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<p>1. Comments of the Director of Social Welfare as follows:</p> <p>Whether the design of proposed RCHE comply with relevant requirements and standards</p> <p>1. The applicant is reminded that all the design and construction of the RCHE shall comply with all relevant licensing and statutory requirements including but not limited to (i) the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance (Cap. 459) and its subsidiary legislation and (ii) the latest version of the Code of Practice (CoP) for Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons).</p> <p>2. The proposed building height of the block is 31 m. Under Section 20 of the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulation, Cap. 459A, no part of an RCHE shall be situated at a height more than 24 m above the ground floor, measuring vertically from the ground of the building to the floor of the premises in which the RCHE is to be situated. If an RCHE operator can prove that the RCHE possesses facilities for fire safety, evacuation and rescue, and appropriate evacuation, contingency and fire drill plans to the satisfaction of the Director of Social Welfare (DSW), the DSW may approve the ancillary facilities of the RCHE to which the residents normally do not have access (e.g. kitchen, laundry room, office, staff resting room) to be situated at a height more than 24 m above the ground.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>According to S20 of Residential Care Home (Elderly Person) Regulation, we would seek the approval from Director of Social Welfare Department on the part of RCHE were exceed a height of 24m from G/F during the licensing application process.</p>

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<p>3. Regarding the flat roof on 7/F and roof garden on R/F, the applicant should follow para.16.2.4 of the CoP which states that "Residents of RCHE should be provided with a safe and protected living environment; effective measures shall be implemented and notices be posted to prevent residents from colliding with large floor-to-ceiling glass and entering prohibited areas such as the server room, rooftop or balcony". To address the safety concern, please provide more safety measures in addition to the basic requirement of a 1100 mm parapet wall and ensure that precautions to be taken for the open sitting areas.</p> <p>4. According to Section 21(c) of Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulation, Cap. 459A, the ceiling of every room shall, unless otherwise permitted by the DSW, be situated at a height of not less than 2.5 m measuring vertically from the floor or not less than 2.3 m measuring vertically from the floor to the underside of any beam.</p> <p>5. Barrier free access for the disabled has to be provided in the RCHE premises.</p> <p>6. The applicant should ensure that the RCHE shall be accessible by emergency services.</p> <p>7. It is noted that two beds inside the 2-bed suites are placed adjacent to each other without any passage between the beds. According to Section 21(a) of Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulations, Cap. 459A, every passage and doorway shall be wide enough to accommodate residents using walking aids or wheelchairs.</p>	<p>Noted. All parapets are 1.1m above finish floor level.</p> <p>Noted. Would be complied in detail design.</p> <p>Complied.</p> <p>The RCHE is accessible by emergency services like Ambulance.</p> <p>Revised. Refer to G-05, G-06.</p>

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<p>According to para. 4.4.1 of the CoP, the clear width of every passage and doorway shall not be less than 1 050 mm and 800 mm respectively, so as to facilitate residents using wheelchairs or walking aids to enter or pass through any rooms, including bedrooms and toilets/bathrooms, without assistance and unnecessary difficulty. Would the applicant please review the size and layout design of the two-bed suites.</p> <p>8. All facilities (such as CAFE and GYM on LG/F, SALON and MEDICAL CLINIC on UG/F) of the RCHE should be solely used by residents of the RCHE and should not be opened to other parties or public use. The applicant is advised to confirm such arrangement.</p> <p>9. Staff quarters on 8/F is not a provision for RCHE and should not be included in the proposed RCHE.</p> <p>10. Please clarify whether the canteen and work stations on 8/F are for the staff use. Staff canteen is not a provision for RCHE.</p> <p>11. Please name all the boundary/extent on the upper left corner of the layout plans.</p> <p>12. The kitchen is situated on 8/F. Please indicate/clarify if there is/are any dumb waiter for meal delivery to other floors and indicate alternative arrangement(s) if this facility is not provided.</p> <p>13. Please indicate the parking/loading/unloading area for emergency vehicles including</p>	<p>Confirmed. The arrangement RCHE should be solely used by residents of the RCHE and should not be opened to other parties or public use.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>8/F is for staff use. Canteen is for convenience of the staff.</p> <p>Dumb waiter provided. Refer to G-07.</p> <p>Revised. Please refer to G-02. The loading/unloading is for both mini-bus and emergency</p>

