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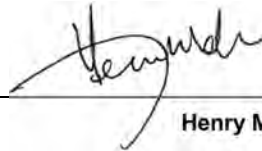
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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PROJECT BACKGROUND

BeeXergy Consulting Limited was commissioned by the KTA Planning Limited on behalf of Ringlet Global Limited (the Applicant) to prepare a drainage impact assessment (DIA) to support the S16 Planning Application for the Proposed Filling and Excavation of Land for the Permitted "Agricultural Use" in "Conservation Area" at Various Lots in D.D.238, Clear Water Bay, Sai Kung, New Territories (the Application).

Drawings and technical information on the existing agricultural land were provided by the Applicant and the Project Planning Consultant, KTA Planner Limited.

1.2 PROJECT LOCATION

The Project Site is located at Various Lots in D.D.238, Clear Water Bay, Sai Kung, New Territories, surrounded by Hang Hau Wing Lung Road. **Figure 1** shows the Project Site location and its surrounding area.



Figure 1 Location of the Project Site (Source: GeoInfo Map)

1.3 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT SITE

The Project Site area is approximately 6,175 m². Minor filling for a bamboo shelter and excavation of site for two ponds is found. The master layout plan is provided in **Appendix A**.

2 DRAINAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

2.1 SCOPE OF WORKS

The objective of this Drainage Impact Assessment (DIA) is to assess whether the Project Site may cause adverse impacts on drainage and flooding or not with the minor filling and excavation of land. These impacts will be identified and mitigation measures will be proposed (when appropriate) in order to demonstrate that the Project Site with the minor filling and excavation of land will not cause an unacceptable increase in the risk of flooding in areas upstream of, adjacent to or downstream of the agricultural land.

2.2 SITE LOCATION AND TOPOGRAPHY

The Project Site is sloping downwards from west to east with topographic level from approximately +46.0 mPD to +32.0 mPD according to the topography map from Lands Department (LandsD). The Project site is currently a farmland.

2.3 EXISTING DRAINAGE FACILITIES

The existing drainage record from the GeoInfo Map of the LandsD and DSD are obtained for this DIA. According to the record, there are no existing manholes or public drainage pipes around the Project Site. Currently, the runoff from the Project Site is soaked away into the soil or flow through the natural valley according to topography of the surrounding area. The existing drainage record can be found in **Appendix B**.

2.4 DRAINAGE ANALYSIS

2.4.1 ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY

Peak instantaneous runoff without and with the minor filling and land excavation was calculated based on the Rational Method. The recommended physical parameters, including runoff coefficient (C) and storm constants for different return periods, are as per the *Stormwater Drainage Manual* issued by DSD.

The Rational Method has been adopted for hydraulic analysis and the peak runoff is given by the following expression:

$$Q_p = 0.278 C i A$$

where:

Q_p = peak runoff in m³/s

C = runoff coefficient

i = rainfall intensity in mm/hr

A = catchment area in km^2

Rainfall intensity is calculated using the following expression:

$$i = \frac{a}{(t_d + b)^c}$$

where:

i = rainfall intensity in mm/hr

t_d = duration in minutes ($t_d \leq 240$)

a , b , c = storm constants given in Table 3 of SDM

For a single catchment, duration (t_d) can be assumed to be the time of concentration (t_c) which is calculated as follows:

$$t_c = t_0 + t_r$$

where:

t_c = time of concentration

t_0 = inlet time (time taken for flow from the most remote point to reach the most upstream point of the urban drainage system)

Generally, t_0 is much smaller than t_r . As shown in Equation 2, t_d is the divisor. Therefore, larger t_d will result in smaller rain intensity (i) as well as a smaller Q_p . For the worst-case scenario, t_r is assumed to be negligible and so:

$$t_d = t_c = t_0$$

$$t_0 = \frac{0.14465 L}{H^{0.2} A^{0.1}}$$

where:

A = catchment area (m^2)

H = average slope (m per 100m), measure along the line of natural flow, from the summit of the catchment to the point under consideration

L = distance (on plan) measured on the line of natural flow between the summit and the point under consideration (m)

The capacities of the drainage pipes have been calculated using the Colebrook-White Equation, assuming full bore flow with no surcharge, as follows, incorporate 10% sedimentation in the calculation of drainage flow capacity in accordance with the *Stormwater Drainage Manual*:

$$V = -\sqrt{32gRs} \times \log\left(\frac{k_s}{14.8R} + \frac{1.25v}{R\sqrt{32gRs}}\right)$$

where:

