

Application No. A/FSS/296 Proposed Regularisation of Existing Columbarium Use (for Columbarium Niches Sold before 30.6.2017 only) at G/F – 6/F (Parts) of an Existing Religious Building in “Government, Institution or Community” Zone, 18 Sha Tau Kok Road-Lung Yeuk Tau, Lung Yeuk Tau, Fanling, New Territories (Lot 4433 S.17 in D.D. 51)

Table A: Responses-to-Comments (3.9.2024)

Departmental Comments		Applicant’s Responses
A.	Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (received on 29.6.2024)	
1.	Concerning the Further Information (2) submitted by the applicant on 10 May 2024, all those documents in Annex A had been received by Private Columbaria Affairs Office (PCAO). Upon study, discrepancies were found in the submissions of elevation plans and thus the applicant was notified of the shortcomings in writing on 28 June 2024. The applicant was required to submit revised elevation plans and other related documents for our further consideration on or before 12 July 2024. Please kindly be informed that the applicant have yet submitted all the required documents, the on-site verification of niches in respect to this planning application would be carried out subject to the submission by the applicant. PCAO will keep PlanD updated of the latest progress on this case.	<p>Relevant further information / supporting documents were submitted to PCAO on 12.7.2024 and 30.8.2024 respectively (Annex A).</p> <p>Please be informed that upon the approval of s.16 of planning application, PCAO could request the Applicant to submit any further amendments/revised elevation plans and other related documents for its consideration under the Private Columbaria Ordinance. All such subsequent submissions, if any, will also be circulated to FS&YLE DPO for reference and cross-checking purposes.</p> <p>In this regard, please arrange the responsible officer to conduct a site-inspection of all <u>Sold</u> columbarium niches as early as possible to facilitate the procedure of this planning application.</p>
B.	Transport Department (received on 7.8.2024)	
1.	As the niches under the application have been interred or sold on/before 30 June 2017, no traffic impact assessment is required in accordance with Legislative Council Paper No. CB(2)1269/17-18(02);	Noted.
2.	Columbarium Management Plan Section 5 Paragraph 6: Both the peak hour and the average hourly number of visitors differ from those stated in Paragraph 3 of Attachment 1 of the Plan. Please review;	Noted, Section 5 Paragraph 6 in the Columbarium Management Plan has been reviewed accordingly. Please refer to Annex B in details.
3.	Columbarium Management Plan Section 5 Paragraph 7: The staff number is not consistent. Paragraph 7 stated that addition <u>5</u> nos. of staff members will be employed, which is not consistent with Attachment 2 that <u>7</u> nos. of additional staff members will be employed during festive periods. In view of the need of crowd control at the entrance of each floor, please	Please note that the Applicant will employ additional 5 temporary staff members during festive periods for the need of crowd control. This information has been clarified in our FI (1) submission dated on 6.3.2024 (i.e. in the footnote of 工作人員組織圖).

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	revise the number of additional staff members to <u>7</u> nos. paragraph 7 accordingly;	
4.	The applicant should submit an updated Traffic and Crowd Management Plan, including the provision of updated temporary directional signage during the festive periods (i.e. Ching Ming and Chung Yeung Festivals) to guide pedestrian circulation within and near the subject site, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner for Transport at least two months before the festive periods. The applicant should also implement the approved Traffic and Crowd Management Plan to the satisfaction of the Commissioner for Transport. Planning conditions should be set for such submission and implementation of updated Traffic and Crowd Management Plan; and	Noted.
5.	No mitigation or management measures have been/will be implemented by TD in close vicinity of the site during the periods of Ching Ming and Chung Yeung Festivals.	Noted.