

**Minutes of the 17th Meeting of the
Food and Environmental Hygiene Committee of the
Yau Tsim Mong District Council (2012-2015)**

Date : 5 December 2014 (Friday)
Time : 2:30 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, MH

Vice-chairman

Mr CHAN Wai-keung

District Councillors

Mr CHUNG Kong-mo, JP	Ms KWAN Sau-ling
Mr CHAN Siu-tong, MH	Mr LAM Kin-man
Mr CHOW Chun-fai, BBS, JP	Mr LAU Pak-kei
Mr HAU Wing-cheong, BBS, MH	The Honourable TO Kun-sun, James
Mr HUI Tak-leung	Mr WONG Kin-san
Mr HUNG Chiu-wah, Derek	Ms WONG Shu-ming
Mr IP Ngo-tung, Chris	

Co-opted Members

Mr CHOI Vai-hung	Mr CHAN Chung-cheung	Mr JO Chun-wah
Mr LEUNG Yiu-wah	Ms CHENG So-ngor	
Ms LAM Wai-lung	Mr SHUM Chu-wah	

Representatives of the Government

Mr LI Ka-kei	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Mong Kok)	Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr WONG Kam-wah	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (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)	Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr NG Ping-sum	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East) 6	Environmental Protection Department
Ms LEE Ka-mei, Patty	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Yau Tsim Mong District Office	Home Affairs Department

In Attendance:

Mr YU Tik-fung	Chief Technical Officer/Mong Kok	Highways Department
Mr CHAN Hoi-sing	Principal Estate Officer/Kowloon West (South)	Lands Department

Secretary

Miss FUNG Hoi-ha, Martha	Executive Officer (District Council) 3, Yau Tsim Mong District Office	Home Affairs Department
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Absent:

Ms KO Po-ling, BBS, MH, JP	District Councillor	
Mr CHOI Siu-fung, Benjamin	District Councillor	
Mr CHONG Wing-charn, Francis	District Councillor	
Mr WONG Chung, John	District Councillor	
Mr TSUI Siu-fai	Co-opted Member	
Mr WONG Kok-seng, Barry	Task Force Sub-Unit Commander (Mong Kok District) 1	Hong Kong Police Force
Ms WONG Ping-ping	Police Communication Relations Officer (Yau Tsim)	Hong Kong Police Force

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. He reported that Mr Barry WONG, Task Force Sub-Unit Commander (Mong Kok District) 1 and Ms WONG Ping-ping, Police Communication Relations Officer (Yau Tsim) were absent due to other commitments; besides, Ms KO Po-ling, Mr Benjamin CHOI and Mr Francis CHONG were absent with apologies.

Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of 16th FEHC Meeting

2. Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as the Secretariat had not received any proposal of amendment since the distribution of the draft minutes of the 16th meeting.

Item 2: Matter Arising:

- **To Follow Up on Effectiveness of Sewage Covers on Streets Adjacent to Canton Road Market (YTMFEHC Paper No. 29/2014)**

3. The Chairman said that the written response of the Drainage Services Department (“DSD”) (Annex 1) had been sent to Members for perusal before the meeting. He then welcomed the following representatives to the meeting:

- (a) Mr LI Ka-kei, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Mong Kok) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”); and
- (b) Mr YU Tik-fung, Chief Technical Officer/Mong Kok of the Highways Department (“HyD”).

4. Ms WONG Shu-ming was dissatisfied with the HyD for not arranging staff members to conduct site inspection with her in the vicinity of Canton Road after the last meeting, in order to explore the feasibility of replacing the old sewage covers with the new type on the

section of Canton Road between Mong Kok Road and Fife Street. She expected the HyD to give an account in this meeting on whether the replacement works would be conducted for the section of Canton Road mentioned above.

5. Mr YU Tik-fung responded that after the last meeting, the HyD had already carefully studied the feasibility of replacing the sewage covers on the section of Canton Road between Mong Kok Road and Fife Street. As the square holes of the gully gratings were relatively small, they would be easily blocked by miscellaneous items and led to water accumulation on the road. Therefore the HyD considered it unsuitable to adopt this type of cover in the vicinity of market.

6. Ms WONG Shu-ming said that the HyD did not send any staff members to conduct site inspection with her was indeed a dereliction of duty. She then further enquired of the HyD about the justifications that the gully gratings were unsuitable for use in the vicinity of market.