V = mean velocity (m/s)

g = gravitation acceleration (m/s²)

R = hydraulic radius (m)

k_s = hydraulic pipeline roughness (m)

v = kinematic viscosity of fluid (m²/s)

S = hydraulic gradient (energy loss per unit length due to friction)

Rainfall increase percentage due to climate change and design allowance is referenced from Table 28 and Table 31 in DSD Corrigendum No. 1/2022 of the Stormwater Drainage Manual (SDM) respectively. 16% and 12.1% for end of 21st Century is adopted as worst case scenario.

2.5 ASSESSMENT ASSUMPTIONS

2.5.1 PROJECT SITE

For the Application, minor filling for a bamboo shelter and excavation of site for two ponds is found for the Project Site. The site characteristics of without and with the minor filling and land excavation are summarized in **Table 1**.

Table 1: Surface Characteristics and Runoff Coefficients of the Site

Scenario of Project	Area (m ²)	Surface Characteristics
Without the Minor Filling and Excavation of Site	6,175	95% unpaved + 5% paved ^[1]
With the Minor Filling and Excavation of Site	6,175	90% unpaved + 10% paved ^{[1][2][3]}

Remark:

[1] The percentage of paved area is assumed to be the amount of land covered by temporary structures, storage and platforms instead of paved with concrete.

[2] The excavation area is assumed as paved area in a conservative approach.

[3] The entire area of the free-standing bamboo shelter including the shaded area, plinths and barrels is assumed as paved area in a conservative approach.

2.5.2 CUMULATIVE RUNOFF (SURROUNDING CATCHMENTS)

According to the existing drainage record from the GeoInfo Map of the LandsD and DSD, there are no manholes and public drainage pipes around the Project site. All runoff from the Project site and the surrounding catchments shall be discharged by soakaway method into the soil or flow through the natural valley according to topography of the surrounding area.

The existing drainage network collects runoff from the Project Site and that from the surrounding catchments. Runoff from surrounding catchments (Catchment A) shall be taken into account in the estimation. The Project Site catchment that contributed to the cumulative runoff have been identified as Catchment S. According to the topography of the surrounding area, Catchment A is a valley located next to the Project Site. Runoff from Catchment A will soak away into the soil or flow down along the valley from west to east. Runoff from Catchment S will also soakaway into the soil or flow down the valley and eventually flow into Catchment A due to topography of the surrounding area. Therefore, Catchment A is taken into account as a surrounding catchment for the flow estimation. The areas of Catchment S and Catchment A are shown in **Appendix D**.

With reference to the *Stormwater Drainage Manual*, the runoff coefficients of paved surface and soft landscape are 0.95 and 0.25 respectively. The paving conditions and runoff coefficients of related catchments are summarized in **Table 2**.

Table 2: Surface Characteristics and Runoff Coefficients of Surrounding Catchments

Catchment	Area (m ²)	Surface Characteristics	Runoff Coefficient for paved area	Runoff Coefficient for unpaved area
Project Site with the Minor Filling and Excavation of Site (Catchment S)	6,175	90% unpaved + 10% paved ^[1]	0.95	0.25
Catchment A	14,331	77% unpaved + 23% paved ^{[1][2][3]}	0.95	0.25

Remark:

[1] The percentage of paved area is assumed to be the amount of land covered by temporary structures, storage and platforms instead of paved with concrete.

[2] The excavation area is assumed as paved area in a conservative approach.

[3] The entire area of the free-standing bamboo shelter including the shaded area, plinths and barrels is assumed as paved area in a conservative approach.

2.6 ESTIMATED EXISTING AND FUTURE RUNOFF

Based on the assumptions described in **Section 2.4**, the runoff from the Project Site without and with the minor filling and land excavation was estimated based on a return period of 50 years.

The estimated peak runoff under a return period of 50 years generated from the Project Site Catchment S without and with the minor filling and land excavation are 0.151 m³/s and 0.172 m³/s respectively, as shown in **Table 3**. There is an increase of 13.9% in the estimated peak runoff under the return period of 50 years. Combining the peak runoff of the Project Site with the surrounding catchments, the estimated peak runoff generated is 0.640 m³/s and 0.661 m³/s respectively. There is a 3.3% increase in estimated peak runoff under the return period of 50 years. **Table 4** shows the peak runoff of the Project Site and surrounding catchments. Moreover, the peak runoff of the minor filling for bamboo shelter within the Project Site is provided in **Table 5**. Detailed calculations are provided in **Appendix E**.

