

**Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the
Food and Environmental Hygiene Committee of the
Yau Tsim Mong District Council (2012-2015)**

Date: 8 November 2012 (Thursday)
Time: 2:35 p.m.
Venue: Yau Tsim Mong District Council Conference Room
4/F., Mong Kok Government Offices
30 Luen Wan Street
Mong Kok, Kowloon

Present:

Chairman

Mr YEUNG Tsz-hei, Benny

Vice Chairman

Mr CHAN Wai-keung

District Council Members

Mr CHUNG Kong-mo, JP	Ms KWAN Sau-ling
Ms KO Po-ling, BBS, MH, JP	Mr LAU Pak-kei
Mr CHAN Siu-tong, MH	Mr LEUNG Wai-kuen, Edward, JP
Mr CHONG Wing-charn, Francis	The Honourable TO Kun-sun, James
Mr CHOW Chun-fai, BBS, JP	Mr WONG Chung, John
Mr HAU Wing-cheong, BBS, MH	Mr WONG Kin-san
Mr HUNG Chiu-wah, Derek	Mr WONG Man-sing, Barry, MH
Mr HUI Tak-leung	Ms WONG Shu-ming
Mr IP Ngo-tung, Chris	

Co-opted Members

Ms CHENG So-ngor	Mr LUI Wing-kong, Vincent
Mr LEUNG Hang-fai	Mr CHOI Vai-hung
Ms LAM Wai-lung	Mr TSANG Sang
Mr SHUM Chu-wah	Mr TSE Ping-kwan

Representatives of Government Departments

Mr CHAN Hon-kwong	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Mong Kok)	Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr PONG Kwok-kee, James	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendant (Yau Tsim)	Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr LUK Kwok-po	Chief Estate Officer/Kowloon	Lands Department
Mr LAI Ka-yin	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Yau Tsim Mong)1	Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr YEUNG Chuen-ching, Francis	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)1	Environmental Protection Department
Mr LAM Hung-chuen	Assistant Divisional Commander (Operations) (Tsim Sha Tsui Division)	Hong Kong Police Force

Mr FAN Ka-fai	Sergeant, Police Community Relations Office (Yau Tsim District)	Hong Kong Police Force
Mr MAK Ching-yu	Second-in-charge, Task Force 2 (Mong Kok District)	Hong Kong Police Force
Mr YEUNG Yuk-sing	Sergeant, Police Community Relations Office (Mong Kok District)	Hong Kong Police Force
Miss LIU Suk-wa, Connie	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Yau Tsim Mong District Office	Home Affairs Department

Secretary

Miss CHAN Cheuk-ka, Eliza	Executive Officer (District Council)3, Yau Tsim Mong District Office	Home Affairs Department
------------------------------	---	-------------------------

In Attendance:

Ms LAW Po-yee, Annie	Senior Engineer/Maintenance 1	Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr LAM Wai-chuen, Eddie	Senior Engineer/Mainland South 3	Drainage Services Department

Absent:

Mr CHOI Siu-fung, Benjamin

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives from government departments to the meeting. He reported that:

- (i) Mr Mohammad Munir KHAN, Police Community Relations Officer (Yau Tsim) was absent, so Mr LAM Hung-chuen, Assistant Divisional Commander (Operations) (Tsim Sha Tsui Division) and Mr FAN Ka-fai, Sergeant of the Police Community Relations Office (Yau Tsim District) of the Hong Kong Police Force (“HKPF”) were attending the meeting in his place;
- (ii) Mr WONG Ho-pui, Senior Inspector of Police (Operations) (Mong Kok District) was absent, so Mr MAK Ching-yu, Second-in-charge of Task Force 2 (Mong Kok District) and Mr YEUNG Yuk-sing, Sergeant of the Police Community Relations Office (Mong Kok District) of the HKPF were attending the meeting in his place ; and
- (iii) Mr Benjamin CHOI had applied for leave, so Mr CHAN Siu-tong was authorised to vote for him at the meeting.

Item 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 4th Meeting

2. The draft minutes of the 4th meeting had been issued to Members and the Secretariat had not received any amendment proposals so far. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

Item 2: Request to Address Cardboard Scavenging on Busy Streets for Better Street Environment
(YTMFEHC Paper No. 37/2012)

3. The Chairman said that the written responses (Annexes 1 to 3) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”), Tourism Commission and Yau Tsim Mong District Office (“YTMDO”) had been distributed to Members by fax for perusal before the meeting. He then welcomed the following representatives to the discussion:

- (i) FEHD:
Mr CHAN Hon-kwong, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Mong Kok);
- (ii) HKPF:
Mr MAK Ching-yu, Second-in-charge of Task Force 2 (Mong Kok District)
Mr YEUNG Yuk-sing, Sergeant of the Police Community Relations Office (Mong Kok District);
- (iii) Lands Department (“LandsD”):
Mr LUK Kwok-po, Chief Estate Officer/Kowloon ; and
- (iv) YTMDO:
Miss Connie LIU, Senior Executive Officer (District Management)

4. Mr WONG Kin-san supplemented the paper with some additional information. He declared that he was sympathetic to the wretched conditions of low-income earners and the poor elderly who had to scavenge for cardboard to make a living. However, given that the accumulation of cardboard and garbage on the streets in Mong Kok district had become a serious problem, he hoped that the relevant departments would step up targeted enforcement action to improve environmental hygiene and protect the tourism image of Hong Kong.

(Mr LAU Pak-kei and Mr SHUM Chu-wah joined the meeting at 2:40 p.m.)

5. Mr CHAN Hon-kwong said while the FEHD understood that the scavengers were mostly the poor elderly or low-income earners, it would pay attention to whether their activities were causing environmental hygiene problems. If cardboard or articles were found on roadsides obstructing street washing operation, FEHD staff would give a verbal warning or serve a notice requiring the owner to remove the items within a specified period of time. If the owner failed to remove the items in time, FEHD staff would clear them away. He added that the FEHD would regularly arrange for its cleansing contractors to perform street sweeping, and increase the frequency of street washing according to actual needs in order to keep the environment clean.

6. Mr MAK Ching-yu responded that the HKPF was happy to coordinate and conduct joint operations with other departments to reduce the accumulation of cardboard on the streets in the district.

(The Honourable James TO and Mr HUI Tak-leung joined the meeting at 2:43 p.m.)

7. Mr CHUNG Kong-mo said that cardboard scavenging had long existed in Yau Tsim Mong District. He understood that the scavengers led a difficult life and had to scavenge for cardboard to make a living. However, the FEHD should squarely face the environmental hygiene and road obstruction problems brought about by these activities in the district (e.g.

Hoi Wang Road area), and put forward effective long-term solutions. Moreover, he revealed that there were often recycling vehicles parking on the pavements near Hoi Fu Court to collect cardboard, causing an environmental nuisance to nearby residences. Hence, he called upon the relevant departments to follow up the situation.

