

**RESPONSES TO DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTS**

**1 Responses to Comments from the Water Supplies Department (WSD)**

Item	Departmental Comments	The Applicant's Responses
<b>Comments from the Water Supplies Department</b>		
WSD (1)	<p>After review of the 3rd Further Information, the information is considered insufficient to fully address our concern; and to demonstrate that the proposed public vehicle park and electric vehicle charging station development would cause no material increase in pollution effect within Water Gathering Grounds ('WGG'). Therefore, our previous comment dated 25.9.2023 remains valid. Specific concerns are provided as follows:</p> <p>(1) It is noted in Annex I that kerbs and drains surrounding vehicle park/drainage traps at each drainage outlet will be installed on site. Additionally, signage for alerting not to pollute WGG should be displayed.</p>	<p>Noted. The Annex I of the Risk Assessment has been updated to include the measure of displaying signage for alerting not to pollute WGG and attached in <b>Appendix II</b>.</p>
WSD (2)	<p>(2) It is noted in the submission that drainage facilities such as kerbs and drainage traps which will be provisioned on site for collection of surface run-off will be connected to the public stormwater drains. In this regard, I presume that the acceptance of the drainage proposal and its implementation is subject to the jurisdiction of the DSD. The applicant should provide the site formation, drainage plans and the operation &amp; maintenance plans of such facilities for our review.</p>	<p>Noted. A preliminary drainage and site formation plan has been prepared and attached in <b>Appendix I</b>. In view that the application site is flat and already hard paved, the minor site formation works only involves the future u-channel, catchpit, underground pipe, outdoor H-pole switchgear demarcation and meter cabinets. The operation and maintenance plan has been incorporated in Section 1.4.2 of the revised Risk Assessment.</p> <p>The Applicant will engage a drainage consultant to prepare a drainage proposal after the s.16 planning application has been approved by the Town Planning Board as an approval condition.</p>

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WSD (3)	<p>(3) The applicant shall observe that during installation of meter cabinets and outdoor H-pole switchgear demarcation and erection of the proposed drainage channel, no earth and other installation materials which may cause contamination to WGG are allowed to be stockpiled or stored on site. Furthermore, all excavated or filled surfaces shall be protected from erosion and siltation to any water courses shall be prevented within WGG. All spoils shall be contained and protected; and effluent containing spoils shall be disposed of after desiltation.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Section 1.3.2 of the Risk Assessment has been updated to include the suggested measures during installation of the meter cabinets and outdoor H-pole switchgear demarcation and erection of the proposed drainage channel.</p>
WSD (4)	<p>(4) The applicant shall undertake that the operation and maintenance of the electric vehicle charging station shall not cause any contamination and leaching of contaminants to WGG.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Section 1.6 of the Risk Assessment has been updated to affirm that the applicant shall undertake that the operation and maintenance of the electric vehicle charging station shall not cause any contamination and leaching of contaminants to WGG.</p>

**2 Responses to Comments from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD)**

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<b>Comments from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department</b>		
AFCD (1)	We have no comment on the further information provided by the applicant and our earlier comments are still valid.	<p>The Applicant appreciates AFCD has no further comments on our Further Information(s). The Applicant would like to emphasise that this is a temporary application and the application site has been hard paved for a long period of time. The proposed temporary use could allow a vacant site to be put in good use to address the community's need. The site is currently not covered by any Agricultural Rehabilitation Program. The approval of this temporary application would facilitate improvement of the existing traffic condition and safety within the village, and also maximize the utilization and efficiency of vacant land. We note that there are many fallow and vacant land in the Lam Tsuen, Tai Po area which is considered more suitable for agricultural rehabilitation as compared to the application site which is covered by concrete paving before 2005. There is no accessible natural water source in the vicinity of the site.</p> <p>The encouragement of using EVs and the proposed development also tallies with the Chief Executive's 2022 Policy Address in relation to the promotion of the use of EVs.</p>