(Mr CHOI Vai-hung joined the meeting at 2:40 p.m.)

7. Mr CHAN Siu-tong opined that the use of gully gratings could improve environmental hygiene, and suggested the HyD roll out a trial scheme for replacing covers on the section of Canton Road mentioned above. He would also seek comments from the Environmental Hygiene Superintendents of Mong Kok and Yau Tsim Districts on the above suggestion.

8. Mr HAU Wing-cheong said that gully gratings could prevent pedestrians from tripping over by the wide slots of the sewage covers. In addition, the drainage blockage problem could be effectively alleviated if the FEHD could step up the clearance of miscellaneous items which had blocked or covered up the holes on the covers.

9. Mr WONG Kin-san criticised the HyD for not contacting Ms WONG Shu-ming proactively after the last meeting to give an account of the findings of the feasibility study on replacing the sewage covers on the section of Canton Road mentioned above. Besides, he was dissatisfied with the HyD for not providing hard proofs before claiming that gully gratings were unsuitable for use in the vicinity of market. He considered that the HyD should propose new suggestions to improve the hygiene conditions in the vicinity of Canton Road, even if it refused to conduct replacement work for the remaining section of Canton Road.

(The Vice-chairman joined the meeting at 2:45 p.m.)

10. Mr HUI Tak-leung said that Members had discussed at length this agenda item in the previous meetings; and that attendees should not waste time on elaborating the pros and cons of replacing the covers in this meeting. He requested the HyD to give a direct response on whether the current policy stated that gully gratings could only be used at pedestrian crossings. If that was not the case, the HyD should roll out the trial scheme for replacing sewage covers on the section of Canton Road mentioned above, and then decide whether to fully replace the covers on the remaining section of Canton Road, depending on the effectiveness of works.

(The Hon James TO joined the meeting at 2:48 p.m.)

11. Mr JO Chun-wah agreed to launch a trial scheme for replacing the sewage covers on the section of Canton Road between Mong Kok Road and Fife Street. He suggested the

HyD replace covers located at streets which were not flooding black spots first and observe whether flooding would occur, in order to evaluate the drainage effectiveness of gully gratings.

(Mr HAU Wing-cheong left the meeting at 2:50 p.m.)

12. The Chairman said that this item had been discussed for twice by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Committee (“FEHC”), and that the representative of HyD should give a direct response to Members’ enquiries and spell out the concrete arrangement in replacing the sewage covers in the vicinity of Canton Road in this meeting.

(Mr SHUM Chu-wah joined the meeting at 2:52 p.m.)

13. Mr YU Tik-fung responded as follows:

- (i) According to the departmental guidelines of the HyD, gully gratings were suitable for use at pedestrian crossings only. Currently, roads other than pedestrian crossings would adopt standard sewage covers in general. In the long run, outfalls at pedestrian crossings would be relocated to other sections of the street.
- (ii) The HyD had not received any complaints on flooding after the sewage covers were replaced at the section of Canton Road between Fife Street and Argyle Street. But according to the observation of the HyD, the square holes of those covers were smaller and could be easily blocked by miscellaneous items, therefore, wider use of this type of sewage cover was not recommended by the HyD.
- (iii) Sewage cover was designed for drainage purpose, not for alleviating rodent infestation. As the drainage capacity of gully gratings was relatively low, it would easily lead to water accumulation on roads. In view of this, the HyD did not recommend adopting this type of cover in the vicinity of market.
- (iv) With the cooperation between the FEHD and residents in the district, he believed that the hygiene problem in the vicinity of Canton Road could be improved.

14. Ms WONG Shu-ming said that with the assistance of the former Chief Technical Officer/Mong Kok, the standard sewage covers at the section of Canton Road between Fife Street and Argyle Street had been replaced with the gully gratings. She could not understand why the HyD now used the departmental policy as a reason for not replacing the covers for the remaining section of the Canton Road. She criticised the HyD for ignoring public views, and requested to write to the Director of Highways (“D of Hy”) under the name of FEHC, condemning the HyD of poor working attitude and a lack of commitment.

(Mr CHUNG Kong-mo joined the meeting at 2:55 p.m.)

15. The Chairman said that in general, Committees under District Councils could write to government departments to relay their views on relevant areas of livelihood issues.