(Mr CHOW Chun-fai joined the meeting at 2:45 p.m.)

8. Mr HUI Tak-leung felt sympathy for many elderly people who relied on cardboard scavenging to make a living. He pointed out that since stacked cardboard were quite heavy, the elderly people might not be able to carry them to the recycling shops at one go. Thus, they would place piles of cardboard on the pavements (e.g. roadsides along Ferry Street and Nelson Street) and had them moved in several times. He hoped that the Administration would revisit the elderly retirement protection scheme and arrange for the release of the Old Age Living Allowance as soon as possible, thereby benefiting more elderly people and freeing them from the need to live off cardboard scavenging.

9. Mr Edward LEUNG said that the severity of elderly poverty could explain why so many elderly people scavenging for cardboard in the district. He suggested that the environmental hygiene problems brought about by cardboard scavenging activities be referred to the District Management Committee for follow-up. He also requested the Administration to conduct inter-departmental joint operations for continuous alleviation of the environmental hygiene problems brought about by cardboard scavenging activities.

10. Mr HAU Wing-cheong said that cardboard were found accumulated at Flower Market Road and on the streets near Mong Kok Stadium, which caused obstruction to traffic flow. He called upon the relevant departments to follow up the situation at the affected areas.

11. The Chairman requested the Department to put forward effective measures to abate the nuisance attributable to cardboard scavenging activities in the district. He suggested the YTMDO and the Social Welfare Department to strengthen mutual cooperation. Moreover, they should communicate more with the scavengers and advise them not to create environmental hygiene nuisance when scavenging for cardboard.

12. Mr WONG Kin-san urged the Administration to step up enforcement against the environmental hygiene nuisance brought about by cardboard scavenging activities. He also asked the FEHD the reason for the inconsistent enforcement standards on cardboard scavenging activities and construction waste fly-tipping.

13. Mr CHAN Hon-kwong responded that the FEHD would apply appropriate ordinances in taking enforcement action against different unlawful acts. As regards the environmental hygiene problems contributable to cardboard scavenging activities, enforcement action would be taken in accordance with the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance. As for the construction waste fly-tipping, fixed penalty notices would be served on offenders.

14. The Honourable James TO worried that overly strict enforcement against cardboard scavenging activities would affect the livelihood of scavengers and lead to social discontent. He hoped that the Administration would take a flexible approach in handling the issue to avoid overkill.

15. The Chairman hoped that the relevant departments would proactively patrol cardboard scavenging black spots in the district to continue rectifying the situation.

Item 3: Concern over Neighbourhood Nuisance Caused by Massive Piling-up of Construction Materials and Waste in the District
(YTMFEHC Paper No. 38/2012)

----- 16. The Chairman said that the written responses (Annexes 4 and 5) of the FEHD and the Environmental Protection Department (“EPD”) had been distributed to Members by fax for perusal before the meeting. He then welcomed Mr CHAN Hon-kwong, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Mong Kok) of the FEHD and Mr Francis YEUNG, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)¹ of the EPD to the discussion.

(Mr Barry WONG joined the meeting at 2:55 p.m.)

(The Vice Chairman and Mr Francis CHONG joined the meeting at 2:56 p.m.)

17. Mr HUI Tak-leung said that street obstruction caused by construction waste had long existed in the district, which created serious environmental nuisance. He indicated that this item had been discussed by Members for several times at meetings of the District Council and its Committees. Yet the situation had not improved. He strongly requested the relevant departments to squarely respond to the demands of Members and propose more effective measures to solve the problem.

(Ms KO Po-ling joined the meeting at 2:59 p.m.)

18. Mr WONG Kin-san urged the Administration to play a more proactive role in following up the accumulation of construction waste on the pavements by shop operators in the district. He suggested the representatives from government departments and Members to pay a site visit to the black spots in the district after the meeting, which served to deter people from occupying public places illegally and to monitor the progress of the follow-up work carried out by departmental staff.

19. Ms WONG Shu-ming pointed out that with quite a number of old buildings in the district participating in the Operation Building Bright, the street obstruction and environmental hygiene problems brought about by construction waste had become more acute. She enquired whether the FEHD and the EPD had put in place deterring measures against construction waste fly-tipping by contractors so as to minimise disturbance to residences.

20. Mr Francis CHONG said that construction waste fly-tipping was evident in areas near Poplar Street and Cedar Street. He requested the relevant departments to step up enforcement and issue more fixed penalty notices as a deterrent.

21. Mr Francis YEUNG responded that the Administration had been concerned about the problem of construction waste fly-tipping. He said that most of the complaints about construction waste fly-tipping in urban areas stemmed from the renovation works in old buildings. With this in mind, EPD staff, when conducting building inspections, would advise property management offices and renovation contractors on the relevant penalties and remind them to urge renovation workers to dispose of construction waste properly.

22. Mr Francis YEUNG added that, in response to complaints about construction waste fly-tipping, EPD staff had carried out 51 inspections and ambush operations, including surprise operations during evening and late night hours, at 1A Cedar Street and the junction of Poplar Street and Tai Nam Street since the beginning of the year. The EPD would continue inspecting these locations to step up fly-tipping prosecution.

23. Mr CHAN Hon-kwong supplemented that FEHD staff had found fly-tipping of construction waste and debris at the above locations. The FEHD had been following up the issue and had erected warning signs at the above locations to remind the public not to commit fly-tipping.

24. Ms KO Po-ling pointed out that the accumulation of construction waste on roadsides presented a serious problem to the district, and she was aware of the requests of the Members presenting the paper. She hoped that the relevant departments could put forward effective long-term measures for continual improvement of the situation.

25. Mr Edward LEUNG urged the EPD to strengthen its communication with Owners' Corporations and property management offices of the buildings in the district to intensify publicity and education, thereby raising the awareness of residents and renovation contractors about proper disposal of construction waste.

26. Mr HUI Tak-leung reiterated that the relevant departments should pay heed to the demands of Members and propose a concrete improvement plan to effectively resolve the accumulation of construction waste.

27. Mr Francis YEUNG responded that the EPD would increase the frequency of inspections of black spots in the district with accumulations of construction waste, and strengthen communication with Owners' Corporations of buildings to call upon them for proper disposal of construction waste.

28. Mr CHAN Hon-kwong said that the FEHD would step up routine inspections and pay heed to the illegal dumping of construction waste. Any construction waste or debris found on roadsides would be referred to the Highways Department for follow-up.

Item 4: Impact of Recyclable Waste Collection Vehicles on Street Hygiene
(YTMFEHC Paper No. 39/2012)

---- 29. The Chairman said that the written responses (Annexes 6 and 7) of the FEHD and the EPD had been distributed to Members by fax for perusal before the meeting. He then welcomed the following representatives to the discussion:

- (i) FEHD:
Mr James PONG, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendant (Yau Tsim);
- (ii) HKPF:
Mr LAM Hung-chuen, Assistant Divisional Commander (Operations) (Tsim Sha Tsui Division),
Mr FAN Ka-fai, Sergeant, Police Community Relations Office (Yau Tsim District); and
- (iii) EPD:
Mr Francis YEUNG, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)1.

