S.16 Planning Application for Eating Place (Restaurant) at Ground Floor (Portion) of an Existing Building known as Tao Miao Institute, No. 13 Au Pui Wan Street, Fo Tan, New Territories

TRAFFIC REVIEW REPORT

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

The Applicant intends to seek planning permission for the Section 16 Planning Application for Eating Place (Restaurant) at Ground Floor (Portion) of an Existing Building known as Tao Miao Institute, No. 13 Au Pui Wan Street, Fo Tan, New Territories ("The Eating Place").

The Eating Place is located at Au Pui Wan Road, the location is shown in **Figure 1.1**.

Comments from Transport Department was received on 23 September 2024. The Applicant was required to conduct Traffic Review to demonstrate that Eating Place would not cause adverse traffic impact to Au Pui Wan Street. 8FM Consultancy Limited was therefore commissioned as the traffic consultant to carry out a Traffic Review in support of this planning application.

1.2 Study Objectives

The objectives of this Traffic Review are listed as follows:

- To review the development schedule and the existing traffic conditions in the vicinity of the Eating Place;
- To present and evaluate the internal transport facilities of the Eating Place;
- To assess the operation traffic impacts associated with the Eating Place;
- To consider traffic improvement proposals, if necessary.



2 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

2.1 The Site Location

The Eating Place is located in No. 13 Au Pui Wan Street, Fo Tan, New Territories, it can be accessible via a single track road branching from Au Pui Wan Street. The location of the project site is shown in **Figure 1.1**.

2.2 The Development Schedule

The application premises occupies the ground floor (portion) of an existing building known as Tao Miao Institute, comprising 4 storeys in different usage purposes.

The Eating Place situates on a portion of the ground floor at Tao Miao Institute, being utilized as a restaurant. Subject to a previously approved application (No. A/ST/751), it has been approved for use as eating place (canteen) and in operation since 2013. The current application seeks to continue providing an eating place (restaurant) at the application premises. Key development parameters of the Eating Place are tabulated in **Table 2.1**.

Table 2.1 Key Development Parameters

Proposed Use	Eating Place
Operation Hours	7:00am-10:00pm (Monday – Sunday, including Public Holiday)
Total Floor Area Approximately 710m ²	

2.3 Internal Transport Facilities

In accordance to the planning statement, the internal transport facilities to be provided in the project site are summarized in **Table 2.2**, which have met the parking standards for commercial facilities stipulated in HKPSG. At present, there is a 4m-wide ingress/egress point exclusively for the Eating Place.

Table 2.2 Internal Transport Facilities

Type of Ancillary Transport Facilities	Size	Provision based on Applicant's Operational Needs
Private Car Parking Spaces	5m(L) x 2.5m(W)	3
L/UL Bays	7m(L) x 3.5m(W)	1



3 EXISTING TRAFFIC SITUATION

3.1 Existing Road Network

The Eating Place is located at southeast of Au Pui Wan Street, and it can be accessible from Au Pui Wan Street via a local unnamed road. The existing condition of the connecting carriageways are summarized as follows:

- Unnamed Road is a single track access road branching from Au Pui Wan Street, connecting Au Pui Wan Street in the northeast to the project site in the southwest. Acting as single carriageway with 1-lane-2 way operation, it serves as the exclusive path for the traffic generated and attracted by the eating place.
- Au Pui Wan Street is served as a district distributor which is mainly a single-two carriageway, connecting Tat Yip Lane in the northwest and Fo Tan MTR Station in the southeast.

3.2 Public Transport Facilities

The Eating Place can be immediately accessible by taking the public transportation. The Fo Tan MTR Station is located within 100m or about 2-minute walkable distance away from the project site. Other than the railway, the site is well supported by public transport facilities. The area is served by over 11 bus routes and 5 minibus routes within 5-minute walkable distance.

Details of these public transport services are presented in **Table 3.1** and **Figure 3.1**.

Table 3.1 Public Transport Facilities Close to Project Site

Route	Routing	Peak Frequency (minutes)
KMB 48P	Fo Tan Chun Yeung Estate ↔ Hong Kong Garden	07:35、08:05、18:05、18:35 (Fixed shift)
KMB 85	Fo Tan Chun Yeung Estate ↔ Kowloon City Ferry	20 - 30
KMB 88X	Sui Wo Court ↔ Ping Tin	20 - 30
KMB 285	Fo Tan Chun Yeung Estate ↔ Shatin Central (Circular)	15 - 30
KMB 285A	Fo Tan Chun Yeung Estate ↔ Fo Tan Station (Circular)	07:00、07:15、07:45、08:15 (Fixed shift)
City Bus 798	Fo Tan Chun Yeung Estate ↔ Tiu Keng Leng Station	10 - 35
City Bus 798X	Fo Tan Chun Yeung Estate ↔ Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate	07:00、07:55、18:20 (Fixed shift)
City Bus 989	Fo Tan Chun Yeung Estate ↔ Mun Sang	07:05、07:20、07:40、08:05



