

16. Mr Tyler HO of the CEDD and Mr Jeffrey CHAN of Atkins gave a PowerPoint presentation (Annex 2*) to briefly introduce the captioned project to Members.

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17. Members made different comments and enquiries on the project, which are summarised as follows:

- (i) On behalf of residents in Spring Seaview Terrace and the area of Castle Peak Road, a Member expressed opposition to the captioned project, saying that the department had not consulted all the affected people (e.g. residents in the above areas) on the project. Besides, the Member held the view that the route of the cycle track proposed in the document was circuitous and some sections entailing construction of bridges for connection, which was waste of public money;
- (ii) Some Members said some residents in Tuen Mun East had expressed the hope that the captioned cycle track could be built, and therefore believed Members were divided only on the alignment of the cycle track;
- (iii) A Member considered that it was necessary to pay attention to the safety of residents on the way to and from the numerous villages and housing estates in the section between Ki Lun Kong and Tuen Hing Road. She pointed out that the current proposal to build the cycle track along the barrier wall of Rainbow Garden might pose dangers for residents. In her opinion, the cycle track should be away from pavements. Moreover, she said there was a potential risk as the cycle track crossed a park near Handsome Court. She suggested site inspections by the department;
- (iv) A Member knew that the department had revised the route in response to comments from Members and the public by, for example, replacing the route running in front of Aegean Coast with one running in front of Crossroads Foundation;
- (v) A Member reckoned that allowing direct participation from the affected residents was a direct way to learn about public opinions, and participants had for a number of times mentioned safety being the first priority. She had personally made a visit in late October and found that there were four

crossings with driveways on the some two-kilometre cycle journey from Hoi Wing Road to Crossroads Foundation, and that paths in Golden Beach and lanes in the areas of Monte Carlo and Spring Seaview Terrace were too narrow. She therefore hoped the department would pay more attention to safety issues relating to the alignment of the cycle track and do more consultation;

- (vi) A Member said the planning work for captioned project had spanned three terms of district council. While understanding that the department had made proper arrangements for consultation and listened to the views of the local community, he suggested the department continue to spend more time on site inspection and hear the views of the local community; and
- (vii) A Member requested the department to do consultation work more actively by, for example, organising more public engagement activities to gain a better understanding of the views of the local community.

18. Mr Thomas CHU of the CEDD thanked Members for the above comments and said the department would keep in touch with Members and residents to hear views. Given geographical constraints and the widening works to Castle Peak Road, there was not enough space in the relevant section of Castle Peak Road to accommodate the proposed cycle track. Not built along Castle Peak Road, the current alignment would not only have less impact on residents along Castle Peak Road but also allow cyclists to enjoy sea views along the beach.

19. Mr Thomas CHU of the CEDD added that on consultation arrangements, the department had engaged with residents in Aegean Coast and Spring Seaview Terrace to hear their views. Moreover, the department had noted the view among residents in the area of Tsing Sin Garden that the cycle track should not be too close to housing estates. As for the section between Golden Beach Path and Crossroads Foundation, there would inevitably be more crossings in the current alignment, but if cycle subways were used instead, it would be necessary to leave space for construction of ramps so as to link up the at-grade cycle track and cycle subways. For cyclists, cycling uphill was more strenuous and they might not prefer using subways at night.

20. Members made the second round of comments and enquiries on the responses of the CEDD representative, which are summarised as follows:

(i) Some Members objected to the alignment of a bypass to the beach in the

proposed cycle track, arguing that if there were too many bikes around the beach, children playing at the beach would be exposed to potential risk and non-cyclists would also be affected;

- (ii) A Member reckoned that the alignment of the cycle track should be barrier-free and it was not ideal if cyclists often had to dismount and push their bikes to cross roads; and
- (iii) A Member reiterated that the current proposal to build the cycle track along the barrier wall of Rainbow Garden was not ideal, and it was impractical to build the cycle track between two pavements. Therefore, the Member considered that it was necessary to carry out site inspections first.

21. Mr Thomas CHU of the CEDD said the department understood that residents in Rainbow were concerned about the potential problems arising from the extremely close proximity of the cycle track to the housing estate, adding that the department would leave space as far as possible and keep the cycle track away from the entrance and exit of the housing estate. He said it was hoped that the public's opinions would be gathered through gazetting, and the captioned project would be revised in accordance with the opinions collected so that the alignment of the cycle track could be optimised. He therefore hoped Members would support the department in gazetting the current alignment for collection of public opinions.

