

Response to comment

Planning Department

Item	Comment	Response
a	whether the holding capacity of 100-200 visitors (mentioned in Section 6 of the Planning Statement) refers to (i) each hall or both halls in total; and (ii) each hour or a specific time period.	The holding capacity of 100-200 visitors each hour (mentioned in Section 6 of the Planning Statement) refers to <u>both halls in total</u> .
b	whether the layby on Ching Cheung Road eastbound near the subject site would be used by the visitors of the columbarium	The layby on Ching Cheung Road eastbound near the subject site would <u>not be used</u> by the visitors of the columbarium.
c	whether visitors would come from Tai Po Road to the columbarium, and whether staff/volunteers would be arranged to assist visitors from/to Tai Po Road;	Based on past experience, only a limited number of visitors tend to travel from Tai Po Road to the columbarium. However, staff / volunteers would still be arranged to assist visitors from/to Tai Po Road
d	measures to minimise potential nuisance to the surrounding areas (e.g. residential area and medical facilities) resulting from burning joss paper, joss stick and candles	<p>An ECO-Furnace system has been installed by Hong Kong Productivity Council to improve air quality and reduce nuisance to visitors and air sensitive receivers nearby.</p> <p>Upon receiving complaints about the burning of joss paper, joss sticks, and candles on-site, all burning activities will be halted immediately. We will assess the functionality of the ECO-Furnace system to ensure it operates effectively. For a sustainable long-term solution, we encourage visitors to adopt alternative green initiatives, such as using smokeless incense and electric candles, which minimize environmental impact while still honoring cultural practices.</p>
e	whether niches were sold after the “cut-off time” under Private Columbaria Ordinance (PCO) (i.e. 8 a.m. on 18.6.2014), or the enactment of PCO (i.e. 30.6.2017)	<u>No niche was sold</u> after the “cut-off time” under Private Columbaria Ordinance (PCO) (i.e. 8 a.m. on 18.6.2014) <u>and</u> the enactment of PCO (i.e. 30.6.2017).
f	the proposed plan to comply with requirements of Government department after the stage of planning application	After the stage of planning application, all requirements of Government department would be complied for application of private columbaria license including application of lease modification/temporary waiver, submission of building plan and slope upgrading proposal

g	the proposed plan on selling residual niches, if any	There is <u>no plan</u> on selling residual niches at this moment.
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Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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A	<p><u>Name of the private columbarium (PC) under application: Planning Statement</u></p> <p>(i) Para. under “Section 1: Introduction” on Page 1  (ii) Title of “Section 3: Fuk Tak Buddhist Association” on Page 3  (iii) Para. under “Section 4: Site context and Application premises” on Page 4</p>	<p>The name of the private columbarium is confirmed to be “Hong Kong &amp; Kowloon Fuk Tak Buddhist Association Limited” (港九福德念佛社) (FTBA)</p>
B	<p><u>Gross Floor Area: Memo from PlanD Table at Para.3 Application Form</u></p> <p>(i) Item 3(b) of Table on Page 2 (about application site)  (ii) Item 6(i)(a) &amp; (d) of Table on Page 5  (iii) Gross Floor area in Table “Gist of Application” on Page 14</p>	<p>The gross floor area as mentioned in Form No. S16-I is 92.5m<sup>2</sup> which is counted for G/F at Sheung Tsang Hall (上真閣) and G/F at Chap Tak Hall (集德堂) under S16 application.</p> <p>The gross floor area 110.4m<sup>2</sup> stated in the application summary submitted to PCAO is counted for the whole buildings, i.e. G/F at Sheung Tsang Hall (上真閣) and G/F and 1/F at Chap Tak Hall (集德堂).</p> <p>The gross floor area 92.5m<sup>2</sup> which is counted for G/F at Sheung Tsang Hall (上真閣) and G/F at Chap Tak Hall (集德堂) would be adopted as the area of the columbarium and clarification would be made to FEHD</p>
C	<p><u>Funeral services: Planning Statement</u></p> <p>(i) Para. under “Section 3: History of Fuk Tak Buddhist Association” on Page 3  (ii) Para. under “Meeting the community and cultural needs” on Page 5</p>	<p>FTBA only provides financial support to member to take medical supports as well as funeral services by others.</p> <p>FTBA only provides resting area for members without supply of food and beverage. Members can bring food and beverage themselves.</p>