	College Hk Island	(Fixed shift)
GMB 60K Fo Tan Cottage Area (Kwei Tei New Village) ↔ Shatin Station		4 - 6
GMB 60P Fo Tan Chun Yeung Estate ↔ Shatin Station		2 - 3
GMB 62K Shatin Lodge ↔ Shatin Station		7 - 15
GMB 65K	Wong Nai Tau Bus Terminus ↔ Fo Tan MTR Station Bus Terminus	10 - 20
KMB 73A Fan Ling ↔Yu Chui Court		20 - 30
KMB 80M Kowloon Tong Station ↔ Sui Wo Court		07:05, 07:30 (Fixed shift)
KMB 81K	Sun Tin Wai ↔ Sui Wo Court	15 - 20
KMB 163B Chuk Yuen Estate ↔ Star Ferry		10 - 25

The Eating Place benefits from the availability and the excellent connectivity of public transport services in the vicinity. In this regard, it is reasonable to believe that the traffic generation/attraction rates for the Eating Place would be lower.



4 TRAFFIC REVIEW

In order to review the parking activities near the Eating Place, traffic surveys were conducted on 1 November 2024 (Friday) during the operation period, i.e. from 7:00am to 10:00pm.

4.1 Kerbside Activity Survey

4.1.1 Survey Purpose

The traffic survey was conducted to review the kerbside activities in the critical section of Au Pui Wan Street, analysing the correlation of eating place and illegal parking at the concerned area. The study area is indicated in **Figure 4.1.** where stopping restrictions are enforced from 7:00am to 7:00pm.

4.1.2 <u>Survey Result</u>

The kerbside activities are summarised in **Table 4.1**.

Table 4.1 Kerbside Activities on Au Pui Wan Street

Time Interval	Trip Purpose				
Time miervai	Pick-up/Drop-off	L/UL	Parking	Waiting ⁽ⁱ⁾	Total
07:00 - 08:00	5	-	-	-	5
08:00 - 09:00	12	-	-	3	15
09:00 - 10:00	6	2	-	4	12
10:00 - 11:00	-		-	7	7
11:00 - 12:00	-	1	-	5	6
12:00 - 13:00	1	-	-	5	6
13:00 - 14:00	1	-	-	-	1
14:00 - 15:00	-	-	-	3	3
15:00 - 16:00	-	-	-	5	5
16:00 - 17:00	-	-	-	3	3
17:00 - 18:00	1	-	-	5	6
18:00 - 19:00	7	-	-	5	12
19:00 - 20:00	4	-	-	1	5
20:00 - 21:00	3	-	_	-	3
21:00 - 22:00	2	-	1	-	3
Subtotal	42	3	1	46	92

Notes:

As shown in Table 4.1, parking activity (only one case) was rarely observed in the concerned section of Au Pui Wan Street, while the waiting activity was more prevalent and was found to be associated with the nearby construction site. Therefore, there was no evidence to suggest that the illegal parking on Au Pui Wan Street was correlated with the Eating Place.

⁽i) "Waiting" refers to the activities with motorists awaiting in the cars, the waiting time is less than 15min.



4.2 Survey of Parking Spaces

4.2.1 Survey Purpose

The traffic survey with observation was conducted to investigate the utilization of both internal parking within the project site and external parking in the vicinity, reviewing the correlation of Eating Place and illegal parking in the concerned area.

4.2.2 Survey Result

Based on the observation in survey, the utilization and availability of both internal and external parking are summarised as below:

Internal Parking:

Parking inside the project site is sufficiently provided, with 1-2 vacant parking spaces available during business operation hour.

External Parking:

Figure 4.2 refers, there are two parking lots within walking distance of the project site. These parking lots were observed to have an intermediate utilization rate and should be able to provide sufficient parking spaces for the Proposed Develoment if needed.

Given that both internal and external parking options can accommodate the demand, it is reasonable to conclude that the Eating Place will not lead to on-street parking issues on Au Pui Wan Street.



5 Summary and Conclusion

5.1 Summary

The Applicant intends to seek the Town Planning Board permission to utilise ground floor (portion) of an existing building known as Tao Miao Institute as Eating Place (Restaurant) at No. 13 Au Pui Wan Street, Fo Tan, New Territories.