22. The Chairman concluded by saying that some Members expressed opposition to the proposed alignment while some remarked that the department's consultation was not wide enough, so at the moment the EHDDC could hardly support the department in taking the approach of gazetting before revising the alignment of the cycle track. She would like the department to take a step-by-step approach of consulting with the affected people and then the EHDDC.

(C) <u>PWP Item No. 7681CL (Part) - Formation, Roads and Drains in Area</u> <u>54, Tuen Mun - Phase 2 Stage 4B - Improvement Works at Lam Tei</u> <u>Interchange</u> (EHDDC Paper No. 68/2018)

23. The Chairman welcomed Mr CHOI Wing-hing, Chief Engineer/Land Works, Mr WONG Kai-chung, Senior Engineer/1, and Ms HO Ngan-ling, Engineer/12, of the CEDD to the meeting.

24. Mr CHOI Wing-hing and Ms HO Ngan-ling of the CEDD gave a PowerPoint

presentation (Annex 3*) to briefly introduce the captioned project to Members.

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25. Members expressed support for the captioned project and made different comments, which are summarised as follows:

- Some Members said the captioned project should be carried out as soon as possible and the works for Road L7 should be planned without delay to support development in the area;
- (ii) A Member reckoned that the design of the junction of Tsz Tin Road and Road L54A should be studied as well; and
- (iii) Some Members suggested traffic signs at the relevant road sections should be improved as well by, for example, putting up directional road signs, replacing dotted white lines with solid white lines on the road towards Lam Tei, and making changes to allow vehicles on the second lane of the interchange to turn left or right.

26. Mr CHOI Wing-hing of the CEDD thanked Members for supporting the captioned project and offering the above comments. He pointed out that the Housing Projects Unit of the department had started the feasibility studies in respect of the areas of San Hing Road and Hong Po Road, and Road L7 were also covered in the studies. He hoped that the need for it could be confirmed as soon as possible so that the improvement works could be carried out. As for traffic safety, the department would take Members' comments as reference and explore with the Transport Department ("TD") improvements to the existing traffic signs at Lam Tei Interchange in the captioned project.

27. The Chairman concluded by saying that the EHDDC supported the captioned project and would like the department to consider the above comments.

[At this point, the Chairman left and the meeting was temporarily chaired by the Vice-chairman.]

(D) <u>PWP Item No. 4346DS-1 - Upgrading of Tuen Mun Sewerage, Phase 1,</u> <u>Part 2</u> <u>Village Sewerage Works at Fuk Hang Tsuen (lower), Kar Wo Lei, Po</u> <u>Tong Ha, Siu Hang Tsuen and Tsz Tin Tsuen, Tuen Mun</u>

(EHDDC Paper No. 69/2018)

28. The Vice-chairman welcomed Mr Simon CHAN, Senior Engineer/Project Management 3, and Ms Shirley CHIU, Engineer/Project Management 16, of the Drainage Services Department ("DSD"); Dr Cherie LEE, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Sewerage Infrastructure)3, of the Environmental Protection Department ("EPD"); and Mr LEE Shung-tim, Technical Director of AECOM (Asia) Limited ("AECOM"), to the meeting.

29. Mr Simon CHAN of the DSD and Mr LEE Shung-tim of AECOM gave a PowerPoint presentation (Annex 4*) to briefly introduce the captioned project to Members.

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30. Members made comments and enquiries on the captioned project, which are summarised as follows:

- A Member hoped the department would implement the project as soon as possible. Besides, the Member asked whether it was possible to help villagers to build drains from village houses to the terminal manhole as well during the works, so as to ease villagers' burden;
- Some Members suggested the department carry out more inspections during the works and communicate more closely with district councillors and village representatives to hear villagers' views;
- (iii) A Member expressed support for the captioned project, opining that it could help improve villagers' living environment;
- (iv) In view of the department's claim that the captioned project had received support in the relevant consultation, a Member asked about the targets and content of the consultation; and
- (v) A Member said some villagers in Kar Wo Lei had remarked that the department had neither provided sufficient information nor contacted villagers in Kar Wo Lei directly to explain matters about the captioned project. Therefore, the Member requested that the Kar Wo Lei project be deferred until the villagers obtained sufficient information.
- 31. Mr Simon CHAN of the DSD responded that the department would have

discussion with resident representatives before the commencement of works. As regards the consultation on the project for Kar Wo Lei Village, the department had met with the village representatives and the resident association representatives of Kar Wo Lei on 8 October, and learnt at the meeting that Kar Wo Lei Village would hold an internal meeting for resident consultation on the captioned project on 14 October. The department had expressed its willingness to join consultation meetings to get in touch with villagers, but resident association representatives had said the presence of department's representatives was uncalled for. Subsequently on 19 October, the department had learnt that some 50 Kar Wo Lei villagers had expressed their opposition to the captioned project, whereas the Tuen Mun Rural Committee had expressed its support for the project on 20 October. The department had kept trying in vain to contact the representatives of Kar Wo Lei and sought assistance from the Tuen Mun District Office ("TMDO") with a view to a deeper understanding of their opinions. In early November, a resident association representative of Kar Wo Lei had contacted the department on his own initiative to learn about the details of the project. And after that, the representative had claimed to have understood clearly the details and said there was no need for further Therefore, the department had sought Members' assistance in discussion. arranging a meeting with the resident representative, but regrettably, it could not manage to meet with the villager concerned before the current EHDDC meeting.

32. Mr Simon CHAN of the DSD further said the department had learnt that in the consultation there were both supporting and opposing opinions among the stakeholders over the captioned project, but no consensus had been reached as yet. And he agreed that the department could do more consultation. The Kar Wo Lei project could not be carried out concurrently with the projects in other villages as the department needed more time to understand stakeholders' views on the Kar Wo Lei project. In view of this, the department suggested the committee endorse the projects in Fuk Hang Tsuen (lower), Po Tong Ha, Siu Hang Tsuen and Tsz Tin Tsuen first.

- 33. Members made comments on the DSD's responses as follows:
- (i) A Member expressed willingness to assist the department in contacting residents of the village, provided that the department was willing to defer the Kar Wo Lei project. Yet, the Member opined that the department should find ways to catch up with the progress;
- (ii) A Member approved of the approach taken earlier by the department in liaising with the rural committee and village representatives to collect public

opinions. The Member hoped the department would stay in contact with the rural committee and village representatives to understand the situation in Kar Wo Lei, so that the works could be commenced as soon as possible;

- (iii) A Member supposed there were two reasons why Kar Wo Lei villagers opposed the project. The first reason was the worry that they could not afford the cost of building drains between village houses and the terminal manhole; the second reason was the financial burden caused by the sewage charge they had to pay in the future; and
- (iv) Some Members were in support of the captioned project, opining that it could benefit residents. A Member agreed that the department might gazette the projects in Fuk Hang Tsuen (lower), Po Tong Ha, Siu Hang Tsuen and Tsz Tin Tsuen first and hold over the Kar Wo Lei project.

34. Mr Simon CHAN of the DSD said the department might first gazette and make funding applications for the projects in the above four villages, which were due for commencement in late 2019 or early 2020.

35. The Vice-chairman concluded by saying that the EHDDC supported the captioned project in principle, but recommended the department continue to strengthen communication with Kar Wo Lei villagers to address the opposing views.

[At this point, the Chairman resumed the chair of the meeting.]

(E) <u>Request for Reviewing the Monitoring and Prosecution Work</u> <u>Concerning Illegal Affixing of Bills and Posters</u> (<u>EHDDC Paper No. 70/2018</u>) (Written Response of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department)

36. A Member said illegal posting of bills and posters was a serious problem in Tuen Mun, with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department ("FEHD") having to remove more than ten thousand of bills or posters per month in the worst situation, but there had been only 110 cases of prosecution in this regard throughout the year. The prosecution rate was not satisfactory in her opinion. She said the

current practice required that prosecution action could be taken only if an officer at the supervisory level was present and witnessed the offence at the scene, posing a higher hurdle to prosecution work. In view of this, she suggested the relevant legislation be reviewed (e.g. prosecution against the persons who benefitted from the display of, instead of those who put up, the bills or posters) and more enforcement staff be hired to ameliorate the problem of illegal posting of bills and posters.