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<p>ambulances.</p> <p>14. The basic facilities in the RCHE shall include dining/sitting area. Please indicate on the layout plan if this is provided.</p> <p>15. According to para. 6.2 of the CoP, please ensure that the minimum area of floor space for each resident should be 9.5 sq m..</p> <p>16. Please confirm that all habitation area of the RCHE should be provided with openable/prescribed window(s). Furthermore, no part of the area used for habitation shall be more than 9 m, measured within the habitation area from the prescribed window(s).</p> <p>17. Please clarify if there is any rehabilitation area and indicate alternative arrangement(s) if this facility is not provided.</p> <p>18. Please provide a more detailed layout of the attached toilets cum bathrooms/shower rooms inside the dormitories and suites.</p> <p>Whether Premium Concession Scheme is applicable to the proposed RCHE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed RCHE should comply with all the requirements of the Incentive Scheme to Encourage Provision of Residential Care Home for the Elderly Premises in New Private Developments (the Incentive Scheme) as set out in Lands Department (LandsD)'s Practice Note Issue No. 5/2023. 	<p>vehicles.</p> <p>Revised. Please refer to G-04 to G-06.</p> <p>Confirmed.</p> <p>Confirmed.</p> <p>Tai Chi square and outdoor – exercise equipments in roof garden would be provided for rehabilitation.</p> <p>Revised. Please refer to G-04 to G-06.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

