

West Island Line

Audit Report for Compensatory Trees – supplementary paper

Introduction

The operation of West Island Line (WIL) has commenced in December 2014. Under its Environmental Permit (No. EP-313/2008/K) Condition 4.2.2, the Audit Reports on the implementation of recommendations in the Tree Protection Plan and detailed landscape as-built drawings were deposited. The Audit Report were submitted with four parts, depending on the construction program of WIL and the relevant compensatory trees planting program.

As the program of completing the construction works and landscaping works (as well as compensatory trees planting) vary in different locations, audit inspections were carried out in different time period upon the completion of landscaping works. All compensatory trees planted before 2017 were reported in four parts of the Audit Part: Audit Report (Part 1) for the Magazine site, Audit Report (Part 2) for Kennedy Town Station (KET), Audit Report (Part 3) for Sai Ying Pun Station (SYP) and HKU Station (HKU), and Audit Report (Part 4) for SYP Entrance B3 and the off-site planting of compensatory trees for SYP and HKU.

This supplementary paper presents the findings of the audit inspection for the compensatory trees in David Lane Sitting Out Area, this area falls within the works area of WIL. The re-provisioning of this area was completed in mid 2019 and handed over to Leisure and Cultural Services Departments (LCSD) in October 2019.

Tree Audit and Findings

According to the Tree Protection Plan (TPP) (Rev.F) in **Appendix A**, ten numbers of compensatory trees was proposed to be planted in David Lane Sitting Out Area, the proposed planting species in the compensatory planting proposal are listed in **Table 1.1**.

Table 1.1 Proposed compensatory tree species in TPP (Rev.F)

Species Name	Size	Quantity
Cassia Surattensis 黃槐	Heavy standard*	4 nos.
Lagerstroemia speciose 大花紫薇	Heavy standard	6 nos.

^{*} Heavy standard size is between 75mm and 150mm DBH

An audit inspection for the compensatory trees in David Lane Sitting Out Area was carried out on 9 January 2020. Compared with the proposal in **Appendix A**, the overall quantity of the compensatory trees planted has remained the same, the species of the trees planted are listed in **Table 1.2**.

Table 1.2 Species of the trees planted in David Lane Sitting Out Area

Species Name	Size (DBH)	Quantity
Lagerstroemia speciose 大花紫薇	95.5mm – 102mm	3 nos.
Xanthostemon chrysanthus 金蒲桃	76mm – 86mm	3 nos.
Phoenix roebelenii 日本葵	78mm – 94mm	4 nos.

Refer to the Landscape as-built drawing in **Appendix B** and photo records in **Appendix C**, the key changes are as follows:

- 1) Cassia surattensis has been deleted.
- 2) The quantity of Lagerstromia speciose has been changed from 6 to 3.
- 3) 2 new species *Xanthostemon chrysanthus* and *Phoenix roebelenii* are proposed in the updated scheme.

The change of tree species is based on the principle agreement with the maintenance party (i.e. LCSD).

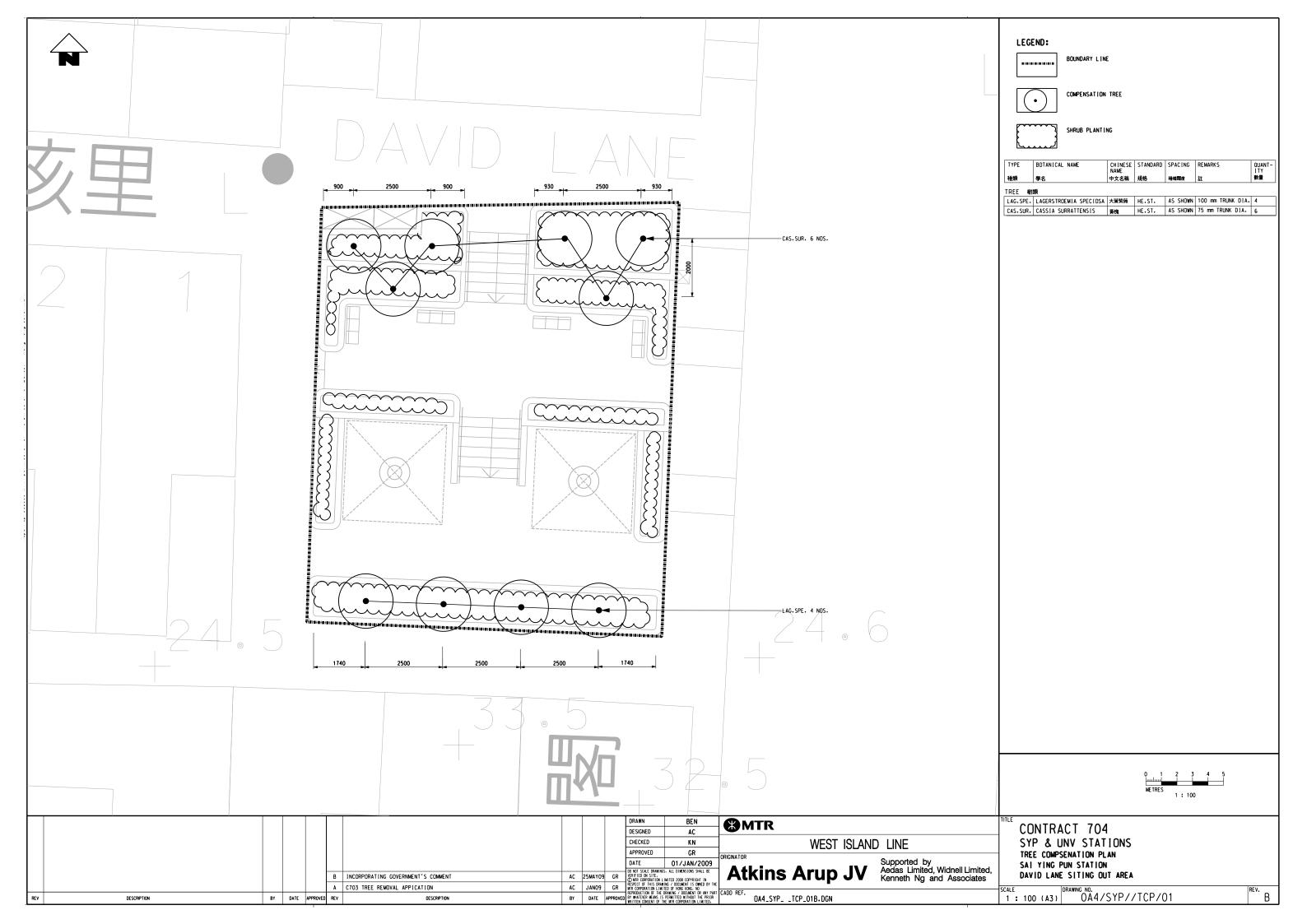
Size of the trees are measured during the inspection, all planted trees are the heavy standard size as proposed in TPP (Rev.F). Overall tree health and tree form are in good condition, except for T01 and T04 are in fair condition.