16. Ms WONG Shu-ming pointed out that this agenda item had been discussed for two times, but the HyD had never addressed the demands of Members. She believed that the Chairman should write to the HyD under the name of FEHC to reflect the views of Members.

17. The Chairman suggested writing to the D of Hy under the name of FEHC, urging the department to replace the sewage covers on the section of Canton Road between Mong Kok Road and Fife Street and in the vicinity of the market on Cheung Wong Road as early as possible, and to reflect Members' dissatisfaction towards the HyD for it had not actively followed up on this agenda item.

18. Mr Derek HUNG agreed with the Chairman's suggestion. He further said that he could not understand why the HyD had not responded to Ms WONG Shu-ming's request by sending staff to conduct site inspection with her in the vicinity of Canton Road.

19. Members agreed unanimously to write to the D of Hy under the name of FEHC, urging the HyD to replace the sewage covers on the section of Canton Road between Mong Kok Road and Fife Street and in the vicinity of the market on Cheung Wong Road as early as possible, as well as reflecting Members' dissatisfaction towards the HyD for it had not actively followed up this agenda item.

(Post-meeting note: The Chairman had written to the D of Hy under the name of FEHC (Annex 2) on 11 December 2014, to relay the views of Members.)

Item 3: Improvement Sought for Prolonged Water Dripping Nuisance at 199 Tai Kok Tsui Road
(YTMFEHC Paper No. 41/2014)

20. The Chairman said that the written response of the FEHD (Annex 3) had been sent to Members for perusal before the meeting. He then welcomed Mr LI Ka-kei, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Mong Kok) of the FEHD to the meeting.

21. Mr LAU Pak-kei briefly introduced the contents of the paper. He said that 199 Tai Kok Tsui Road was one of the black spots of water dripping from air-conditioners in the district. The water dripping problem there had resulted in the growth of moss on the pavement of Fuk Lee Street, which might lead to passers-by slipping and falling. He urged the FEHD to accord priority to tackling the hygiene problem there.

22. Mr JO Chun-wah said that serious problem of water dripping from air-conditioners at buildings on both sides of Jordan Road had not only affected environmental hygiene, but had also led to slippery floor and endangered the safety of pedestrians. He urged the FEHD to follow up on the situation.

(Mr JO Chun-wah left the meeting at 3:05 p.m.)

23. Mr Chris IP said that Bowring Street, Jordan Road, Nathan Road and Temple Street were black spots of water dripping from air-conditioners in the district, and that water dripping from air-conditioners of the flats at the buildings at Temple Street caused nuisance to customers dining at stalls there in particular. He continued that he and Mr JO Chun-wah had called for residents in the district to report to them cases of water dripping from air-conditioners. Those cases were then referred to the FEHD but the department had not

been active in following up the cases. He hoped that the FEHD would face the problem of water dripping from air-conditioners in the district squarely and step up inspection at night in order to identify the sources of water dripping.

24. Mr Derek HUNG said that the long-running water dripping problem from air-conditioners at the building at 199 Tai Kok Tsui Road had caused serious nuisance to residents, but the FEHD had not been proactive in following up the matter. He opined that it was unacceptable and urged the department to address the problem properly.

25. Mr CHUNG Kong-mo requested the FEHD to focus efforts on solving the long-running problem of water dripping from air-conditioners at 199 Tai Kok Tsui Road. He understood that the FEHD would encounter difficulties in adducing evidence if prosecutions were to be instituted against cases of water dripping from air-conditioners. Nevertheless, he hoped that the FEHD would continue to step up inspections to the black spots of water dripping from air-conditioners in the district and improve the situation.

26. Ms WONG Shu-ming pointed out that the problem of water dripping from air-conditioners at Kingland Apartments, Nathan Road was serious, and the bus stop below had borne the brunt of the problem. She hoped that the FEHD would follow up on the situation there.