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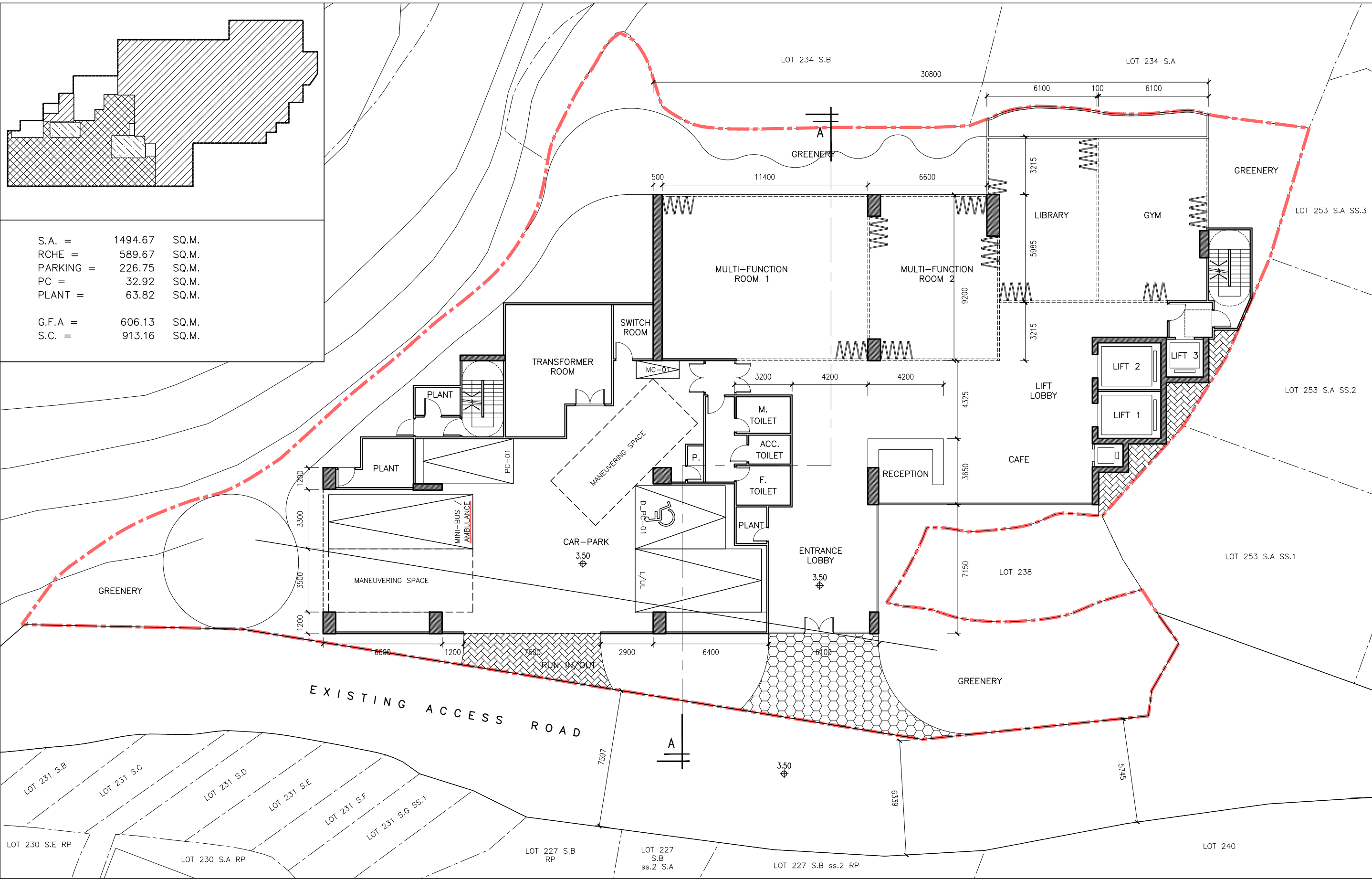
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As stated in paragraph 7 of the Guidance Note on the Incentive Scheme, SWD will support development proposals that provide Nursing Homes or Care and Attention Homes. The applicant should clarify the nature of RCHE to be provided. Subject to the result of the s.12A planning application, the applicant shall indicate his intention to join the Incentive Scheme when submitting the land exchange application to LandsD. SWD would render comments on the detailed design of the RCHE upon receiving LandsD's referral and would seek policy support from LWB on the application for premium concession when suitable. <p>Any comments from the RCHE licensing perspective</p> <p>According to the provided drawings, ancillary facilities such as offices, meeting rooms, kitchen, laundry, and staff quarters on the 8th floor, to which residents typically do not have access, will be situated at a height exceeding 24m from the ground floor.</p> <p>According to the para. 5.3.2(a) of CoP, "If an RCHE operator can prove that the RCHE possesses facilities for fire safety, evacuation and rescue, and appropriate evacuation, contingency and fire drill plans to the satisfaction of the Director of Social Welfare (DSW), the DSW may approve the ancillary facilities of the RCHE to which the residents normally do not have access (e.g. kitchen, laundry room, office, staff resting</p>	<p>The RCHE is Nursing House.</p> <p>Intent to join the Incentive scheme.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

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<p>room) to be situated at a height more than 24 m above the ground floor", the Licensing Office of RCHE has no adverse comment in principle to the proposed ancillary facilities. However, additional fire safety requirements of Fire Services Installation and management of the RCHE with a view to meeting the needs of rescue, evacuation and contingency management, have to be fulfilled.</p> <p>These proposals will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis in collaboration with the Fire Services Department during the licence application stage and the consultation remarks are based solely on the current documents and plans submitted. Detailed feedback can only be provided during the submission of the licence application.</p> <p>Any concerns on the local settings with no proper footpath along the local track leading to Ting Kok Road to access the Site and no public transport provision at the immediate surroundings of the Site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The absence of proper footpath may pose danger and cause inconvenience to pedestrians. Besides, inadequate provision of public transportation and unsatisfactory accessibility of the site may discourage the potential service users from applying for the RCHE places and also induce difficulty in recruitment of staff working in the RCHE. The applicant or operator of the RCHE would need to provide shuttle bus or 	<p>Revised. Proper footpath provided. Please refer to Figure 4.</p>