37. Mr Edwin LEE of the FEHD responded that starting from October 2008, the department invoked Section 104A of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap 132) to issue summons to prosecute persons who illegally put up bills or posters, and starting from March 2011, the department might invoke the Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness and Obstruction) Ordinance (Cap 570) to issue fixed penalty notices to offenders, who were thus liable to a penalty of \$1,500. In addition, the department might invoke Section 104D of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap 132) to prosecute the persons who were behind the scenes and benefitted from the display of bills or posters. While the persons behind the scenes might defend themselves by claiming to have no knowledge about the display of bills or posters, the department would still do its best to adduce evidence and bring them to justice.

38. Mr Edwin LEE of the FEHD added that to step up monitoring and prosecution, the department had formed a new team of cleansing foremen in June 2018, which was tasked specifically with patrol and prosecution in Tuen Mun. After the formation of the new team, the number of illegal bills or posters removed by the department had significantly dropped by half to some 6 000 in July to August 2018 when compared with some 12 000 illegal bills or posters removed in March to April 2018. He said he would keep communicating to the department to fight for an additional enforcement team in 2019.

39. A Member enquired how the prosecution rate was after the new enforcement team was formed. She said she hoped the department would let her know more about the ways to eradicate the captioned offence at source (e.g. how the department collected evidence to prosecute the persons who were behind the scenes and benefitted from the display of bills or posters), and hence to ease the workload of the department's frontline staff.

40. Mr Edwin LEE of the FEHD thanked the Member for being understanding of the frontline staff's workload. He explained that 6 000 represented the number of bills or posters removed by the department in July to August 2018 rather than the number of complaints received. There had really been more cases of successful imposition of penalty since the formation of the new enforcement team. He believed that the penalty acted as a deferent as it meant a higher cost of illegal posting of bills or posters. On evidence collection, the department would find witnesses (e.g. taking written cautioned statements from the persons who put up the

bills or posters) and evidence (the bills or posters) and, if necessary, would find out the suspected law-defying persons' or companies' information maintained at the Companies Registry. He hoped Members would understand that while the burden of proof was on the department, final verdicts were given by the court. After the persons concerned were convicted by the court, the department would provide information about their previous related offences for the court to take into account on sentencing.

41. The Chairman thanked Mr Edwin LEE of the FEHD for his responses and hoped the captioned problem could be ameliorated after the department increased its staff.

(F) <u>Request for Reviewing the Effectiveness of "Food Waste Recycling</u> <u>Projects in Housing Estates" and Strengthening the Incentives to</u> <u>Achieve Better Results in Waste Reduction</u> (EHDDC Paper No. 71/2018)

42. The Chairman welcomed Mrs Susanne IP, Chief Executive Officer (Community Relations)2, and Ms Winnie LEUNG, Environmental Protection Officer (Food Waste Recycling)22, of the Environmental Protection Department ("EPD") to the meeting.

43. A Member said the Environment and Conservation Fund ("ECF") had launched a domestic food waste collection scheme to encourage the trial implementation of food waste collection in housing estates, under which funding was provided for participating housing estates to purchase food waste machines; however, the funding period lasted for two years only. In her view, the funding period should be extended to attract participation from more housing estates, so as to reduce food waste and raise the public's environmental awareness. Besides, she asked, if the participating housing estates could not sustain food waste collection due to shortages of funding after the two-year funding periods, how the food waste machines would be disposed of and whether the machines would be left idle and end up as rubbish, resulting in wastage.

44. A Member wondered why the ECF subsidised food waste machines only but not the operating costs incurred in the subsequent food waste collection by the housing estates. She said she did not want to see the housing estates failed to sustain the use of food waste machines due to funding problems after the two-year funding periods, and the food waste machines ended up as rubbish as a result.