27. Mr LI Ka-kei said that he had instructed frontline staff to proactively follow up on the long-running problem of water dripping from air-conditioners at 199 Tai Kok Tsui Road, and that the FEHD would send staff to wash the streets nearby with high pressure water jets to prevent the growth of moss. He continued that the FEHD would carry out inspections at the black spots of water dripping from air-conditioners in the district before summer next year. Follow-up and enforcement actions would be carried out in a timely manner, including issuing notices to the residents of flats with the problem of water dripping from air-conditioners, requesting them to repair the defective air-conditioners so as to prevent further water dripping. Moreover, the FEHD would classify 199 Tai Kok Tsui Road as a black spot of water dripping from air-conditioners and strengthen enforcement against the problem in that area, and closely follow up on the situation of water dripping from air-conditioners at Kingland Apartments. He supplemented that the FEHD had rolled out a pilot scheme this year, under which additional resources were allocated to engage experienced persons to focus on the handling of water dripping cases at the black spots in the district.

28. Mr LAU Pak-kei thanked the FEHD for proactively addressing the problem of water dripping from air-conditioners at 199 Tai Kok Tsui Road. He continued that the residents nearby often disposed rubbish next to a rubbish bin that was located at the intersection of Tai Kok Tsui Road and Fuk Lee Street, affecting environmental hygiene. Moreover, as the placing of rubbish bin at that narrow road would inconvenience passers-by, he opined that it would be more appropriate to move it to another location.

29. Mr LI Ka-kei responded that the FEHD would study the feasibility of relocating the rubbish bin from the intersection of Tai Kok Tsui Road and Fuk Lee Street to another site.

30. Mr WONG Kam-wah said that the FEHD had allocated additional manpower this year to expedite the handling of cases of water dripping from air-conditioners in the district, including the cases at black spots such as Bowring Street, Jordan Road and Temple Street, etc. However, as some cases involved sub-divided units, it took the FEHD staff more time to identify the water dripping sources. He continued that this year the FEHD had issued over

200 nuisance notices to offenders in respect of water dripping from air-conditioners in the district.

31. The Vice-chairman thanked the representatives of the FEHD for joining the discussion of this item.

Item 4: To Step Up Clearance of Unauthorised Street Banners in in Yau Tsim Mong District
(YTMFEHC Paper No. 42/2014)

---- 32. The Vice-chairman said that the written response of the FEHD (Annex 4) had been sent to Members for perusal before the meeting. He then welcomed the following representatives to the meeting:

- (a) Mr LI Ka-kei, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Mong Kok) of the FEHD; and
- (b) Mr LUK Kwok-po, Chief Estate Officer/Kowloon and Mr CHAN Hoi-sing, Principal Estate Officer/Kowloon West (South) of the Lands Department (“Lands D”).

33. Mr HUI Tak-leung briefly introduced the contents of the paper. He thanked the Lands D for sending staff to update the approval numbers of some banners hung on roadside railings in Mong Kok previously.

34. The Vice-chairman quoted the written response of the FEHD, and asked why the number of fixed penalty notices issued in respect of unauthorised display of commercial publicity materials was far lower than that of commercial publicity materials seized. He also asked why the FEHD only recovered the removal costs from persons who displayed non-commercial publicity materials on the street rather than instituting prosecutions against them.

35. Mr LAM Kin-man said that many people and organisations had exploited the loopholes in the law and displayed on the street commercial publicity materials with no contact information on them, making it difficult for government departments to institute prosecutions against the beneficiaries. He would like to know what countermeasures the relevant department had.

36. Mr LI Ka-kei responded that if any person was found affixing or displaying commercial publicity materials illegally at the scene and there was adequate evidence, the FEHD staff would issue a \$1,500 fixed penalty notice to the person immediately. However, it was rather difficult for the FEHD staff to take enforcement action as the posting or displaying of commercial publicity materials by the offender might not necessarily happened under their eyes. He supplemented that the FEHD staff were empowered under the existing legislation to immediately remove commercial publicity materials displayed on the street without authorisation. The FEHD would institute prosecutions against the beneficiaries of the publicity materials if there was adequate evidence.

37. The Vice-chairman asked again why the FEHD did not institute prosecutions against persons displaying non-commercial publicity materials on the street.

38. Mr LI Ka-kei responded that under the current policy, the FEHD staff would remove the publicity materials and recover the removal costs from the persons concerned once the Lands D verified that the publicity materials were displayed on the street without authorisation, or the Implementation Guidelines for the Management Scheme for the Display of Roadside Non-commercial Publicity Materials had been breached.

