

**S16 Planning Application No. A/SLC/188 – Further Information No. 1**

Comments	Response
<p><b>17 January 2025</b></p> <p><b>Environmental Protection Department, Territory South Group – Miss CHEUNG Wai-yan, Louisa (Tel.: 2835 1103)</b></p> <p>Please note that the number of complaint case mentioned in the last paragraph of previous comments, should be 1.</p>	<p>Noted and thanks for confirming.</p>
<p><b>10 January 2025</b></p> <p><b>Environmental Protection Department, Territory South Group – Miss CHEUNG Wai-yan, Louisa (Tel.: 2835 1103)</b></p> <p>ased on the information provided, it is understood that the subject planning application is related to a previously approved planning application no. A/SLC/160 (the approved application). According to the approved application, the proposed works involve a marine cable section and a land cable section. The marine cable section involves construction of cable joint bay with associated cable trough connecting submarine cables, and 2 cable markers at Upper Cheung Sha Beach, whilst the land cable section involves construction of cable ducts from Upper Cheung Sha Beach to South Lantau Road.</p> <p>It is understood that the construction works for the cable ducts, cable joint bay, cable trough, cable markers and the cable laying works (i.e. the works items) were completed in April 2024. Nonetheless, during the construction works, due to presence of boulders, the location of the cable joint bay had to shift eastward for about 30m from the boundary of the approved application.</p> <p>The current planning application was submitted by the applicant to cover the new locations of the works items, including the installation of cable circuits in the area which has previously not covered by the planning approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The land cable section would be located above high water mark and does not involve dredging operation; and</li> <li>- Remaining works to be carried out only involve cable connection at the cable joint bay at Upper Cheung Sha Beach which involve land-based excavation works over the cable joint bay. No marine works would be carried out.</li> </ul> <p>Regarding complaint records, please be advised that 2 substantiated complaints have been received previously concerning construction site at the Cheung Sha beach, the applicant should clarify whether appropriate measures would be undertaken to minimise the potential environmental impacts arising from the works.</p>	<p>Based on the monthly EM&amp;A reports (No. 1 to 3 for Oct to Dec 2023) prepared for the previous works carried out at UCSB, there is only 1 complaint received with Investigation Report (IR) provided in Appendix K of the monthly EM&amp;A report No. 3. The IR concluded that the required mitigation measures were in place and deployed properly. No particular muddy water dispersion was observed and hence there is no non-compliance due to the work activities being carried out on-site.</p> <p>(Link to the monthly EM&amp;A reports:  <a href="https://www.epd.gov.hk/eia/english/register/index8/vep5762020_con tent.html">https://www.epd.gov.hk/eia/english/register/index8/vep5762020_con tent.html</a>)</p> <p>It is confirmed that appropriate measures stipulated in the approved Updated EM&amp;A Manual (dated 30 June 2023) would be undertaken to minimise the potential environmental impacts arising from the works.</p>