30. Mr LEUNG Hang-fai supplemented the paper with some additional information. He reflected that recycling vehicles had long occupied the pavements along Haiphong Road

and Hankow Road to purchase waste, which gave rise to environmental nuisance. He asked the HKPF to provide the figures on recent prosecutions of illegal parking at the above locations for reference.

31. Mr LAM Hung-chuen responded that the HKPF was concerned about the problem of illegal parking at Haiphong Road and Hankow Road. To tackle the illegal parking of recycling vehicles at the above locations, the HKPF had recently given nine verbal warnings and issued fixed penalty notices to offenders. Moreover, more than 60 summonses or fixed penalty notices had been served on vehicles illegally parked around the area. He said that on receipt of complaints from District Council members in July on illegal parking of recycling vehicles at the above locations, the HKPF had been following up the situation and had required operators not to cause environmental nuisance and traffic blockage in recovering recyclable waste. He added that the HKPF would step up enforcement against offenders if recycling vehicles and other vehicles persisted in illegally parking at the above locations.

32. Mr James PONG supplemented that the FEHD was concerned about the environmental hygiene problems caused by recycling vehicles occupying Haiphong Road and Hankow Road to collect cardboard and metal objects. He reiterated that the FEHD would continue to take appropriate enforcement action in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance to ensure street hygiene.

33. Mr Derek HUNG reflected that the issue of recycling vehicles occupying the pavements along Haiphong Road and Hankow Road to purchase waste had long existed. He pointed out that only loading and unloading of goods by vans should be allowed at the above locations, and that recycling vehicles should be banned from parking for long periods of time. He asked the Administration to propose an improvement plan and regulate the purchase of waste by recycling vehicles as soon as possible through legislation and licensing regime, thereby overcoming the environmental nuisance and traffic blockage caused by illegal parking of recycling vehicles.

34. Mr Francis YEUNG said that the EPD had no plan to introduce legislation to regulate the purchase of waste by recycling vehicles at this stage. However, the FEHD would take appropriate enforcement action against operators violating environmental legislation including the Water Pollution Control Ordinance and the Air Pollution Control Ordinance.

35. Mr Derek HUNG urged again the government departments concerned to put forward more effective measures for continuous alleviation of the illegal parking problem caused by recycling vehicles.

36. The Chairman asked the relevant departments to continue following up the illegal parking problem at the above locations, step up enforcement and enhance publicity and education so as to mitigate the environmental nuisance stemmed from recycling vehicles purchasing waste.

37. Mr LAM Hung-chuen reiterated that the HKPF would keep in touch with the recycling sector and urge them not to park illegally when purchasing waste. He added that it was necessary for the HKPF to coordinate with other departments in order to take further action against nuisance caused by recycling vehicles in purchasing waste.

Item 5: To Follow Up on Drainage and Water Quality Problems at Hampton Place and The Long Beach
(YTMFEHC Paper No. 40/2012)

----- 38. The Chairman said that the written responses (Annexes 8 to 10) of the EPD, Marine Department (“MD”) and Drainage Services Department (“DSD”) had been distributed to Members by fax for perusal before the meeting. He then welcomed the following representatives to the discussion:

- (i) EPD:
Mr Francis YEUNG, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)1;
- (ii) Civil Engineering and Development Department (“CEDD”):
Ms Annie LAW, Senior Engineer / Maintenance 1; and
- (iii) DSD:
Mr Eddie LAM, Senior Engineer/Mainland South 3.

39. The Honourable James TO supplemented the paper with some additional information. He pointed out that the culvert between Hampton Place and The Long Beach as well as the perimeter of New Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter were suffering serious water pollution and showed signs of worsening. The departments concerned should propose effective short and medium term measures as soon as possible to make the water quality at the said two locations meet the various monitoring objectives.

(Mr CHOW Chun-fai left the meeting at 3:17 p.m.)

40. Mr Francis YEUNG responded as follows:

- (i) The EPD had been proactive in dealing with illegal connection or misconnection of sewers in private buildings in the district.
- (ii) According to the figures recorded at the water quality monitoring station southwest of Hampton Place in 2012, the dissolved oxygen and unionised ammonia values in the water samples were compliant to standards, and only the total inorganic nitrogen value failed to attain the standards. He added that the total inorganic nitrogen value recorded at the said water quality monitoring station for this year was comparable to that recorded for last year. There were no obvious signs of deterioration of water quality.
- (iii) The catchment area of the box culvert at Nam Cheong Street between Hampton Place and The Long Beach spanned Tak Kok Tsui and Sham Shui Po districts. Over the past year, the EPD had identified ten cases of illegal connection or misconnection of sewers in Tai Kok Tsui district. Out of the three cases corrected, one carried an effluent discharge accounted for about 40% of the total discharge capacity in the district. As for Sham Shui Po district, the EPD identified a total of 30 cases of illegal connection or misconnection of sewers last year, out of which five cases were processed. The EPD would work with other relevant departments to follow up the remaining cases.
- (iv) The Administration was exploring ways to improve the dry-weather-flow interceptors at West Kowloon so as to raise the efficacy of sewage

collection. The works was classified as Category B under the Capital Works Reserve Fund. Subject to approval of funding, the DSD expected that the consultancy agreements for the related studies and design work would take effect next year.

41. Ms Annie LAW said that the CEDD had, at the request of the MD, carried out dredging works around New Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter in 2005 and 2011 respectively to ensure navigation safety. The CEDD and the MD were discussing the need to carry out dredging works in the waters near Hampton Place and The Long Beach to maintain navigation safety. In addition, as the dredging works might come into contact with the cables on the seabed, the Administration would consult the power company on the feasibility of the works.

42. Mr Eddie LAM responded that the DSD was following up the clearing of the box culvert at Nam Cheong Street between Hampton Place and The Long Beach. He said that the DSD originally planned to clear away the sludge from the culvert between Hampton Place and The Long Beach in September this year, but the property management companies concerned and the residents of Hampton Place worried about the odour problem and environmental nuisance that might be caused by the works. The DSD would keep in close touch with the property management companies and the residents of Hampton Place, and would explore ways to shorten the time required for removal and drying of the sludge, so as to minimise the impact on nearby residents.

43. The Chairman asked the relevant departments to communicate more with the property management companies of the said premises, and to propose effective measures as soon as possible to rectify the problem of illegal connection or misconnection of sewers in the district for elimination of the polluting sources.

44. Mr Edward LEUNG said that Victoria Harbour was Hong Kong's precious natural heritage. The Administration should pay attention to the water pollution problem in Victoria Harbour and play a proactive role in proposing improvement measures. In addition, he asked the EPD about the progress of the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme.

