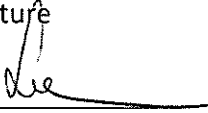



Project Title : Development of Lok Ma Chau Loop

Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (Cap 499)

Application for Variation of an Environmental Permit
(Application No. VEP-629/2023)

Record of Consideration

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Application No.	Key Proposed Variation(s)	Reasons for Variation(s)	With reference to section 6.2 of the EIAO-TM, there is <u>no</u> material change to the environmental impact of the project with the mitigation measures in place	The project complies with the requirements described in the EIAO-TM	The Director agreed to amend the environmental permit under s13(5) of the EIAO in consultation with relevant Authorities (Please check the box below)
VEP-629/2023 (Development of Lok Ma Chau Loop)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Vary Condition 2.7(h) to exclude Western Connection Road along Ha Wan Tsuen Road and meander bridge which restrict construction works during dry season (from November to February) ● Vary Condition 2.7(i) to exclude the meander bridge for restricting the use of all powered mechanical equipment for construction works outside 9am to 5pm. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Western Connection Road along Ha Wan Tsuen Road and the Meander Bridge are close to completion to match the commissioning date of the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park by end of 2024. The remaining works, including drainage and utilities works, are less disturbing, scheduled to complete in mid-2024 to avoid prolonged disturbance to wildlife in the area. To match with this programme, it is proposed to vary the conditions 2.7(h) & (i). ● The EP conditions, required the establishment of Ecological Area (EA) and off-site wetland compensation areas (OWCAs) to mitigate the construction impact of Western Connection Road along Ha Wan Tsuen Road and Meander Bridge on bird's flight line and Eurasian Otter. ● Both EA and OWCAs have now been fully implemented and the associated impacts have already been compensated, with latest survey results and EM&A data showing the presence of Otter at OWCA and wide birds usage at EA. No Otter was ever spotted near the construction site for Western Connection Road along Ha Wan Tsuen Road and the Meander Bridge. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yes. An ERR has been conducted to assess key environmental issues arising from the proposed changes. The ERR demonstrated that the environmental performance requirements set out in the approved EIA report (Register No. AEIAR-176/2013) for this project are not exceeded or violated. ● Mitigation measures such as use of movable noise enclosures and movable barriers will be maintained to contain glare and noise emission according to EP Conditions 2.7(j) and 2.9(c). ● The proposed variations would minimise the potential environmental impacts arising from prolonged construction period. 	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> EPD/Air <input type="checkbox"/> EPD/Noise <input type="checkbox"/> EPD/Water <input type="checkbox"/> EPD/Waste <input type="checkbox"/> EPD/Sewerage <input type="checkbox"/> EPD/Hazard <input type="checkbox"/> EPD/Landfill Gas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AFCD <input type="checkbox"/> CAD <input type="checkbox"/> DoH <input type="checkbox"/> DSD <input type="checkbox"/> EMSD <input type="checkbox"/> FEHD <input type="checkbox"/> FSD <input type="checkbox"/> DoH <input type="checkbox"/> LCSD/AMO <input type="checkbox"/> MD <input type="checkbox"/> Pland <input type="checkbox"/> TD <input type="checkbox"/> WSD <input type="checkbox"/> Others: Please specify