39. The Chairman thanked the representatives of the relevant departments for joining the discussion of this item.

**Item 5: Concern over Surveillance and Maintenance of Trees
(YTMFEHC Paper No. 43/2014)**

40. The Chairman said that the written responses of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) and the HyD (Annexes 5 and 6) had been sent to Members for perusal before the meeting. He then welcomed the following representatives to the meeting:

- (a) Mr LAI Ka-yin, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Yau Tsim Mong) of the LCSD; and
- (b) Mr YU Tik-fung, Chief Technical Officer/Mong Kok of the HyD.

41. The Hon James TO briefly introduced the contents of the paper. He pointed out that there were some leaning trees in Olympic and wanted to know what solutions the LCSD would adopt to rectify the situation. He continued that in its written reply, the LCSD said that it would reinstate the pavement surface at the roundabout at the junction of Cherry Street and Hoi Fai Road. He wanted to know whether the relevant departments had confirmed the implementation of the works project.

42. Mr LAI Ka-yin responded as follows:

- (i) To seek for emergency assistance on tree safety, management offices of private properties might call the Government hotline 1823 or the emergency hotline 999.
- (ii) The LCSD had conducted frequent inspection on the trees under its purview. When leaning trees were spotted, investigation would be conducted to find out the reasons. For instance, trees might tilt towards light source due to phototropism. He explained that some trees had the ability to self-correct the tilting problem resulting from phototropism. If a leaning tree had signs of abnormality, for example, some of its roots were pulled out of the ground, resulting in loosen soil or cracks on road surface, the LCSD would further examine the tree in detail to pin down the reasons of the tilting so as to impose appropriate maintenance measures.
- (iii) According to the tree inspections conducted recently by the LCSD, trees in Olympic were growing normally in general.
- (iv) The LCSD and the HyD had conducted a site visit at the roundabout at the junction of Cherry Street and Hoi Fai Road to inspect the surface of the pavement. It was learnt that the HyD had commenced the reinstatement

works for the road surface there.

43. Mr LAM Kin-man was concerned about the growth of several trees along a section of Waterloo Road near Kwong Wah Hospital. He continued that he had conducted a site visit to inspect those trees with the staff of the LCSD and the HyD at an earlier time. Tilted trunks and protuberant roots which had caused uneven road surface were found. He quoted the staff of the HyD that the trees might collapse if they continued to grow that way, thus affecting the traffic of Waterloo Road. The uneven road surface would also affect the underground drains. He urged the LCSD and the HyD to continue monitoring the conditions of the trees at the site.

44. The Hon James TO was glad to hear that the trees in Olympic were inspected by the LCSD once every two weeks. He asked whether the LCSD had also carried out tree inspection in other districts with the same frequency.

45. Mr Derek HUNG said that the trees near Silvercord on Canton Road had caused uneven road surface due to their tilted trunks and protuberant roots. He hoped that the relevant departments would follow up on the situation. He also enquired about the frequency of the LCSD's inspection on roadside trees along busy roads in the district under the current policy. Besides, he noticed that guying or iron gratings were used to stabilise trees but he was concerned that such measures would in the long run impede the growth of those trees.

46. Ms KWAN Sau-ling praised the LCSD's vigorous efforts in inspecting the trees in the district. She wanted to know whether the LCSD's tree inspection was also conducted once every two weeks in other places of the Yau Tsim Mong District other than Olympic.

47. Mr HUI Tak-leung said that to enhance the efficiency of tree management, the LCSD should encourage public participation in monitoring the conditions of trees grown in their community and reporting tree problems to the LCSD. Besides, he asked whether the LCSD had published the tree inspection records and the conditions of problematic trees in various districts on the internet.

48. Mr LAI Ka-yin responded as follows:

- (i) The frontline staff of the LCSD would carry out visual assessment on the growth of the trees in leisure venues under the department's purview during routine inspection. If any unusual conditions were spotted, such as abnormal defoliation, sharp leaning trunks or signs of pests and disease, they would notify the department immediately to arrange detailed examination and take corresponding maintenance measures for the trees. Besides, the LCSD would conduct annual risk assessment for the trees under its purview. When problematic trees were spotted, the LCSD would conduct further examination, enhance monitoring and carry out appropriate maintenance measures.
- (ii) The Tree Management Office had published and updated as appropriate the tree inspection records and the conditions of problematic trees in various districts on its website. It also listed the conditions and distribution of important trees (such as old and valuable trees) and problematic trees that required continuous monitoring for public reference.