45. Mr HAU Wing-cheong asked the Department to take action against the polluting sources (such as restaurants and sub-divided units) so as to tackle the problem of illegal connection or misconnection of sewers in the district as soon as possible. He suggested increasing the relevant penalties as a deterrent.

46. Mr Derek HUNG recalled that he had followed up with the CEDD and the MD on the dredging works in New Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter and the navigation safety issues. He asked the EPD whether legislation was in place to regulate illegal connection or misconnection of sewers. He also suggested the Administration to enhance publicity and education to alert renovation contractors of the importance of proper sewer connection. In addition, he would like to know whether the Administration would clear away the sludge from the typhoon shelter regularly to ensure navigation safety and mitigate the odour nuisance from the sea.

47. Ms KO Po-ling said that the water pollution problem in the culvert between Hampton Place and The Long Beach was closely related to the water quality at New Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter and Victoria Harbour. She recalled that some members of the Yau Tsim Mong District Council and the Kowloon West New Dynamic ("KWND") had proposed to the government the objective of improving the water quality at Victoria Harbour within three years. She was happy to see that the short and medium term measures and works projects

(such as the dredging works near One Silver Sea) of the Administration were yielding positive results. She also asked the relevant departments to make reference to the data obtained from the water quality testing conducted by KWND, the Open University of Hong Kong and Hong Kong Baptist University at The Long Beach, New Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter and Victoria Harbour for further improving water quality in Hong Kong.

48. Ms KO Po-ling added that the Administration should set its focus on the sludge problem at the culvert between Hampton Place and The Long Beach, and keep in touch with the relevant property management companies to formulate improvement measures to mitigate the odour nuisance from the sea affecting the residents of the lower floors of buildings. In addition, she would like to know how the Department followed up the cases of illegal connection or misconnection of sewers in Sham Shui Po district, and how it mitigate the noise nuisance caused by the improvement works to the residents.

49. Mr LEUNG Hang-fai said that although the dissolved oxygen and unionised ammonia values at New Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter were compliant to standards, the water quality remained unsatisfactory. He would like to know the reasons for the deviation of the figures from the actual situation. He also requested the Department to provide additional dry-weather-flow interceptors and increase the frequency of dredging so as to mitigate the odour nuisance.

50. Mr John WONG said that water quality problem had long existed in the culvert between Hampton Place and The Long Beach and in New Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter. He would like to know how the Department followed up the cases of illegal connection or misconnection of sewers in Sham Shui Po district, and whether the Department would install new model dry-weather-flow interceptors at the culvert between Hampton Place and The Long Beach.

51. Mr Francis YEUNG responded that if illegal connection or misconnection of sewer was spotted in a private building, the EPD would issue a notification letter to the owner in question and contact the DSD or Buildings Department to follow up the case. The EPD would keep in touch with the owner in question to stay updated with the work progress.

52. Mr Francis YEUNG added that another regional office of the EPD was tasked to follow up the cases of illegal connection or misconnection of sewers in Sham Shui Po district. Since the box culvert at Nam Cheong Street between Hampton Place and The Long Beach spanned Tai Kok Tsui and Sham Shui Po, the two regional offices concerned had worked hand in hand to ensure that all the cases of illegal connection or misconnection of sewers in the districts could be rectified as soon as possible.

53. Ms Annie LAW responded that the CEDD and the EPD had conducted testing in 2006 and 2011 respectively, and no evidence showed that the odour was related to the submerged sludge. She reiterated that the purpose of the dredging works at the typhoon shelter was to ensure navigation safety. Moreover, other studies showed that odour coming from submerged sludge, if any, was unlikely to be detected over the sea with a depth of more than five metres. Hence, frequent dredging might not be of much help to improve water quality.

(Mr Francis CHONG left the meeting at 3:50 p.m.)

54. Mr Eddie LAM said that the DSD would keep in close contact with the property management companies of Hampton Place and The Long Beach as well as the residents of Hampton Place to follow up the clearing of sludge.

55. The Honourable James TO would like to know the reason for the detection of odour at New Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter when most of the water quality monitoring parameters were compliant to standards. He asked whether the Administration had collected water quality data of surface waters for the formulation of monitoring parameters.

56. The Chairman and Ms KO Po-ling requested the departments concerned to investigate the cause of the odour coming from New Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter.

57. Mr John WONG urged the relevant departments to put forward proposals for improvement of water quality at New Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter so as to overcome the nuisance caused by the odour of sea water to nearby residents. In addition, he asked the Department again whether new model dry-weather-flow interceptors would be installed at the culvert between Hampton Place and The Long Beach.

58. Mr Francis YEUNG responded that the EPD took samples from the surface, mid-depth and bottom water to calculate the depth-averaged value of the monitoring parameters. Thus, the parameters recorded by the EPD had already taken into account the water quality data of surface water. He added that the EPD had paid special attention to the dissolved oxygen value of the bottom water. Moreover, the depth-averaged value and the bottom water data of the parameter recorded for last year and this year were compliant to standards.

59. Ms KO Po-ling reiterated that the relevant departments should identify the cause of odour nuisance at New Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter, and actively deal with the water pollution and noise problems of the area.

60. The Chairman hoped that the relevant departments would continue to investigate the cause of odour nuisance at New Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter after the meeting and would explain the investigation findings.

61. Mr Barry WONG asked the relevant departments to provide a concrete schedule to deal effectively with the water pollution and noise problems at New Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter as soon as possible.

62. Mr Francis YEUNG responded that the nearshore water quality was more prone to onshore pollution. Therefore, the EPD intended to tackle the problems at source by various measures including early rectification of the cases of illegal connection or misconnection of sewers in the district. As for the odour problem probably caused by street cleaning and illegal discharge into drains from restaurants, he said that with the completion of the review of Tsuen Wan and West Kowloon Sewerage Master Plans in 2010, the Administration proposed to enhance the existing dry-weather-flow interceptors in West Kowloon so as to raise the efficiency of sewerage collection and improve water quality. Moreover, the DSD would soon commence the drainage clearance works in the hope of improving the situation in the near future.

(Ms CHENG So-ngor left the meeting at 4:05 p.m.)

63. Mr Barry WONG strongly requested the relevant departments to propose a concrete schedule and an effective solution for improving the water quality at New Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter so as to mitigate the nuisance caused to residents.

64. Ms KO Po-ling asked the Department the progress on the follow-up of cases involving illegal connection or misconnection of sewers in the district. She would also like to know how dry-weather-flow interceptors could help improve water quality.

65. The Vice Chairman was disappointed at the Administration's failure to identify the cause of odour at New Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter. He urged the relevant departments to take proactive action in investigating the polluting source.

66. The Chairman concluded that the majority of Members look forward to the Administration's continuous investigation of the cause of odour at New Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter after the meeting and proposal of effective measures to mitigate the water quality and odour problems.

