

Table 1: Responses to Comments from Various Government Departments on Planning Application No. A/YL-NTM/475 (8 Nov, 2024)

COMMENTS	RESPONSES
<p>1. Landscape Unit, Urban Design & Landscape Section, Planning Department</p>	
<p>With reference to the aerial photo of Oct 2023 and our site visit, the Site is densely vegetated with trees and shrubs. However, there is no information on the existing trees in relation to the proposed development shown on Figure 4 of the Planning Statement (PS). Whilst it is stated in part 6 (e) (iii) of the Application Form that no tree felling will be caused, ambiguous statements are given in the PS (i.e. para 4.4 “the Applicant would preserve the existing trees within the Application Site as far as practical...” and para 5.6 “Landscape: The existing trees that are in good conditions will be maintained in-situ...”), which could mean that preservation of existing trees may not be practical and trees will not be maintained in-situ unless they are in good conditions. Please provide tree information, including location, species, size, general condition with photos, proposed tree treatment and mitigation measures of the trees or landscape proposal as appropriate.</p>	<p>A tree survey was undertaken on 28 October 2024 and a tree survey report showing the location, species, size, general condition with photos is submitted (see Annex 1). A total of 34 nos. of trees (including 2 collapsed trees) were identified within the Application Site. In general, a high percentage of these trees have a fair form, their structural and health condition are generally fair to poor. No registered Old and Valuable Trees and no protected specimen exists on site. In order to maximize the tree preservation opportunities and maintain the natural character of the site, all the existing trees will be preserved in-situ while the 2 collapsed trees will be removed by the Applicant.</p> <p>Having considered the retention of existing trees within the site, the location of proposed car parking spaces and tent camping area are minor adjusted to minimize the effect on the existing trees (see the revised Layout Plan at Figure 4A and Tree Preservation Proposal at Figure 5). To maintain the existing trees, the Applicant will provide regular maintenance/pruning and monitor the health conditions to avoid hazard to public safety.</p>
<p>2. Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department</p>	
<p>It is noted from the aerial photo that the subject site is vegetated, yet it is noted from application form (item 6) that there will be no tree felling. The applicant shall clarify whether tree will be felled for the proposed use.</p>	<p>There will be no tree felling and the Applicant will remove the 2 collapsed trees within the Application Site. Please refer to our response to the Landscape Unit, Urban Design & Landscape Section of Planning Department above.</p>

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<p>3. Fire Services Department</p>	
<p>In consideration of the design/nature of the proposal, FSIs are anticipated to be required. Therefore, the applicant is advised to submit relevant layout plans incorporated with the proposed FSIs to this Department for approval. In addition, the applicant should also be advised on the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The layout plans should be drawn to scale and depicted with dimensions and nature of occupancy; and ii. The location of proposed FSIs to be installed should be clearly marked on the layout plans. 	<p>The Applicant will provide fire extinguishers, emergency light and exist sign to the satisfaction of Fire Services Department. A fire service installations proposal is submitted (see Annex 2) for approval.</p>