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<p>other transport services for residents and their family members as well as visitors in case of need.</p> <p>Any other comments in relation to the provision of RCHE apart from the above</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> While the current design of the proposed RCHE, including the layout plan, number of beds, as well as the level of care to be provided, etc., are considered at a very initial stage, the applicant is required to make necessary changes/adjustments on its submitted design drawings so as to address our comments as set out above. We will offer further comments as and when appropriate. 	<p>Noted.</p>



S.A. =	1494.67	SQ.M.
RCHE =	589.67	SQ.M.
PARKING =	226.75	SQ.M.
PC =	32.92	SQ.M.
PLANT =	63.82	SQ.M.
G.F.A =	606.13	SQ.M.
S.C. =	913.16	SQ.M.



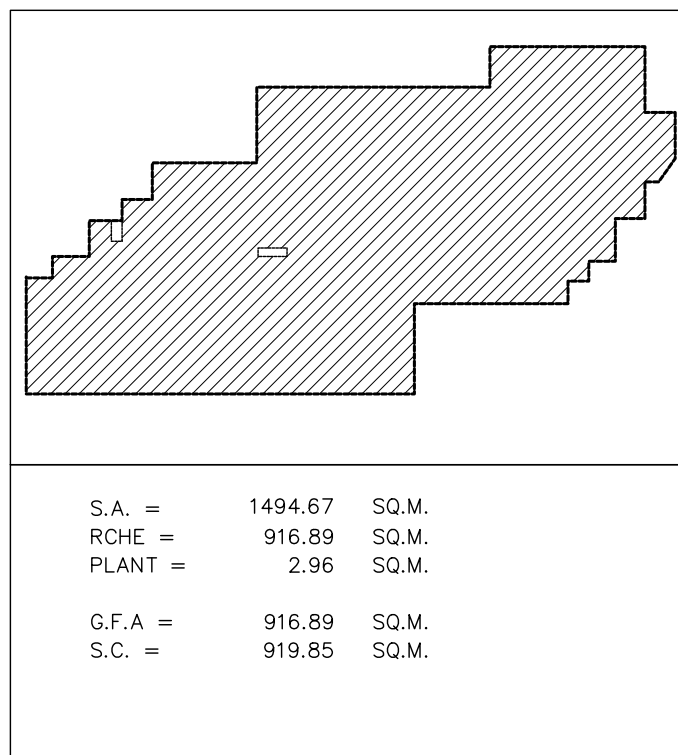
2483 PROPOSED RCHE DEVELOPMENT
at TUNG TSZ,
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LG/F PLAN
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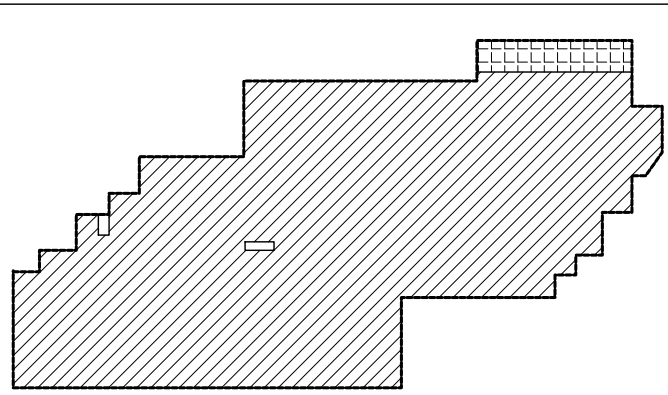
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BOUNDARY LINE





S.A. = 1494.67 SQ.M.
RCHE = 886.14 SQ.M.
PLANT = 2.96 SQ.M.
FLAT ROOF = 30.75 SQ.M.

G.F.A = 886.14 SQ.M.
S.C. = 919.85 SQ.M.



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