67. There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 4:10 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 31 January 2013.

Yau Tsim Mong District Council Secretariat
December 2012

改善街道環境 正視鬧市「執紙皮」活動

食物環境衛生署的回應如下：

1. 本署一向關注拾荒者撿拾及擺放紙皮在行人路所造成的環境衛生問題，本署人員若發現有紙皮或物品妨礙潔淨工作，會口頭警告有關物主或發出通知書，要求物主於指定時間內將有關物品移走，以保持環境衛生。如發現有棄置的紙皮或物主逾時仍未清理有關物品，本署人員會檢取有關物品。
2. 在過去三個月，本署於旺角弼街界乎花園街一帶共發出 21 張移除障礙物通知書，檢走共 11 輛手推車，及對違例棄置垃圾的人士發出 4 張定額罰款通知書。
3. 本署會繼續留意上述地點的情況，採取適當行動，以保持環境衛生。

食物環境衛生署

2012 年 11 月

政府總部
香港添馬添美道二號
政府總部西翼 22 樓



Government Secretariat
22/F, West Wing
Central Government Offices
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar
Hong Kong

本函檔號 Our Ref.: TC T3/22/25/1/1
來函檔號 Your Ref.:

電話號碼 Tel. No.: 2810 3530
傳真號碼 Fax No.: 2121 1468

九龍旺角聯運街30號
旺角政府合署4樓
油尖旺區議會
食物及環境衛生委員會秘書
陳卓嘉女士

陳女士:

二零一二至二零一五年度
油尖旺區議會食物及環境衛生委員會
第五次會議

改善街道環境 正視鬧市「執紙皮」活動

謝謝你二零一二年十月二十五日致旅遊事務署的傳真函件。就題述事宜，我們徵詢了香港旅遊發展局的意見，現夾附我們的回覆，供上述委員會參閱。旅遊事務署將不會派員出席十一月八日舉行的委員會第五次會議。

旅遊事務專員

(梁劍邦  代行)

二零一二年十一月一日

連附件

二零一二至二零一五年度
油尖旺區議會食物及環境衛生委員會
於二零一二年十一月八日的會議

改善街道環境 正視鬧市「執紙皮」活動

旅遊事務署的回應

- 旅遊事務署的職責是制定香港的旅遊業發展政策和策略，並統籌與業界的聯繫，加強協調推動旅遊業的發展。
- 旅遊事務署一直十分關注本港各旅遊區的情況，包括區內的環境衛生以及為旅客所提供的配套設施等。因此，旅遊事務署不時與相關政府部門及旅遊業界保持聯繫，檢討各旅遊區的情況和所提供的配套設施，並在有需要時聯絡和協調個別景點的管理機構及相關部門，以作適當改善和跟進。
- 按香港旅遊發展局的資料，在 2011 年及今年以來，並沒有接獲旅客就香港街道衛生及潔淨情況的投訴。

旅遊事務署
二零一二年十一月

Only Chinese version is available

Annex 3

油尖旺食物及環境衛生委員會第 37 / 2012 號文件

**2012 至 2015 年度油尖旺區議會
食物及環境衛生委員會第五次會議**

改善街道環境 正視鬧市「執紙皮」活動

油尖旺民政事務處謹覆如下：

根據記錄，本處過去兩年沒有收到旅客就本港街道的潔淨程度(包括旺角弼街)的投訴。現時，清理路上雜物及道路潔淨的工作一般會由食物環境衛生署負責處理。若本處收到相關投訴，會轉介有關部門跟進。如有需要，我們會提供意見及協助。

油尖旺民政事務處

2012 年 11 月

要求關注區內大量建材及廢料堆積對附近環境構成滋擾

食物環境衛生署的回應如下：

1. 按有關政府部門的職責分工，路政署負責清除公用道路(包括行人路/公眾後巷/路旁斜坡)、行車路(公路和快速公路)上的建築廢料。至於打擊在公眾地方非法棄置建築廢料的執法工作，主要由環境保護署根據《廢物處置條例》(第 354 章)執行。然而，食環署人員在日常巡查中，若目睹有人非法傾倒建築廢料，亦可視作亂拋垃圾的罪行而向違例者發出定額罰款通知書。
2. 在過去 6 個月，本署人員於白楊街中電站門前及柏樹街 1A 號對出分別發現 10 宗及 3 宗建材廢料被棄置於街道的情況。本署已即時清理有關家居廢物，並轉介路政署跟進建築廢料。本署人員會繼續留意上址的情況及採取適當的行動，以保持環境衛生。

食物環境衛生署

2012年11月

2012-2015 年油尖旺區議會

食物及環境衛生委員會

要求關注區內大量建材及廢料堆積對附近環境構成滋擾

就上述討論文件，環保署回覆如下：

在 2012 年 1 至 10 月，本署共收到 2 宗在柏樹街 1A 有建材及廢料堆積的投訴，在白楊街與大南街交界則沒有收到相關的投訴。本署人員於 10 月 25 及 26 日在上述地點巡查時均沒有發現有建築廢物被棄置於該處。

就有關投訴，本署人員由今年初至今在上述地點共進行了 51 次巡查及埋伏行動，當中包括晚上至深夜的埋伏巡查，並發出 1 張定額罰款通知書給違例人士。本署人員將會在上述地點繼續巡查行動，如發現有人非法棄置建築廢物，將會進行檢控。

政府一向關注非法棄置廢物的活動。環保署與各相關部門包括食物環境衛生署及路政署一直保持聯絡，繼續協力監察及打擊非法棄置廢物的活動。由於大部分在市區非法棄置建築廢物的投訴均與舊區大廈商業或住宅單位的裝修工程有關，本署人員在巡查時亦進行宣傳工作，聯絡區內裝修單位的業主和管理處等，要求他們密切留意及提醒裝修工人妥善處置裝修工程的廢物。

環境保護署

2012 年 10 月 31 日

Only Chinese version is available

Annex 6

油尖旺食物及環境衛生委員會第 39 / 2012 號文件

廢料回收車影響街道環境衛生問題

食物環境衛生署的回應如下：

1. 食物環境衛生署沒有相關法例規管廢料回收車在道路上經營收購廢料的商業活動。但若有關活動造成環境衛生滋擾，本署會根據香港法例第132章《公眾衛生及市政條例》採取執法行動。
2. 本署人員在日常巡查海防道及漢口道期間，並無發現有關活動構成環境衛生滋擾。
3. 本署會繼續留意上址的衛生情況及採取適當行動，以確保環境衛生。