In order to review whether Eating Place would cause adverse traffic impact (i.e. illegal parking activities) to Au Pui Wan Street or not, traffic surveys with observation have been carried out in the critical area of Au Pui Wan Street on 1 November 2024 (Friday) during the development operation hours, i.e. from 7:00am to 10:00pm.

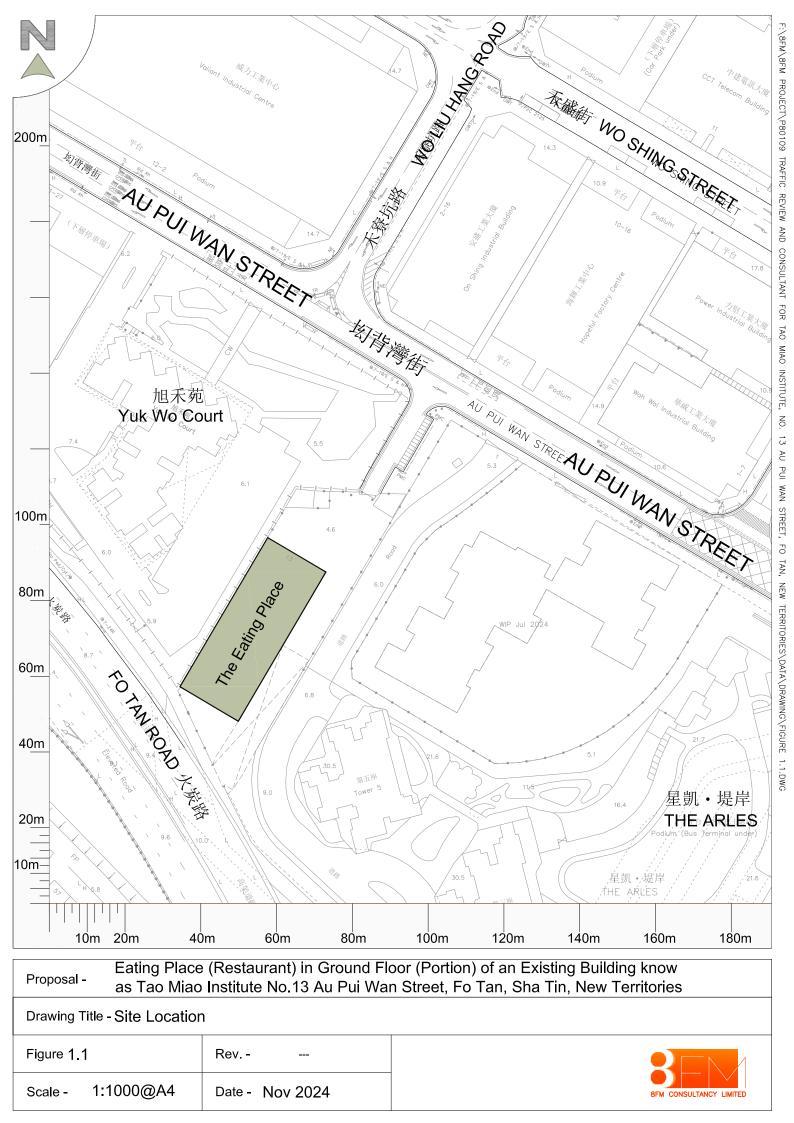
Based on the result of kerbside activity survey, parking activity was rarely observed at the concerned section of Au Pui Wan Street, there was no evidence to suggest that the illegal parking was correlated with the Eating Place. For the survey result of parking spaces in the vicinity, it indicated that the supply of internal and external parking spaces exceeded the demand generated by the Eating Place; therefore no onstreet parking issues are anticipated on Au Pui Wan Street.