45. Mrs Susanne IP of the EPD first briefly introduced the captioned projects to Members and then answered their questions one by one. She pointed out that to encourage the avoidance and reduction of food waste at source and foster good practices in the separation, collection and recovery of domestic food waste among the public, the ECF had earmarked funding of several tens of millions of dollars to support housing estates in installing on-site food waste treatment facilities for the implementation of two-year food waste collection and recycling projects and in organising educational activities on "Food Wise", which was about food waste For some housing estates that had completed the initial two-year reduction. projects with satisfactory progress, the ECF would provide partial funding for them to proceed to two-year projects on food waste separation, collection and recycling and organise related educational and promotional activities. These were largely promotional and educational projects that encouraged the public to take action to understand waste reduction at source and food waste separation, and turn unavoidable food waste into compost for planting in the gardens of housing estates. The idea behind this funding scheme was that with the food waste machines, ancillary facilities and technical know-how provided in the initial two years in the project, housing estates would be able to sustain their food waste reduction initiatives. The ultimate goal of the scheme was to promote a "Food Wise" and environment-friendly lifestyle among the public, and there was no need for the housing estates to receive long-term funding, so resources could be used effectively on the projects of other new housing estates.

46. On incentives for "extension projects", Mrs Susanne IP of the EPD further said that housing estates might apply for funding for "extension projects" after completing their initial two-year projects with satisfactory progress. The funding covered not only two-year food waste collection and recycling projects, but also related educational and promotional initiatives. Each project with costs to be subsidised could receive funding of up to 50% of the actual project cost, and the total funding for the whole "extension project" would not exceed \$300,000. In the initial two years, the housing estates had been installed with food waste machines, undergone supporting works and been equipped with ancillary tools. During the period, they had also grasped not only the knowledge and techniques on food waste machine operation and food waste processing, but also the skills in promotion and participant recruitment. Moreover, the EPD-appointed consultants would continue to provide support for the management and owners' committees of the housing estates to proactively encourage participation from residents. The department believed that all the above could encourage housing estates to continue with their food waste recovery initiatives. The criteria for approving the applications for "extension projects" mainly included whether there was resident support, whether the projects progressed smoothly, whether active support from management companies were in place and so forth. Focusing mainly on promotion and education as mentioned above, the funding scheme enabled the housing estates to sustain their food waste reduction initiatives towards the ultimate goal of promoting a "Food Wise" and environment-friendly lifestyle among the public, and funding would be dispensed with in the long run. She added that the funding scheme for "extension projects" was not a compulsory measure, so resident organisations were free to join it after discussion. All the 11 applications for "extension projects" so far received had been endorsed by the Waste Reduction Projects Vetting Sub-committee under the ECF and launched smoothly. If the participating housing estates expressed the wish to continue to use the food waste machines after completing the initial two-year projects, the department would make appropriate arrangements for their further use of the machines.

47. Furthermore, Mrs Susanne IP of the EPD said that instead of purchasing a large number of food waste machines for the captioned projects, the department would merely get housing estates to arrange to hire food waste machines for two years through open tender exercises under new projects. For housing estates not participating in "extension projects", the food waste machines they returned would be transferred for further use in other ECF projects on food waste recovery, so there would not be any problems arising from idle or "unhired" food waste machines. In addition, if the housing estates did not participate in any "extension projects" but wished to keep their food waste machines for further use, the department would make arrangements to help them to keep the machines. The department would continue with its promotional and educational work to strengthen the public's knowledge about waste.

48. A Member enquired whether the participating housing estates could keep the food waste machines for further use after the two-year funding periods and how many idle food waste machines there were at the moment. While understanding that it was difficult for the Government to use public money to subsidise the captioned projects for a long period of time, she hoped the EPD would consider pegging the average resident participation rates to the funding amounts to add incentives to the project funding arrangements with a view to encouraging long-term participation from more housing estates and boosting the resident participation rates, so as to reduce the amount of solid waste in Hong Kong.

49. Mrs Susanne IP of the EPD responded that if the participating housing estates wished to keep the food waste machines for further use after the two-year funding periods, the department would make arrangements to help them to keep the machines. Generally speaking, the department basically had no idle food waste machines. Mrs Susanne IP thanked Members for their interest in and views about the captioned projects. She said that when necessary, the department would review the details of the captioned projects in response to Members' comments.

50. The Chairman concluded by asking the department to review the details of the captioned projects in due course and the practice by which the participating housing estates could at most receive 50% funding after the two-year funding periods.