Table 3: Estimated Peak Runoff of the Project Site

Return Period	Estimated Peak Runoff		
	Without the Minor Filling and Excavation of Site	With the Minor Filling and Excavation of Site	% Change
50 Years	0.151	0.172	+ 13.9%

Table 4: Estimated Peak Runoff of the Project Site and Surrounding Catchments

Return Period	Estimated Peak Runoff		
	Without the Minor Filling and Excavation of Site	With the Minor Filling and Excavation of Site	% Change
50 Years	0.640	0.661	+ 3.3%

2.7 DRAINAGE LAYOUT AND RESULTS

Since there are no existing manholes and public drainage pipes around the Project Site, the surface runoff generated from stormwater within the Project Site will be soaked away or naturally lost by flowing into the surroundings due to topography of the surrounding area. Infiltration takes place and stormwater will be drained into the soil. All unpaved areas will be used for infiltration. **Appendix F** shows the generic soil profile for plant soil. Despite the fact that there will be a 13.9% increase in peak runoff with the minor filling and land excavation, the amount of increase is small and the soakaway method and natural loss currently used in the Project Site and surroundings can cater such a small increase in peak runoff. Combining

the peak runoff from the Project Site and the surrounding catchment, there is only a 3.3% increase. The soakaway method and natural loss used can cater such a small increase in peak runoff. The time for the surface runoff to soak into the soil is provided in **Appendix F**. The soakaway time for surface runoff increased by 0.41 hours with the minor filling and excavation of Site. Surface runoff is expected to be retained in the Project Site.

In order to provide a buffer zone for the natural loss, gravel will be placed at the access road inside the Proposed Development to enhance the overall infiltration efficiency of the site. A generic access road soil profile is provided in **Appendix F**. Therefore, no adverse drainage impact from the Project Site with the minor filling and land excavation is anticipated.

3 CONCLUSION

BeeXergy Consulting Limited was commissioned by the KTA Planning Limited on behalf of Ringlet Global Limited (the Applicant) to prepare a drainage impact assessment (DIA) to support the S16 Planning Application for the Proposed Filling and Excavation of Land for the Permitted "Agricultural Use" in "Conservation Area" at Various Lots in D.D.238, Clear Water Bay, Sai Kung, New Territories (the Application).

According to the existing drainage records from the GeoInfo Map of the LandsD and DSD, there are no existing manholes, public drainage pipes around the Project Site, runoff from the Project Site is currently soaked away or naturally lost. Infiltration takes place and stormwater will be drained into the soil. The increased soakaway time due to the minor filling and excavation of Site is 0.41 hours. Surface runoff is expected to be retained in the Project Site.

