



**Section 16 Application for Proposed Temporary Animal Boarding Establishment for Homeless Dogs and Filling of Land at Lot No. 942 in Demarcation District 7 at Wai Tau Tsuen in Tai Po for a period of 5 Years**

**Annex 1 - Response to Departmental Comments Table**

| No.   | Comments Received  | Our Responses   |
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| <i>1. Comments from the Water Supplies Department (Contact Person: Ms. Victoria Suen (Tel: 21525752))</i> |  |   |
| A   | <p>After review, the FI submitted is considered insufficient to fully address our concerns; and to prove and demonstrate that there would cause no material increase in pollution effect within Water Gathering Grounds ('WGG') resulting from the proposed temporary animal boarding establishment. To be more specific, the waste management proposed is unable to demonstrate that the pollution risk to the WGG can be eliminated. Therefore, our previous comments in ref. (12) in WSD/M/SP 3051/440/225S/22 Pt.1 dated 12.10.2023 should remain valid.</p> | <p>The application site is situated within the upper indirect WGG. By taking measures to prevent infiltration, it implies the protection of underground water and the preservation of the water source.</p> <p>Regarding the waste management proposal, the internal drainage proposed will be responsible for collecting the sewage of dogs inside kennels and they will be converted into the cesspool, while the solid waste will be collected manually. For dogs outside the kennels, two sets of 150mm U-channel will run through the whole Application Site. The outer one is to prevent the external discharge from flowing to the site, while the inner one is to collect the sewage and water generated from the site which will be diverted to the cesspool, and all solid waste generated will be collected immediately by the volunteers.</p> <p>Moreover, only healthy dogs will be accommodated and any veterinary medication and medical care are prohibited on the site. Therefore, no chemicals will be generated from the operation of the proposed development.</p> <p>Due to the nature of the proposed ABE and the above preventive measures proposed to protect the underground water and water source from being contaminated by the sewage generated, it is not anticipated that the proposed development will pose any pollution risk to WGG as all sewerage and solid waste generated will be diverted to the proposed cesspool instead of infiltrating to the underground.</p> |