V. <u>Reporting Items</u>

(A) <u>Water Quality of Tuen Mun Beaches</u> (EHDDC Paper No. 72/2018)

51. Members noted the report.

(B) <u>Report of FEHD</u> (EHDDC Paper No. 73/2018)

52. Members noted the report.

53. Mr LEE Pak-ho, Senior Health Inspector of the FEHD, gave a PowerPoint presentation (Annex 5*) to briefly introduce green burial to Members.

*Only available in Chinese version.

54. A Member opined that the concept of green burial was well worth promoting and it would be more desirable if there was a garden of remembrance in every district. On sea burial arrangements, she suggested that in addition to Saturday, Sunday should also be made available as another session for the public to choose. Besides, she suggested the department step up efforts to promote green burial by, for example, airing TV advertisements in the daytime.

55. Mr LEE Pak-ho of the FEHD responded that the department was actively seeking to build new gardens of remembrance on new lots or extend the existing gardens of remembrance. In Tuen Mun, for instance, a new garden of remembrance that could accommodate 10 000 commemorative plaques would come into service in the latter half of 2019. As for sea burial, the department had

launched a pilot scheme under which ferry services were provided on Sunday, but it had got only a lukewarm response. Moreover, the department would visit elderly homes and schools to hold seminars for promotion and education. He noted Members' comments with thanks.

(C) <u>FEHD - Tuen Mun District 2019 Year-end Clean-up</u> (EHDDC Paper No. 74/2018)

56. Members noted the report.

(D) <u>Progress Report of Local Public Works and Rural Public Works as at</u> October 2018 (EHDDC Paper No. 75/2018)

57. Members noted the report.

(E) <u>Reports of Working Groups under EHDDC</u> (EHDDC Paper No. 76/2018)

- (i) <u>Working Group on Tuen Mun Environmental Protection Activities</u>
- 58. Members noted the report.
- (ii) <u>Working Group on Markets and Illegal Hawking Activities</u>
- 59. Members noted the report.
- (iii) <u>Working Group on the Development and Complementary Facilities in Area</u> 54
- 60. Members noted the report.

61. The Chairman announced that the above three working group reports were endorsed.

(F) <u>Other Government Departments' Progress Reports as at 28 October</u> 2018

(EHDDC Paper No. 77/2018)

- (i) DSD's Report on Progress of Works in Tuen Mun District
- 62. Members noted the report.
- (ii) <u>Report on Environmental Monitoring of Mud Pit V</u>
- 63. Members noted the report.
- (iii) <u>Report on Water Seepage Problems at Buildings in Tuen Mun District</u>

- 64. Members noted the report.
- (iv) Progress Report of Water Main Laying Works in Tuen Mun District
- 65. Members noted the report.
- (v) <u>Grass-cutting and Insecticide Spraying Work on Government Land in Tuen</u> <u>Mun District</u>
- 66. Members noted the report.

(G) <u>Air Quality Health Index of Tuen Mun Air Quality Monitoring Station</u> (EHDDC Paper No. 78/2018)

67. Members noted the report.

(H) <u>Tai Shui Hang Water Quality Monitoring Records</u> (EHDDC Paper No. 79/2018)

68. Members noted the report.

VI. <u>Any Other Business</u>

(A) Works for Sports Ground in Area 16, Tuen Mun

69. Members made different comments and enquiries on the works for the sports ground in Area 16, Tuen Mun, which are summarised as follows:

- Some Members asked about the progress of the works for the sports ground in Area 16, Tuen Mun, and hoped the CEDD representative would report on the latest progress made after the previous meeting; and
- (ii) A Member said the works for the sports ground in Area 16 should be carried out independent of the large public car park proposed by the TD, in order not to cause delays in the construction of the sports ground in Area 16.

70. Mr Jason CHAN of the CEDD responded that as mentioned in a post-meeting note in the minutes of the previous meeting, there was currently a short-term tenancy public car park on the original site of the engineering project. He added that as the engineering project entailed the recovery of the short-term tenancy public car park, the TD had proposed in accordance with the principle of "single site, multiple uses" that a large public car park be included in the project to satisfy the parking demand in the area and prevent the aggravation of illegal parking. The TD and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("LCSD") were examining the feasibility of the proposal with relevant departments and would consult with the TMDC later.