- (iii) The LCSD would continue to keep in view the conditions of the trees near Kwong Wah Hospital.
- (iv) The iron gratings were mainly used to cover the soil around the roots to prevent soil loss or pedestrians from tripping over protuberant roots. The LCSD would review the growth of individual trees and remove the iron gratings when necessary to avoid impeding tree growth. If Mr Derek HUNG considered that some of the iron gratings laid on the tree roots should be removed, he could provide relevant information later for the LCSD and the HyD to take follow up actions.

49. Mr YU Tik-fung reported that HyD had reinstated the pavement surface at the roundabout at the junction of Cherry Street and Hoi Fai Road on 3 December 2014.

50. The Chairman thanked the representatives of relevant departments for joining the discussion of this item.

(Mr Derek HUNG left the meeting at 3:45 p.m.)

Item 6: Concern over Petrol Odour from Typhoon Shelter
(YTMFEHC Paper No. 44/2014)

51. The Chairman said that the written responses of the Marine Department and the Environmental Protection Department (“EPD”) (Annexes 7 and 8) had been sent to Members for perusal before the meeting. He then welcomed Mr NG Ping-sum, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East) 6 of the EPD to the meeting.

52. The Vice-chairman briefly introduced the contents of the paper. He hoped that the EPD would strengthen inspection near the New Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter to monitor the reek of petrol odour.

53. Mr NG Ping-sum responded that the EPD would continue monitoring the petrol odour problem in the New Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter.

54. The Chairman thanked the representative of the EPD for joining the discussion of this item.

Item 7: Any Other Business

55. Mr WONG Kin-san reflected that rodent infestation was serious at 224-230 Fa Yuen Street and hoped to draw the FEHD’s attention to the hygiene conditions of the site.

56. Mr WONG Kam-wah said that in view of the confirmation of three local cases of dengue fever, the FEHD would deploy additional manpower to strengthen the anti-mosquito work. He continued that the FEHD would organise more publicity activities on mosquito prevention in the district and District Councillors would be invited to participate.

57. Mr CHAN Chung-cheung said that the mosquito problem was serious at the podium of HSBC Centre, Olympian City. He asked the FEHD to step up anti-mosquito work there.

58. Ms LAM Wai-lung hoped that the government departments would closely liaise with the Yau Tsim Mong District Council to improve their work at district level.

59. Ms WONG Shu-ming reflected that rodent infestation was serious at the rear lane of 595 Reclamation Street and urged the FEHD to follow up on the situation.

60. The Chairman asked Members to note that the 19th meeting of the FEHC would be held on 19 March 2015 and the deadline for the submission of meeting papers was 4 March 2015.

61. There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 3:50 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 22 January 2015.

Yau Tsim Mong District Council Secretariat
December 2014

Urgent By Fax**MEMO**

From	Chief Engineer/Mainland South, DSD	To	Yau Tsim Mong District Council
Ref.	(317424) In MS12/MK/5/0	(Attn:	Ms. Martha FUNG)
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Email		dated	Fax No. 2722 7696
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I refer to your email dated 19.11.2014 about the further discussion of the item “跟進廣東道街市渠蓋成效”. Please note my reply below as regards the issue for your further action.

- 中文回覆:

路面集水溝及格柵渠蓋的設計、建造及維修保養屬於路政署的職責範圍，相信路政署能就方形格柵渠蓋對改善環境衛生的成效作進一步回應，本署暫不會委派代表出席以上會議。

如有任何查詢，請致電 2300 1519 與本署工程師林偉華先生聯絡。

- English Reply:

The design, construction and maintenance of gullies and gully gratings are under the jurisdiction of Highways Department. I trust that Highways Department will further advise on the effectiveness of adopting special gully gratings in enhancing the environmental hygiene conditions. This Department shall not assign any representative to attend the captioned meeting.

For further queries, please feel free to contact Engineer Mr. LAM Wai-wah at telephone no.2300 1519.