Conclusion

Of the ten compensatory trees planted in David Lane Sitting Out Area, the quantity and size are the same as proposed in TPP (Rev. F), only tree species differs, and the change of tree species are agreed with LCSD.

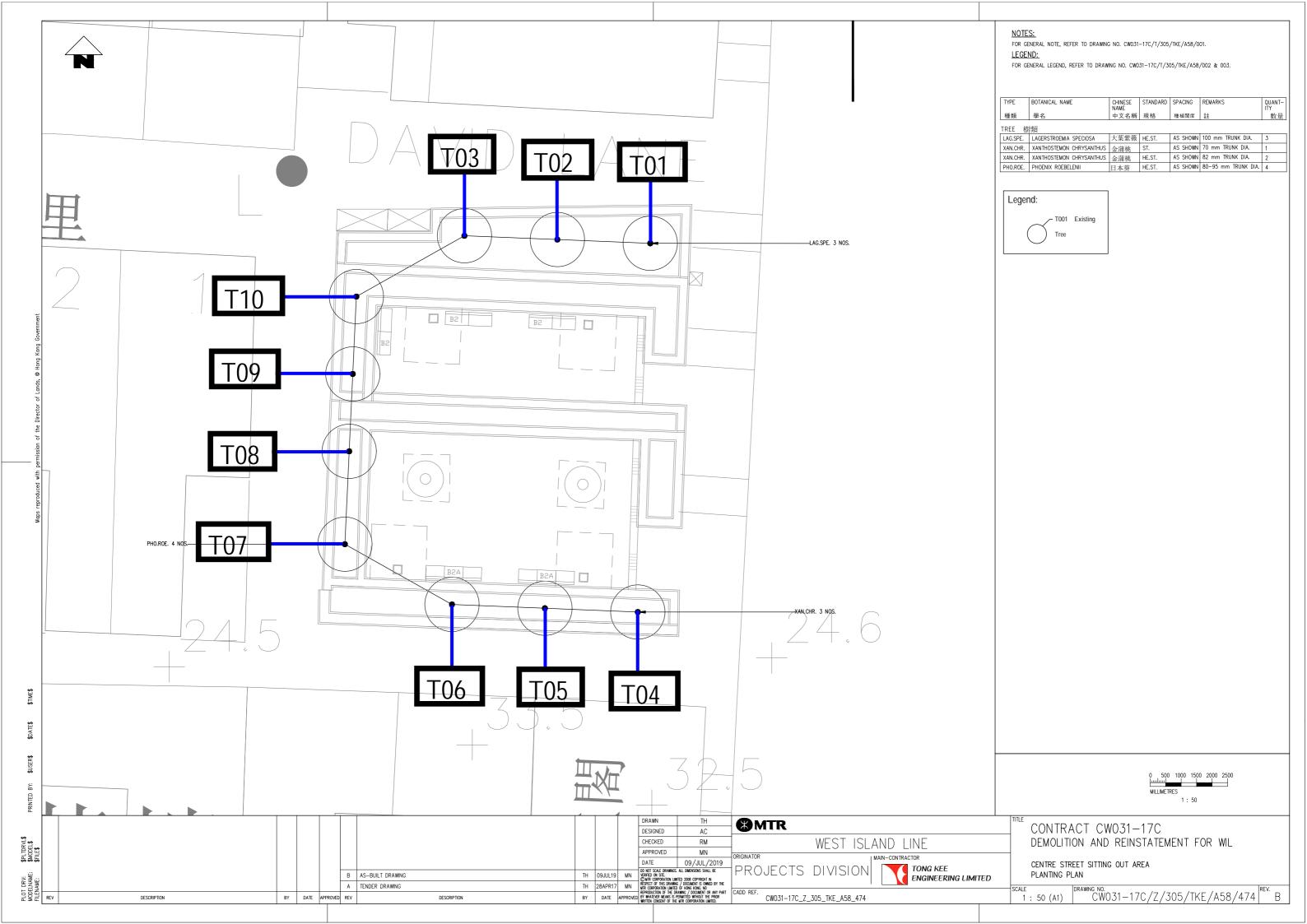
Appendix A

Compensatory Tree Proposal of David Lane Sitting Out Area in TPP (Rev. F)



Appendix B

Landscape As-built Drawing of Compensatory Trees in David Lane Sitting Out Area



Appendix C

Photographic Records of Compensatory Trees during Inspection





T01 T02





T03 T04





T05 T06





T07 T08





T09 T10