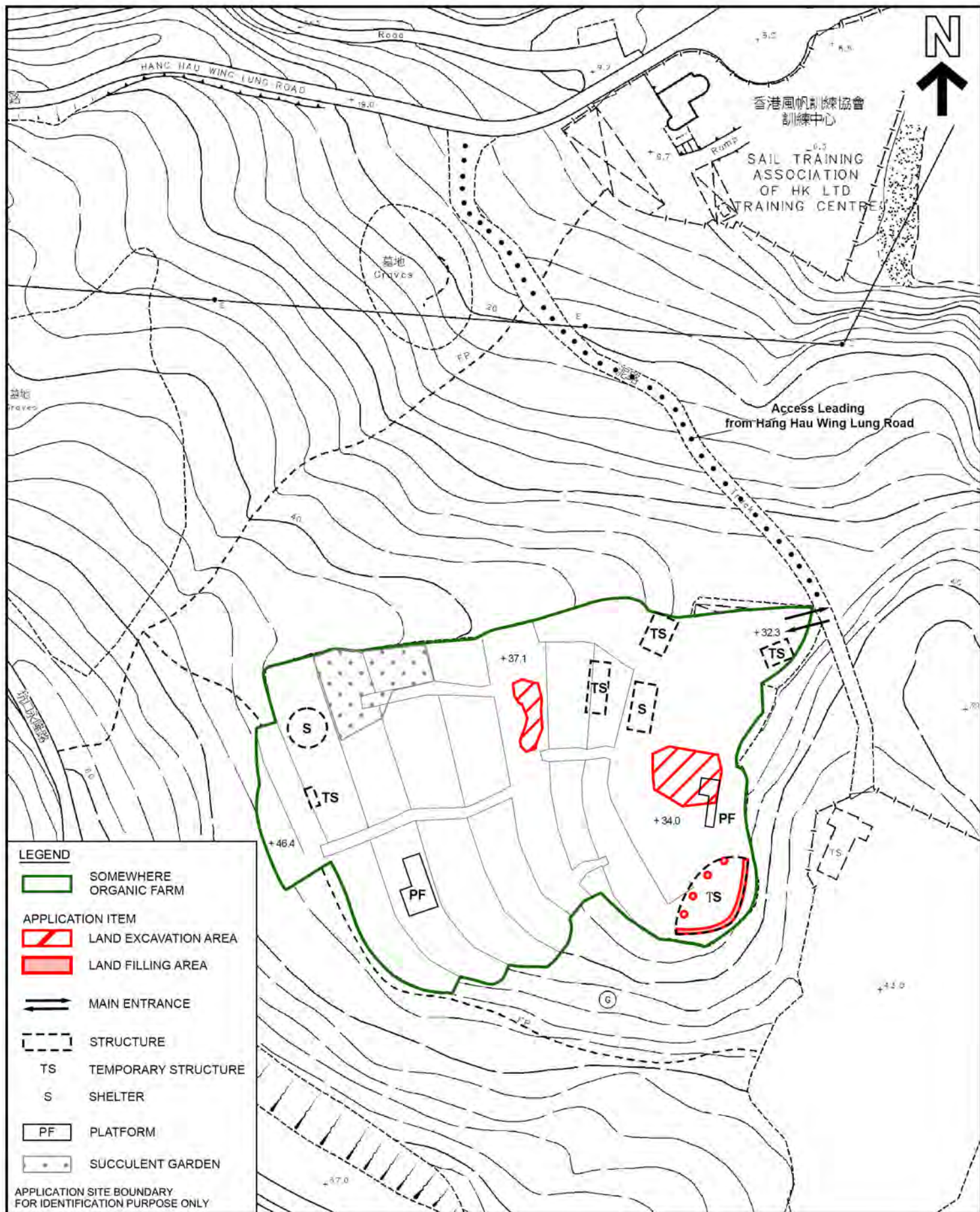
The estimated peak runoff generated from the Project Site (Catchment S) without and with the minor filling and land excavation are 0.151 m³/s and 0.172 m³/s respectively. Combining the peak runoff of the Project Site with the surrounding catchments, the estimated peak runoff generated are 0.640 m³/s and 0.661 m³/s respectively. The percentage increases are 13.9% and 3.3% respectively. Since the amount of increase is small, the soakaway method and natural loss currently used in the Project Site and surroundings can cater such a small increase in peak runoff. Therefore, no adverse drainage impact from the Project Site with the minor filling and land excavation is anticipated.

In conclusion, surface runoff is expected to be retained in the Project Site. No adverse drainage impact generated from the Project Site with the minor filling and land excavation is anticipated.



APPENDIX A

MASTER LAYOUT PLAN OF THE PROJECT SITE



- LEGEND**
- SOMEWHERE ORGANIC FARM
 - APPLICATION ITEM**
 - LAND EXCAVATION AREA
 - LAND FILLING AREA
 - MAIN ENTRANCE
 - STRUCTURE
 - TS TEMPORARY STRUCTURE
 - S SHELTER
 - PF PLATFORM
 - SUCCULENT GARDEN
- APPLICATION SITE BOUNDARY FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSE ONLY



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LAYOUT PLAN

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 IN SUPPORT OF THE EXISTING AGRICULTURAL USE
 VARIOUS LOTS IN D.D. 238, CLEAR WATER BAY,
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PLAN 2

EXTRACT PLAN BASED ON
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APPENDIX B

