

Proposed Columbarium use at G/F of Two Existing Buildings at Lung Ngam Monastery, No. 47 Wang Hang Village, Tai O Lantau Island, New Territories (Lot 47 (Part) in D.D. 313L) (Planning Application No. A/I-TOF/5)

Response to Comments to Environmental Protection Department dated 18 November 2024 enclosing revised Environmental Assessment (R9439_v1.1)

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Comments from Environmental Protection Department Contact person: Ms CHEUNG Hiu-wai, Tiffany Tel: 2835 1835		
(a)	Table 2.2 - Please provide TD endorsement for the road type of Lung Shing Street and Tai O Road.	The traffic consultant appointed by the applicant, LLA Consultancy Limited, confirmed the road type of Lung Shing Street and Tai O Road are 'Rural Road' (Table 2.2). Email to Transport Department (TD) was made on 17 October 2024 to confirm the road type of Lung Shing Street and Tai O Road (Appendix V). TD's endorsement for the road type of Lung Shing Street and Tai O Road is hereby sought.
(b)	Please provide a figure to illustrate the buffer distance between the road and the proposed columbarium.	The buffer distance between the roads and the proposed columbarium is shown in Figure 3 .
(c)	Please include a figure to illustrate the 500m-assessment area with the existing and planned air sensitive receivers.	Noted and revised. Please refer to Figure 2 .
(d)	Please include a figure to illustrate the 300m-assessment area with the existing and planned noise sensitive receivers.	Noted and revised. Please refer to Figure 4 .
(e)	Section 4.2.1 - Please advise if there are any operational discharges.	Since there is no landuse change in the application site, surface runoff shall be conveyed and collected by existing facilities, such as road gullies and u-channels to the main drainage system, and surface runoff will be discharged to the adjacent river channel finally. For the operational discharge like sewerage, the sewage generated by employees and visitors would be handled by existing toilet and portable toilets respectively, as discussed in Section 4.3.

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(f)	<p>Section 4.3 - We noted that septic tank and soakaway system has been provided for toilets and vacuum tanker will be arranged to transfer the additional sewage to the public sewage treatment works. On the other hand, we also noted that there are some elaboration on the sewage flow and please advise if there will be connection to public sewerage system. It is quite confusing how the sewerage impact during the operational phase will be managed.</p>	<p>According to the site visit conducted in February 2024, septic tank and soakaway system has been provided for the existing toilet that is accessible to Lung Ngam Tse and columbarium visitors. However, in order to address the additional sewage generated from visitors during peak hours/ festival periods, temporary portable toilets would be provided for all visitors during the peak period. Vacuum tanker with capacity of 3000L will be arranged to empty the toilets 4 times a day and transfer the additional sewage to public sewage treatment works.</p> <p>As for the employees, they would keep using the existing toilet, which are connected to a septic tank and soakaway system.</p>