2. Please feel free to contact me at telephone no. 2300 1519 for further queries.



(W W LAM)

for Chief Engineer/Mainland South
Drainage Services Department

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YAU TSIM MONG DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annex 2
附件二

檔號 : (61) in HAD YTMDC 13-30/1/1 Pt. 42

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劉先生：

跟進廣東道街市渠蓋成效

在油尖旺區議會食物及環境衛生委員會(“食環會”) 2014 年 12 月 5 日第十七次會議上，有委員要求路政署盡早把旺角道至快富街一段廣東道及長旺道街市周邊的標準渠蓋更換成方形格柵渠蓋，以改善街道衛生情況。

食環會在 2014 年 7 月 17 日第十五次會議上已提出上述訴求，其後並兩次續議有關事項。路政署的與會代表備悉委員在此事上的立場和意見，唯貴署一直未有積極回應委員的訴求，令委員甚為不滿。

本人特此來信，反映食環會對更換上址渠蓋的意見和建議。請貴署以利民為本，考慮早日進行有關工程。

如有查詢，請與食環會秘書馮凱霞女士(電話：2399 2154)聯絡。

油尖旺區議會
食物及環境衛生委員會主席

楊子熙

附件：食環會第 29/2014 號文件

2014 年 12 月 11 日

要求改善大角咀道 199 號長期滴水擾民問題

多謝油尖旺區區議會劉柏祺議員及蔡少峰議員就上述標題事宜提呈文件，並要求食物環境衛生署（下稱「本署」）作出回應。本署現就文件提出的問題回覆如下：

1. 根據記錄，由今年1月至今，本署共接獲6宗有關大角咀道199號冷氣機滴水的投訴。在接獲投訴後，本署隨即派員調查，找尋冷氣機滴水源頭，期間共向懷疑涉事單位發出1個口頭警告及14封勸諭信，勸諭有關住戶儘早檢查及維修有問題的冷氣機。在隨後的覆查中，有關冷氣機已經修理妥當及再沒出現滴水情況，故未有人因此而被檢控。本署人員近期往上址巡查時未再發現有冷氣機滴水的情況。
2. 本署會繼續跟進及留意上址情況，並會採取適當行動，以避免或減少冷氣機滴水對市民造成的滋擾。

食物環境衛生署

2014 年 11 月 27 日

油尖旺區議會
食物及環境衛生委員會第 42/2014 號文件

要求加強清理油尖旺街道違規橫額

多謝油尖旺區區議會許德亮議員就上述標題事宜提呈文件，並要求食物環境衛生署（下稱「本署」）作出回應。本署現就文件提出的問題及建議綜合回覆如下：

1. 本署如發現街道旁展示商業性質的宣傳品(包括橫額)，會將之移走，並會向有關人士追討相關費用。如能確定違例者的身分，本署會根據香港法例第 132 章《公眾衛生及市政條例》提出檢控。另外，本署與地政總署會定期採取聯合行動，清除未經許可或不遵照路旁展示非商業宣傳品管理計劃實施指引而展示的非商業宣傳品。於聯合行動中，地政總署人員負責在現場鑑別和核實未經許可或不遵照實施指引而展示的非商業宣傳品，確認後由本署人員負責移走。最近一次聯合行動是於 11 月 21 日進行。
2. 根據記錄，在過去六個月，本署在旺角區共檢走 797 個商業宣傳品及向違例者發出 39 張定額罰款通知書。同時，本署亦與地政總署合共採取 26 次聯合行動，行動中共檢走 28 張未經許可或許可期已過的非商業宣傳橫額，及向 11 個機構/團體追討有關移除費用。當中包括在彌敦道及上海街一帶移走的 92 個商業宣傳品及 10 張未經許可或許可期已過的非商業宣傳橫額。
3. 本署會繼續留意有關情況及採取適當行動。

食物環境衛生署
旺角區環境衛生辦事處

2014 年 11 月 27 日

油尖旺區議會

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康樂及文化事務署
就「關注樹木監察及保養安排」
所作的書面回應

就委員提出對奧運區私人區域範圍內有關樹木監察及保養安排的問題，本署現回應如下：

1. 在奧運區私人區域範圍內的樹木，康文署樹木組有否提供協助他們處理及保養樹木？

答：過去一年本署未有收到大角咀奧運區私人物業範圍內要求提供協助處理及保養樹木的個案。一般而言，本署如收到私人物業內樹木護養或管理的查詢後，會向查詢者提供發展局樹木網站內私人物業樹木護養的資料，當中包括：認可綠化工程服務承辦商、國際樹木學會或香港園境師學會認可樹藝從業員資料。查詢者可參加相關學會舉辦的課程以增進樹木護養的知識，亦可透過聘請相關合資格專業人士作進一步跟進其私人物業內樹木的護養和管理。有關私人物業樹木護養的詳細資料，可瀏覽發展局樹木網頁查閱。