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71. The Chairman asked if the CEDD knew when exactly the TD and the LCSD would consult the TMDC about the construction of a large public car park under the sports ground in Area 16. Besides, a Member said the feasibility of building a large public car park under the sports ground in Area 16 should be considered with caution, worrying that traffic movement in the area would be affected directly.

72. Mr Jason CHAN of the CEDD responded that at the moment, he did not know clearly the exact timetable for the TD's and the LCSD's consultation with the TMDC.

73. The Chairman said she had learnt that the District Facilities Management Committee had been following up on developments in the engineering project for the sports ground in Area 16. But in view of Members' worry that the construction of the large underground public car park would cause delays in the construction of the sports ground in Area 16, she asked the CEDD to consider reporting on the progress to the EHDDC every two months and to note the above views of Members.

(B) <u>Replacement of Some Graphic Stickers on Noise Barriers along Tuen</u> Mun Road Town Centre Section

74. The Chairman said the Secretariat had earlier received comments from members of the public, who had noted that some pictures displayed on part of Tuen Mun Road Town Centre Section fitted with noise barriers were not consistent with the years of photo shown in their captions. According to the minutes of the relevant working group, it was the responsibility of the then consultant to the Highways Department ("HyD") to design the graphics and texts displayed on the noise barriers and verify the years of photo, while the TMDO assisted the TMDC in the subsequent replacement, maintenance and repair of the graphic stickers on the noise barriers. Therefore, the Secretariat had asked the HyD and the TMDO to take follow-up action by removing the pictures with inconsistent years of photo. She asked Members to note the above arrangements.

VII. <u>Date of Next Meeting</u>

75. There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 12:41 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 25 January 2019 (Friday).

Date: 16 January 2019 File Ref: HAD TM DC/13/25/EHDDC/18







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愛琴海岸	B	2
星堤	В	2
青山泳灘泳屋	В	1
珠海學院	В	1
雅翠苑	В	2
雅德苑	В	2
保良局西區婦女福利會馮李佩瑤小學	В	1
黄金冰灘泳屋	В	1
哈羅香港國際學校	В	1
海天花園酒家	B	1
入境事務學院	В	1
順德聯誼總會李金小學	B	1
翠濤居	В	2
海景花園	B	2
三聖(包括三聖邨,三聖商場及街市,救世軍三聖幼兒園	В	1

海事處屯門海事分處	В	2
青山冰廠	В	2
龍騰花園	В	2
容難居	В	2
青山灣花園	В	2
海豐	В	2
滿名山	В	2
翠峰小築	В	2
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屯門區議會轄下環境、衞生及地區發展委員會 - 2018 年第七次會議(議程 II 討論事項 A)

補充資料: 近十年(截至 2018 年第 3 季)曾進行轉換海水沖廁的公共屋邨(由房屋署管理)名單及轉換後三年內就海水沖廁系統作更換的記錄撮要

公共屋邨	轉換海水沖廁時間	相關內部沖廁供水系統保養或更換工作	估計涉及總金額 (港幣\$)
天耀邨	2016年第3季	包括檢查系統、維修/更換水泵及配件。	約 1,760 萬元
天慈邨	2016年第3季	包括檢查系統、維修/更換配件。	
天華邨	2016年第4季	包括檢查系統、維修/更換配件。	
天瑞邨	2016年第4季	包括檢查系統、維修/更換水泵及配件。	
天晴邨	2016年第4季	包括檢查系統、維修/更換配件。	
天恆邨	2016年第4季	包括檢查系統、維修/更換水泵及配件。	
天逸邨	2016年第4季	包括檢查系統、維修/更換水泵配件。	
俊宏軒	2016年第4季	包括檢查系統、維修/更換配件。	
天澤邨	2016年第4季	包括檢查系統、維修/更換配件。	
天恩邨	2016年第4季	包括檢查系統、維修/更換水泵及配件。	
天悅邨	2016年第4季	包括檢查系統、維修/更換水泵及配件。	









































































































































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012	2 023	791	2 814	6.4%
013	2 354	797	3 151	7.3%
014	2 697	856	3 553	7.8%
015	3 196	877	4 073	8.7%
016	4 004	900	4 904	10.5%
017	4 966	966	5932	12.9%