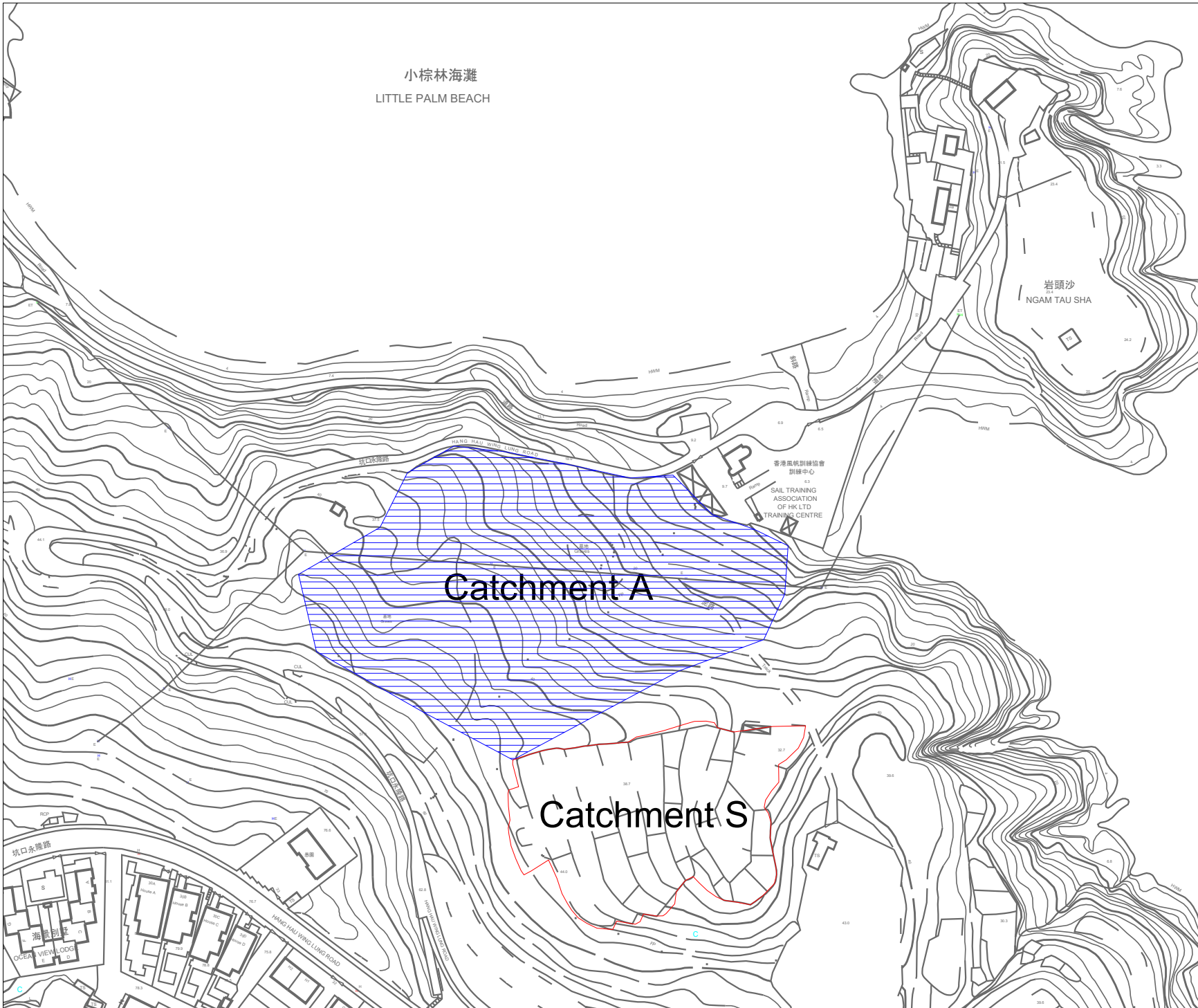
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APPENDIX D

SURROUNDING CATCHMENTS PLAN



LEGEND:

- PROJECT SITE
- CATCHMENT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT

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APPENDIX E

RUNOFF CALCULATION

Calculation of Runoff for Return Period of 50 Years

Catchment ID	Unpaved Catchment Area (km ²)	Paved Catchment Area (km ²)	Catchment Area (A), km ²	Average slope (H), m/100m	Flow path length (L), m	Inlet time (t ₀), min	Duration (t _d), min	Storm Constants			Runoff intensity (i) with climate change factor[1][2], mm/hr	Runoff coefficient for unpaved area (C _{up})	Runoff coefficient for paved area (C _p)	C x A	Peak runoff (Q _p) m ³ /s
								a	b	c					
Without the Minor Filling and Excavation of Site															
Catchment S	0.005891	0.000284	0.0062	11.49	121.9	4.52	4.52	505.5	3.29	0.355	312.17	0.25	0.95	0.00174	0.151
Catchment A	0.011044	0.003287	0.0143	21.64	184.8	5.55	5.55	505.5	3.29	0.355	298.71	0.25	0.95	0.00588	0.489
														Total	0.640
With the Minor Filling and Excavation of Site															
Catchment S	0.005546	0.000629	0.0062	11.49	121.9	4.52	4.52	505.5	3.29	0.355	312.17	0.25	0.95	0.00198	0.172
Catchment A	0.011044	0.003287	0.0143	21.64	184.8	5.55	5.55	505.5	3.29	0.355	298.71	0.25	0.95	0.00588	0.489
														Total	0.661

Calculation of Runoff for Return Period of 50 Years within the Project Site (Internal)

Catchment ID	Unpaved Catchment Area (km ²)	Paved Catchment Area (km ²)	Catchment Area (A), km ²	Average slope (H), m/100m	Flow path length (L), m	Inlet time (t ₀), min	Duration (t _d), min	Storm Constants			Runoff intensity (i) with climate change factor[1][2], mm/hr	Runoff coefficient for unpaved area (C _{up})	Runoff coefficient for paved area (C _p)	C x A	Peak runoff (Q _p) m ³ /s
								a	b	c					
With the Minor Filling and Excavation of Site															
Catchment MF	0.000000	0.000155	0.0002	9.70	20.6	1.14	1.14	505.5	3.29	0.355	381.68	0.25	0.95	0.00015	0.016
														Total	0.016

Remark:

[1]. According to Stormwater Drainage Manual CORRIGENDUM No. 1/2022 - Table 28, the rainfall increases due to Climate Change will be 16.0% for end of 21st Century.

[2]. According to Stormwater Drainage Manual CORRIGENDUM No. 1/2022 - Table 31, the rainfall increases due to design allowance will be 12.1% for worst case scenario.