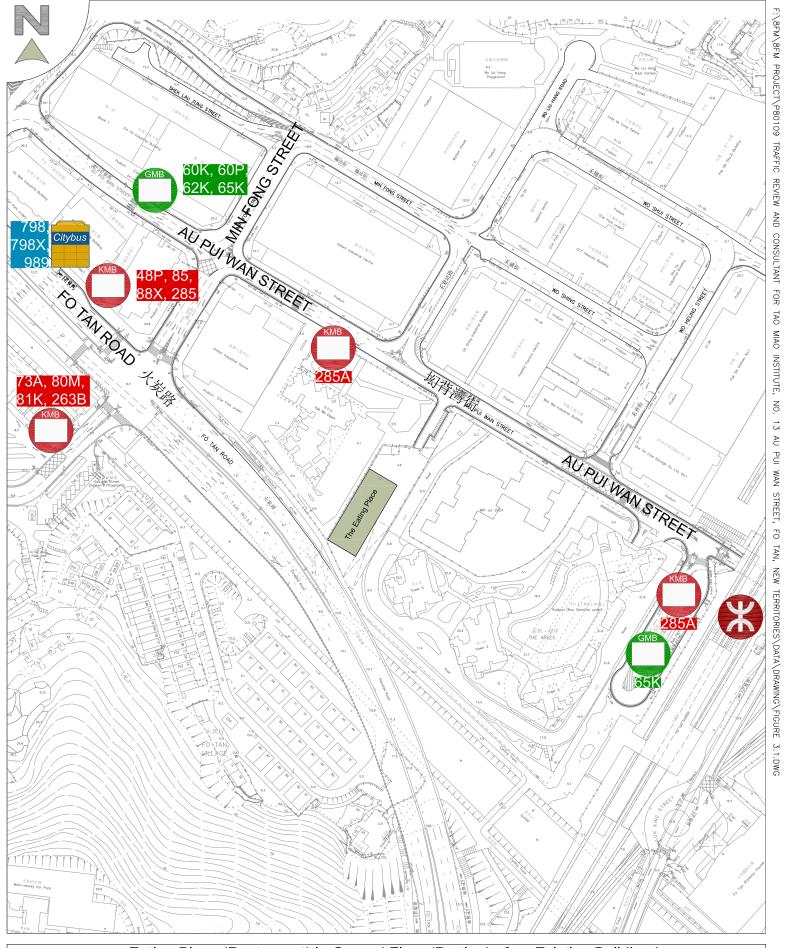
5.2 Conclusion

The findings of this study show that the Eating Place will not cause adverse traffic impact (i.e. illegal parking activities) to Au Pui Wan Street. The Eating Place is therefore supported from the traffic engineering point of view at this stage.



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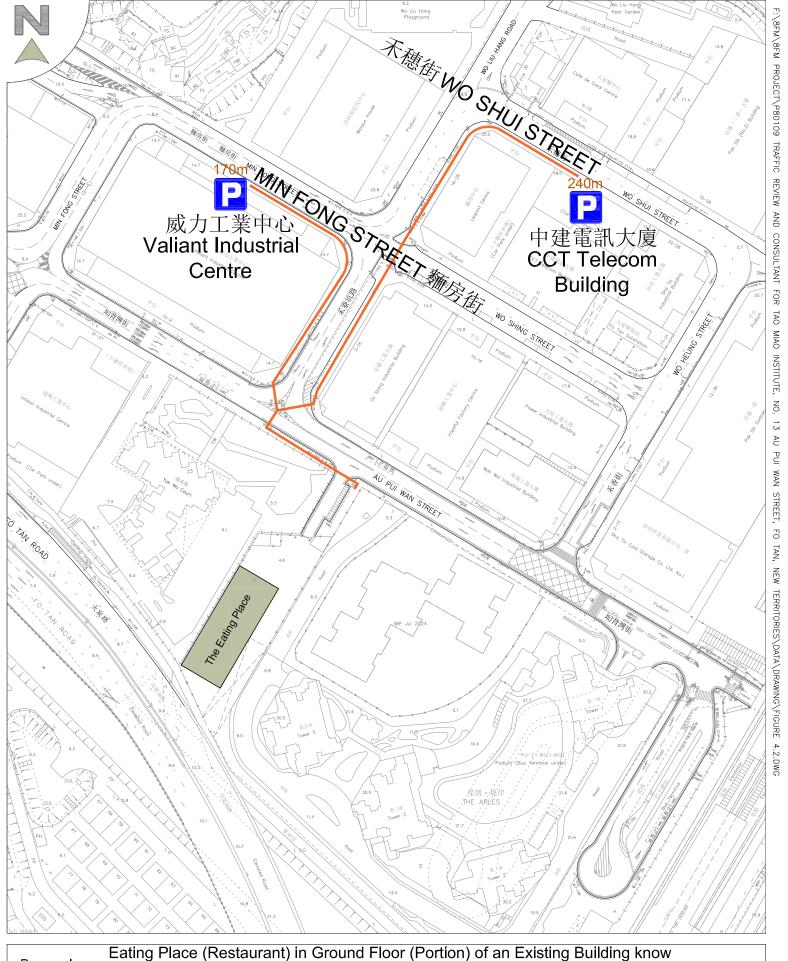
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Drawing Title - Study Area of Kerbside Activity Survey

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Drawing Title - Parking Lots in the Vicinity

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