食物環境衛生署

2012 年 10 月

2012至2015年度油尖旺區議會

食物及環境衛生委員會第5次會議

廢料回收車影響街道環境衛生問題

就上述討論文件提及廢料回收車影響街道環境衛生問題，環保署回覆如下：

廢料回收車所引致的滋擾，主要涉及違例泊車、行人路被佔用、環境衛生及上落貨時產生噪音等事宜。就此，相信各有關部門會就職權範圍內根據相關法例採取適當的執法行動。環保署現時並無相關規例監管廢料回收車的經營。雖然如此，有關活動是受到《水污染管制條例》、《空氣污染管制條例》、《廢物處置條例》及《噪音管制條例》等環保條例規管。因此，我們會繼續巡查，如發現有違反上述環保條例的情況，會依法適當處理。

有關車輛利用公共地方進行文件中提及的工商業活動，屬於街道管理問題。因此，本署現時在環保方面並沒有計劃對廢料回收車引入發牌制度。

2012-2015年油尖旺區議會

食物及環境衛生委員會

跟進凱帆軒浪澄灣之間渠道及水質問題

就上述討論文件，環境保護署(環保署)回覆如下：

1. 近一年內海輝道以西(即凱帆軒以西)的水質指標監測數值及詳細數據；

環保署於2012年在凱帆軒西南方的水質監測站數據：

參數	1至10月平均值 (毫克/升)	水質指標 (毫克/升)
溶解氧(水深平均值)	5.82	>4*
溶解氧(底層)	5.53	>2*
總無機氮(水深平均值)	0.541	<0.4
非離子氨氮(水深平均值)	0.004	<0.021

* 90% 水樣本超過該數值

3. 在上述渠道源頭，政府處理多少水道環境污染的個案，有何罰則？

在上述渠道源頭包括大角咀及深水埗區。在過去一年，大角咀區方面共接獲及處理了12宗有關水污染的投訴個案，而深水埗區方面共接獲及處理了18宗有關水污染的投訴個案。

任何人士不按照《水污染管制條例》，將污染物質排放入公用排水渠或本港水域，即屬違法；首次定罪，可被判最高罰款20萬元及監禁6個月。

4. 在過去一年環保署在本區發現和檢獲污水源頭的數字，當中部門執法及跟進的情況；

環保署一直積極主動處理區內私人樓宇污水渠的非法或錯誤接駁問題。位於凱帆軒浪澄灣之間的南昌街箱型雨水渠的集水區域包括大角咀及深水埗區。在過去一年，大角咀區方面共發現有10個非法或錯誤接駁個案，當中已糾正3個，而其中一個個案約佔全部污水污

染量的四成。有關深水埗區方面，在過去一年的主動調查中，共發現有 30 個錯誤接駁個案，而當中 5 個錯誤接駁個案已被糾正。環保署正聯同相關部門，包括屋宇署及民政事務署的協助，跟進餘下的個案。同時，環保署會繼續聯同屋宇署優先處理一些污染量較大的非法或錯誤接駁個案，務求盡快糾正私人樓宇污水渠錯駁的情況。

5. 政府承諾加設新型旱季污水截流設施，改善工程進度及爭取撥款情況如何，請詳列本區有關渠道來源的旱季污水截流位置圖；
7. 政府承諾加設及更換本區旱季截流器裝置的進展，請以圖文並茂的方式詳加闡述。

當局於 2010 年完成荃灣及西九龍污水收集整體計劃檢討研究，建議對現有西九龍的旱季截流設施進行改善工程，以提高其效率。研究還建議在截流設施安裝自動控制系統，以便延長截流設施在雨季的運作時間。該項目已被納入基本工程儲備基金的 B-級。如申請撥款成功，渠務署預計相關的研究及設計顧問合約將於 2013 年展開。