APPENDIX F

SOAK AWAY TIME

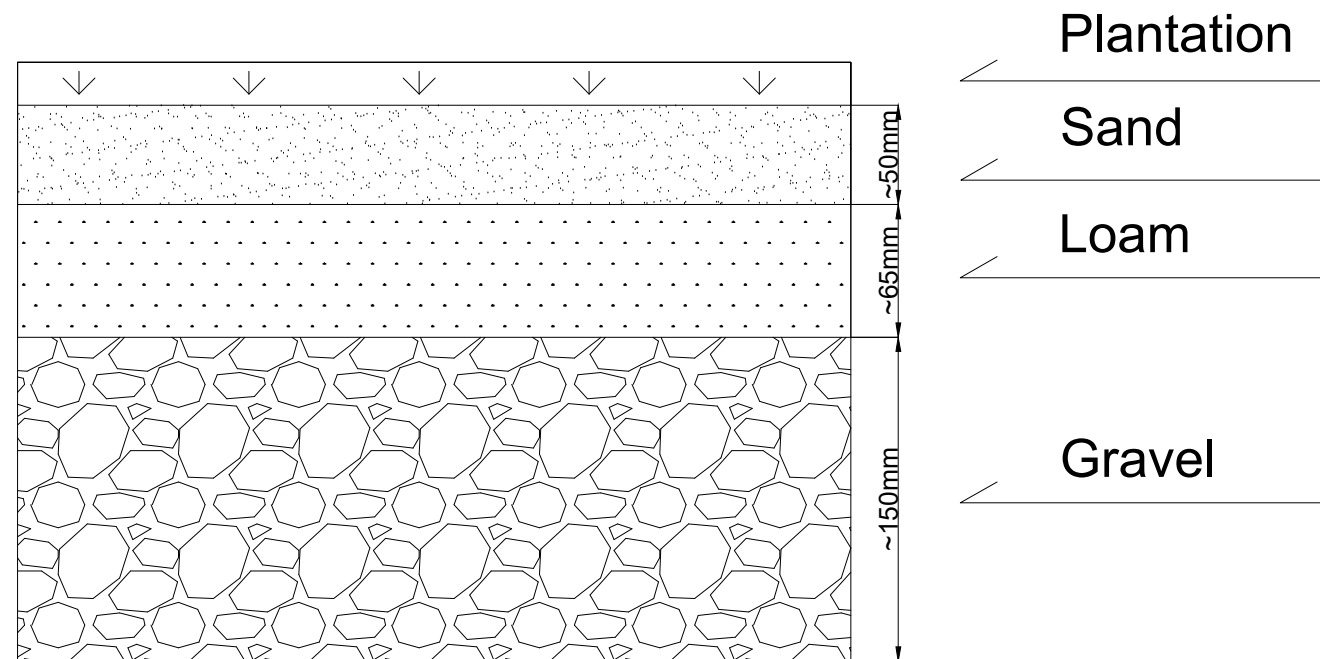
Calculation of the soakaway time

Scenarios	Soakaway Area (m2)	Peak runoff (m3/hr)	Infiltration Rate (m/hr)[1]	Soakaway time (hr)
Without the Minor Filling and Excavation of Site	5891.45	544.31	0.04750	1.95
With the Minor Filling and Excavation of Site	5546.25	619.80	0.04750	2.35
			Increase in soakaway time	0.41

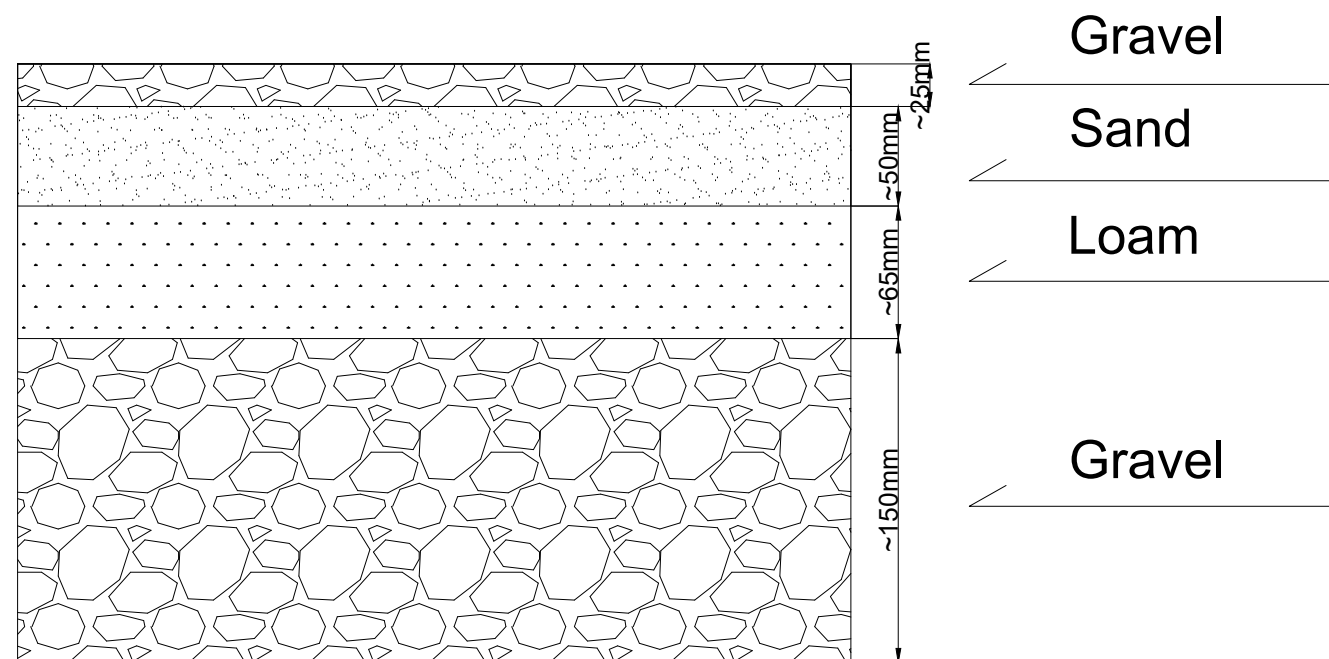
Remarks:

[1] Infiltration rate is 50mm/hour, as referenced from *Potential of Low-Impact Development of Stormwater Management in Hong Kong*,

"<https://www.dsd.gov.hk/rdforum/2015/files/en/presentation/D3T4.pdf>". As conservative approach to address the soil difference, an efficiency factor of -5% is added in the calculation.



Generic Plant Soil Profile



Generic Access Road Soil Profile

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