(www.trees.gov.hk/tc/tree_care/info_tree_maintenance_pp/index.html)。

2. 在奧運區區內巡查樹木次數為何？巡查時有何發現？

答：本署每兩星期巡察奧運區內的樹木一次，以觀察它們的生長狀況。在最近一次巡查期間所有樹木的生長狀況均正常，沒有倒塌危險。

3.康文署樹木組如何監察、處理及保養樹木？有何具體方法安排，減低危險？

答：一般而言，除日常樹木保養工作外，本署會為該區的樹木每年進行一次樹木風險評估檢測，並於風雨季來臨前完成。一旦發現有問題的樹木，會按需要進行適當的樹木風險緩解措施，包括對樹木進行修剪，移除枯枝、治理蟲害和以纜索或支柱支撐樹幹等，以減輕危險樹木對人命或財物所做成的風險。

4.在奧運區一帶樹木根部不斷隆起露出地面，讓居民容易絆倒，造成危險。康文署及路政署如何處理上述情況？有否長遠計劃處理此情況不斷發生？

答：本署一向十分關注奧運區內樹根生長情況，由於有關地段接近海旁，而樹木位於較為空曠和受風的地方，樹木在生理上為保持其穩固和平衡生長，根部發展會較為粗壯，因而可能令櫻桃街及海輝道交界迴旋處的行人路地磚出現不平的情況。本署已就上述事宜聯絡路政署，據了解，該署會按該行人路段的情況，安排合適的復修工程，並預計於12月完成。此外，日後若有關樹木因老化而枯萎時，本署會考慮改種其他更適合該地理環境生長的樹種，以避免出現上述類同的情況。

康樂及文化事務署
油尖旺區康樂事務辦事處
2014年12月

油尖旺區議會
食物及環境衛生委員會第 43/2014 號文件

關注樹木監察及保養安排

本署負責轄下公共道路的保養工作，並定期派員巡查，如發現路面或附屬道路設施有破損，會適時安排復修工程，以保障道路使用者的安全。若路面破損是因樹根生長而引致，本署會與康文署跟進，按該行人路段的情況，安排合適的復修工程。

就附件第一頁顯示的行人路面破損，本署已於2014年11月25日與康文署聯絡，並會盡快展開復修工程，復修工程預計於12月初完成。

至於附件第二頁顯示的樹木斷枝，本署已於2014年9月17日完成清理，並已於9月18日電郵回覆涂謹申區議員辦事處。

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The Secretary
The Food and Environmental Hygiene Committee of
Yau Tsim Mong District Council
(Attn.: Miss Martha FUNG)

By Fax: 2722 7696 and
e-mail

Dear Miss Martha FUNG,

**17th Meeting of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Committee (FEHC) of
Yau Tsim Mong District Council (2014-2015)
關注避風塘傳出電油味的情況**

Thanks for your message dated 24 November 2014 concerning the captioned subject.

We have studied the paper - “關注避風塘傳出電油味的情況” provided by the member Waikeung Chan and found that the subject to be discussed is outside the purview of Marine Department. Should there be any matter related to marine traffic safety arising from the discussion in future, we will then nominate representative to attend the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

(J.J. LU)

Marine Officer/Licensing & Port Formalities(2)
for Director of Marine

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關注避風塘傳出電油味的情況

就上述討論文件，環保署(本署)回覆如下：

本署一直非常關注新油麻地避風塘一帶的環境，並經常安排人員在避風塘沿岸進行巡查，以監察水面及氣味情況。最近一次巡查在11月中早上進行，期間亦沒有在避風塘沿岸嗅到電油味散發情況，近岸水域亦沒有發現油污洩漏或飄浮。有關船隻的廢氣排放事宜，由海事處負責執行管制。若市民發現船隻排放黑煙，可向海事處海港巡邏組作出投訴及舉報。

本署會繼續密切監察避風塘一帶的情況，及執行相關的環保法例。如發現有船隻排放黑煙情況，會轉交海事處跟進。

環境保護署

2014 年 11 月 28 日