環境保護署

2012 年 10 月 31 日

2012-2015油尖旺區議會
跟進凱帆軒浪澄灣之間渠道及水質問題

海事處回應報告

- (一) 在過去一年海事處在本區發現和檢獲多少污水源頭數字，當中部門執法及跟進的情況。

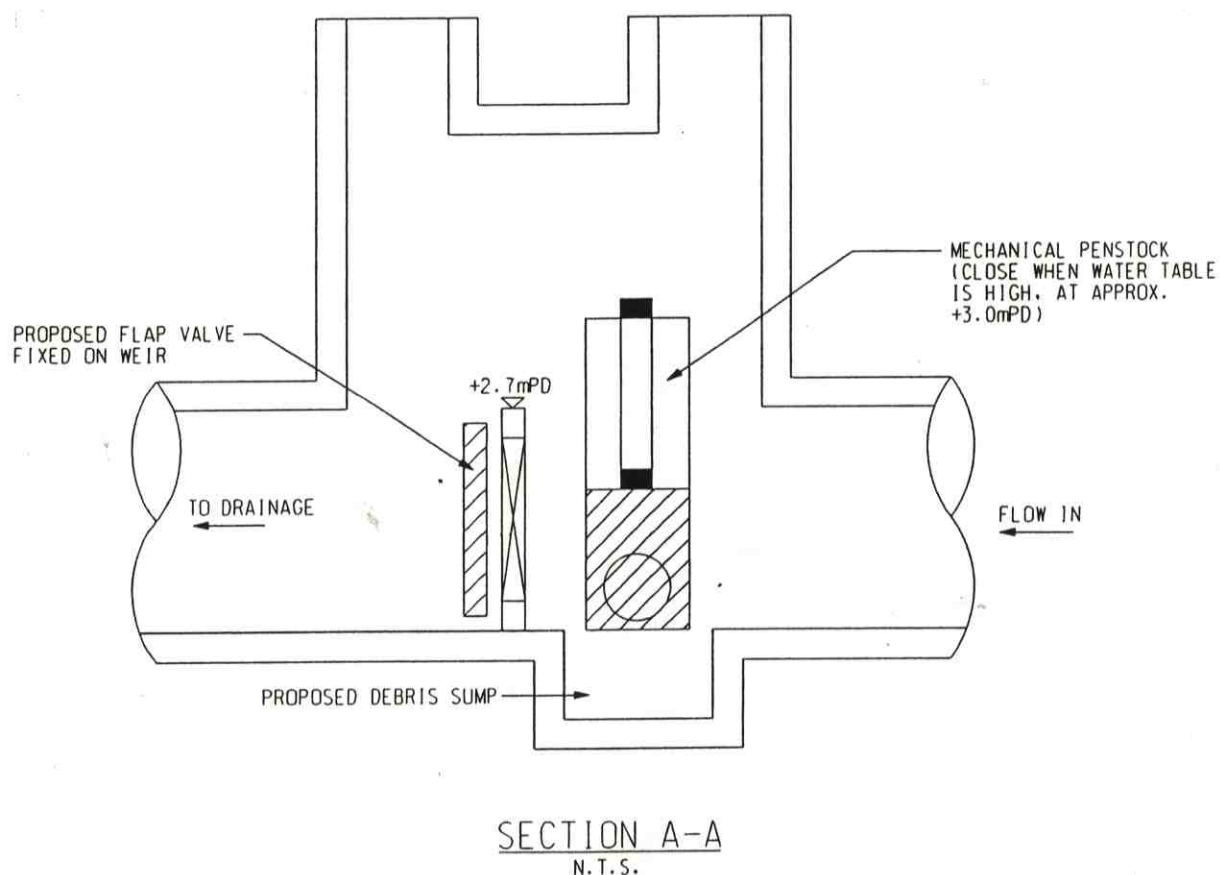
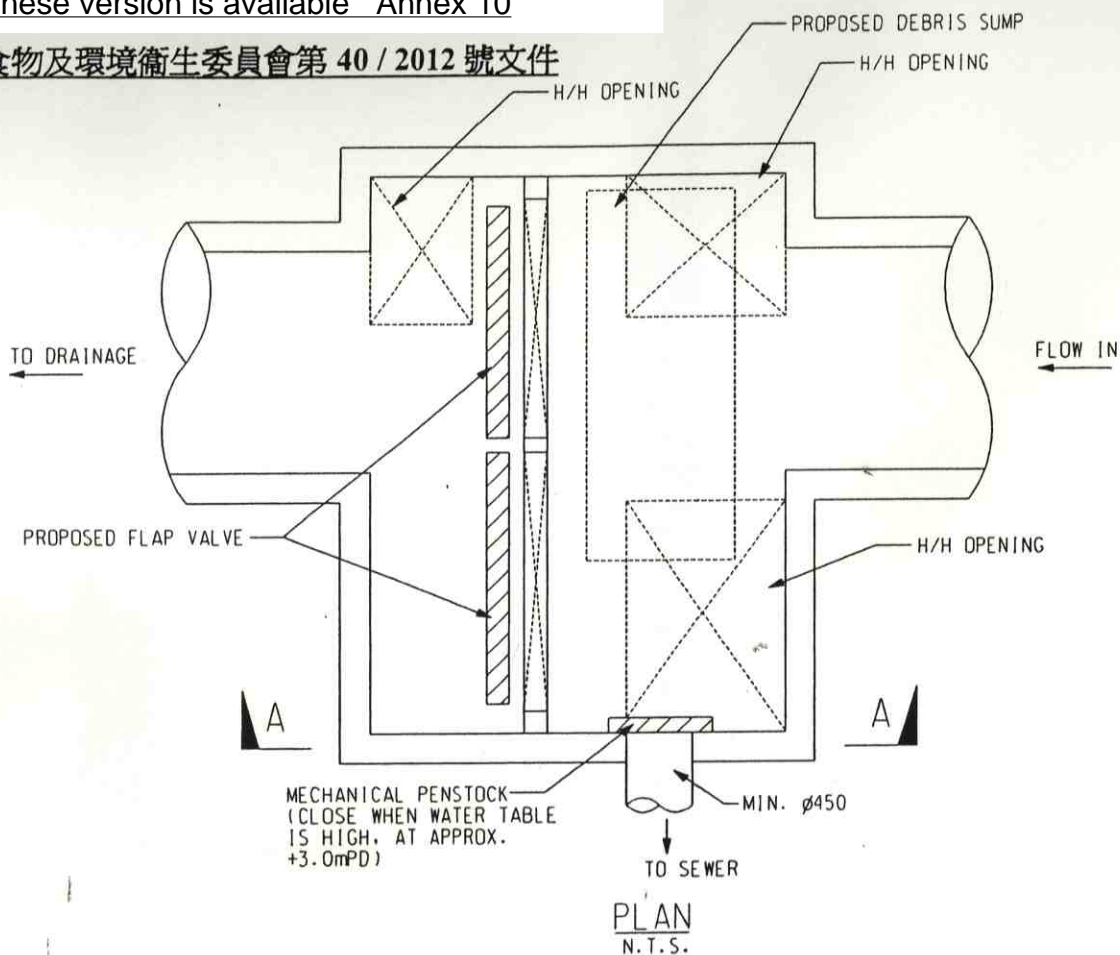
渠道污水的排放受香港法例第358章《水污染管制條例》所規管，海事處並非該條例的執行部門，故未能提供有關的資料。

- (二) 過去在避風塘抓泥的成效及未來兩年抓泥工作時間表及凱帆軒以西抓泥的可行性。

海事處海道測量部負責香港水域內主要航道及錨地基於航行安全的原因而需要的維護性疏浚工作。如非上述範疇提出或建議的疏浚，倡議者應直接與土木工程拓展署聯絡相關事宜。新油麻地避風塘北部在2011年中已經完成維護性疏浚，暫時沒有維護性疏浚計劃。

海事處

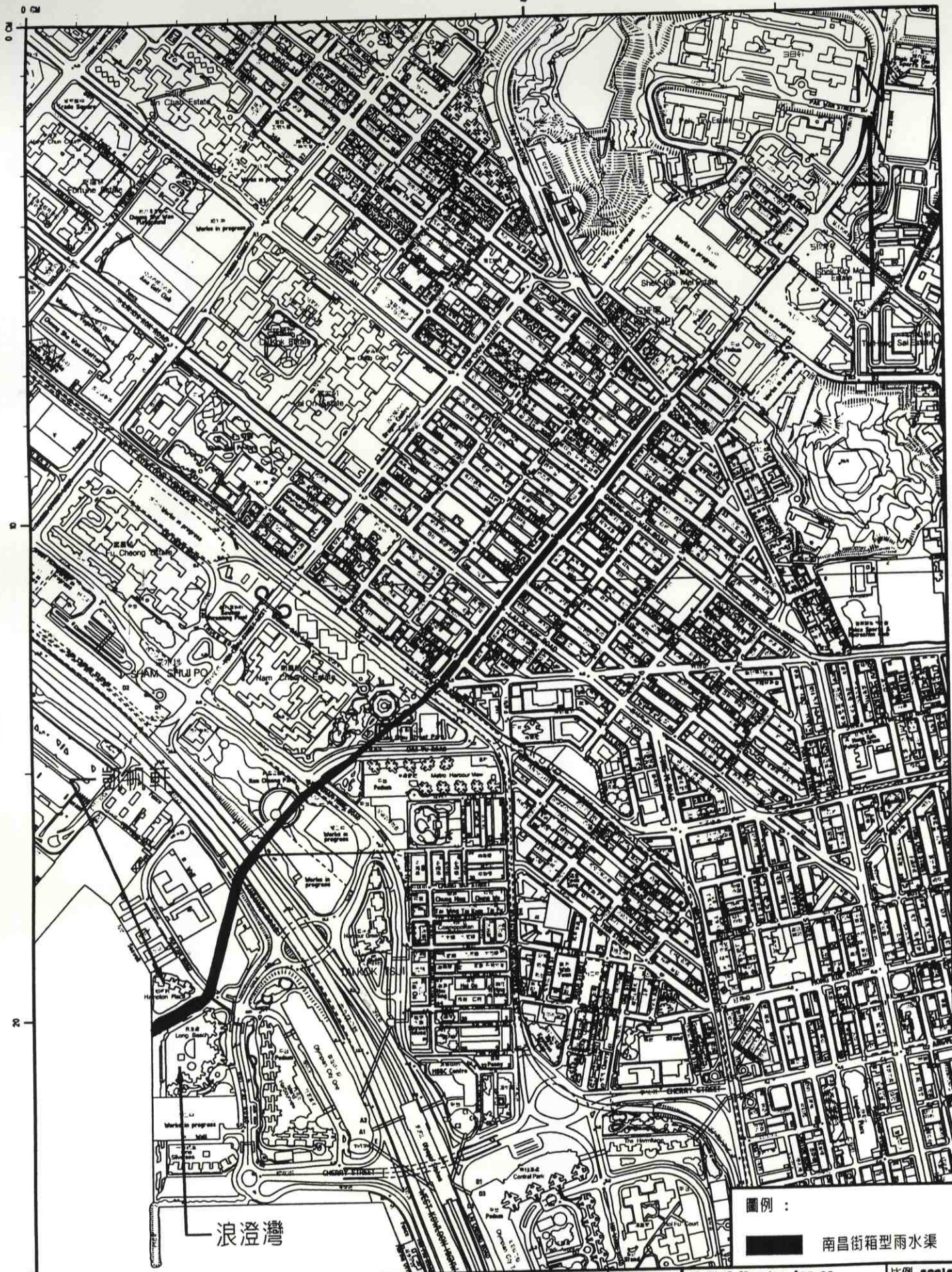
2012年10月31日



Typical Dry Weather Flow Interceptor improvement works details.

Please note that the details are preliminary only and subject to change upon future Investigation and detailed design study.

典型初步設計之旱季截流器改善圖則(請注意往後之詳細設計中可能會作出更改)



圖例：



南昌街箱型雨水渠

圖則名稱 drawing title

南昌街箱型雨水渠

繪畫 drawn

S.Y. WAN

日期 date
31 OCT 2012

核對 checked

W.W. LAM

日期 date
31 OCT 2012

批核 approved

日期 date

部門 office

九龍及新界南渠務部

圖則編號 drawing no.

MSS689

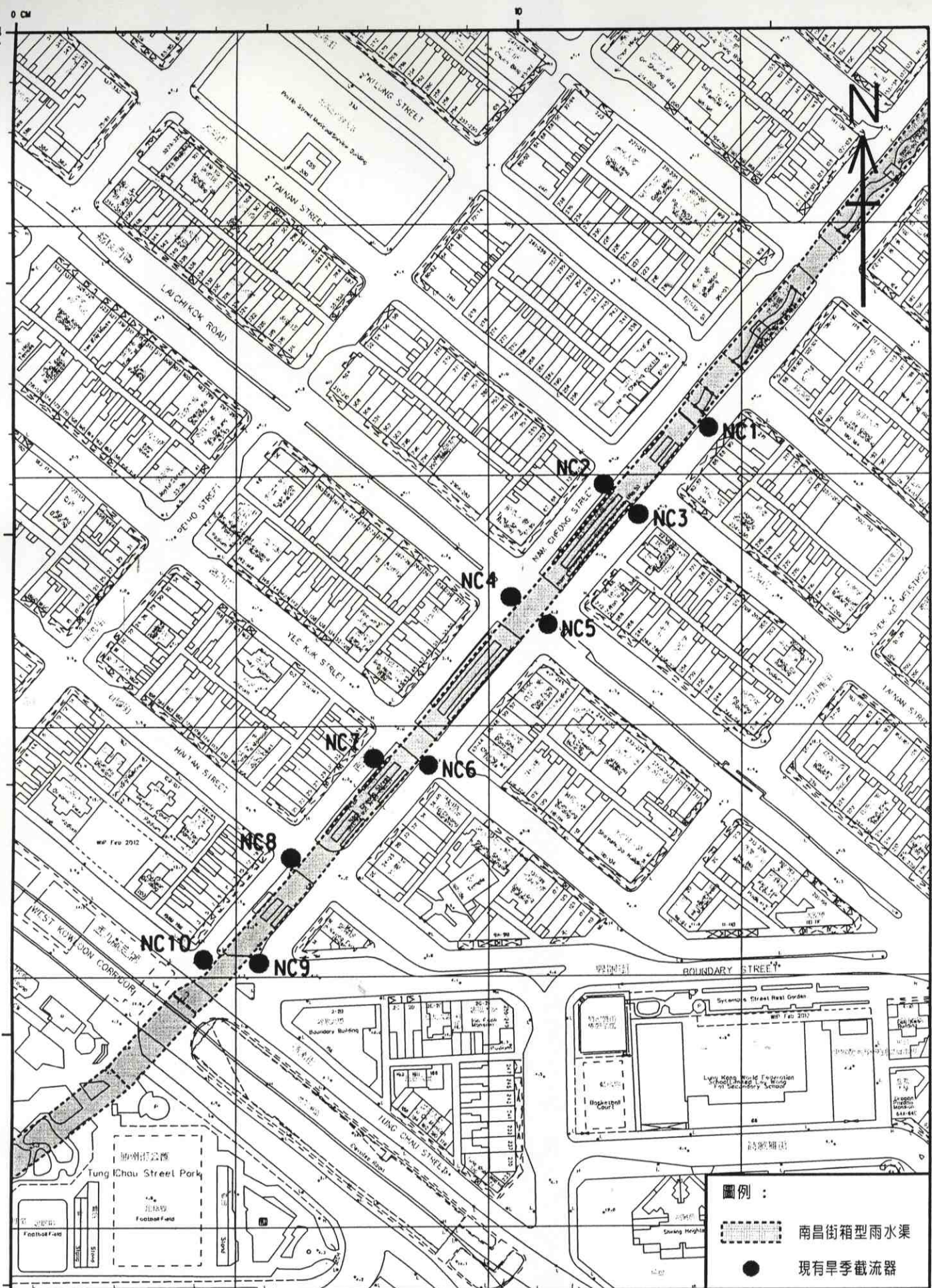
比例 scale

1:10000

保留版權 COPYRIGHT RESERVED



香港特別行政區政府渠務署
DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF THE
HONG KONG



圖例 :

 南昌街箱型雨水渠

 現有旱季截流器

圖則名稱 drawing title 南昌街箱型雨水渠 現有旱季截流器位置	繪畫 drawn	S. Y. WAN	日期 date	30 OCT 2012	圖則編號 drawing no. MSS687	比例 scale 1:2000
	核對 checked	W. W. LAM	日期 date	30 OCT 2012		
	批核 approved		日期 date		保留版權 COPYRIGHT RESERVED	
	部門 office	九龍及新界南渠務部			香港特別行政區政府渠務署 DRAINAGE SERVICES DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT OF THE HONG KONG	