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# **Development of Integrated Waste Management Facilities Phase 2**

(I·PARK2)

**Project Profile** 

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### **1 BASIC INFORMATION**

### 1.1 Project Title

1.1.1 Development of Integrated Waste Management Facilities Phase 2 (I·PARK2) (hereinafter named as "the Project").

### **1.2** Purpose and Nature of the Project

### Background

- 1.2.1 The Government promulgated the "Waste Blueprint for Hong Kong 2035" (the Waste Blueprint) in February 2021, advocating the vision of "Waste Reduction · Resources Circulation · Zero Landfill". The Waste Blueprint sets out targets for per capita municipal solid waste (MSW) disposal and recovery rate, and the goal of developing adequate waste-to-energy (WtE) facilities, with the aim to move away from the reliance on landfills for MSW disposal by 2035.
- 1.2.2 The Government also announced in October 2021 "Hong Kong's Climate Action Plan 2050" (the Climate Action Plan), setting out the vision of "Zero-carbon Emissions · Liveable City · Sustainable Development" and outlining four major decarbonisation strategies and measures, namely net-zero electricity generation, energy saving and green buildings, green transport and waste reduction, for achieving carbon neutrality.
- 1.2.3 As set out in the Waste Blueprint and the Climate Action Plan, development of more advanced waste-to-energy facilities is an important strategy to phase out landfilling for MSW disposal in order to reduce carbon emissions and turn waste into electricity. To move away from the reliance on landfills for MSW disposal by around 2035 and to achieve carbon neutrality in waste management before 2050, the Government is not only committed to promoting waste reduction and various means of recycling, but also developing sufficient WtE facilities with a view to transforming unavoidable and non-recyclable MSW into resources comprehensively.
- 1.2.4 The Integrated Waste Management Facilities Phase 1, I·PARK1, which is now being built near Shek Kwu Chau, will be the first WtE facility that adopts advanced incineration technology to treat MSW in Hong Kong. I·PARK1 is targeted for commissioning in 2025 with a treatment capacity of 3 000 tonnes of MSW daily. When planning for the development of I·PARK1, an in-depth study had been carried out for the middle ash lagoon at Tsang Tsui in Tuen Mun as one of the potential sites for consideration. Given that Hong Kong needs to build more WtE facilities to achieve the goal of moving away from the reliance on landfills for MSW disposal by around 2035, investigation and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) studies will be carried out for the development of I·PARK2 at the Tsang Tsui site.

#### Purpose and Nature

- 1.2.5 The Project comprises the construction and operation of the I·PARK2 which will have a design treatment capacity sufficient to handle around 6 000 tonnes per day (tpd) of MSW.
- 1.2.6 This Project will adopt state-of-the-art incineration technology to substantially reduce the bulk size of waste. The energy from waste incineration will be recovered for electricity generation. Apart from meeting the electricity demand of the facility, the surplus electricity from the Project will be exported to the public power grid, thereby boosting up the portion of electricity generation from WtE source. Moreover, appropriate community amenities will be integrated into the Project for public enjoyment.

### **1.3** Name of Project Proponent

1.3.1 The Waste Infrastructure Division of Environmental Protection Department (EPD), the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

### 1.4 Location and Scale of Project and History of Site

1.4.1 The Project site is located at the middle ash lagoon at Tsang Tsui, Tuen Mun. The middle ash lagoon, along with the east and west ash lagoons, was constructed in the 1980s and leased to the Castle Peak Power Company Limited (CAPCO) for storage of pulverised fuel ash (PFA). The middle ash lagoon was surrendered to the Government in 2015. The Project site is currently a works area for decommissioning works under the Environmental Permit No.: FEP-01/618/2022 which mainly involved site clearance and covering the levelled PFA surface by at least 1m thick general fill. The Project site, which occupies an area of approximately 18 hectares (ha) of the middle ash lagoon, and most of the areas within the 500m study area is largely disturbed by human activities. The existing artificial seawall to the north of the Project site with an area of approximately 2 ha will be modified for construction of berthing facility to support operation of I-PARK2 (see Figure 1.1).

### **1.5** Number and Types of Designated Projects to be Covered by the Project Profile

- 1.5.1 The Project involves the construction and operation of the I·PARK2. The following elements of the Project are classified as Designated Projects (DP) under the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (EIAO), Cap.499:-
  - An incinerator with an installed capacity of more than 500 tonnes per day (under item G.3 of Part I, Schedule 2 of the EIAO);
  - A waste disposal facility with an installed capacity of more than 500 tonnes per day for the disposal of (a) refuse (under item G.4(a) of Part I, Schedule 2 of the EIAO); and
  - A waste disposal facility for pulverised fuel ash, furnace bottom ash or gypsum (under item

G.6 of Part I, Schedule 2 of the EIAO).

1.5.2 The above lists of DP items will be re-visited during the EIA study, taking into account the findings of the investigation study to be conducted concurrently with the EIA study.

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# 2 OUTLINE OF PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME

# 2.1 **Project Planning and Implementation**

- 2.1.1 The Project Proponent will employ consultancy firms to conduct the investigation and EIA studies. Subject to the findings of the investigation study, the Project is intended to be procured under a Design-Build-Operate (DBO) contract. The Contractor will be selected through a competitive tendering exercise. Under the contract, the Contractor will be responsible for:
  - i) detailed design for the formation of the Project site and all facilities of the Project;
  - ii) construction works for the forming of the Project site;
  - iii) construction, provision and installation of all the facilities;
  - iv) testing and commissioning of all the facilities;
  - v) operation and maintenance of all the facilities; and
  - vi) monitoring of operation.

#### 2.2 **Project Programme**

2.2.1 The tentative Project implementation programme is shown in **Table 2.1** below.

### Table 2.1 – Project Implementation Programme

Activity Description	Indicative Milestones
Appointment of Consultants / Commencement of	2022
Investigation and EIA Studies	
Completion of Investigation and EIA Studies	2024
Tendering for the Contract	2025
Commencement of Design and Construction of the Project	2026
Commencement of the Operation of the Project	Early 2030s

#### 2.3 Interfacing with Other Projects

- 2.3.1 The Project is located in the remaining portion of the middle ash lagoon and potential major projects that would have interface with the Project have been identified and are listed below
  - i) West New Territories (WENT) Landfill;
  - ii) T·PARK (Sludge Treatment Facility);
  - iii) Tsang Tsui Columbarium and Garden of Remembrance;
  - iv) WENT Landfill Extension;
  - v) Proposed Nim Wan Road (South); and
  - vi) Proposed upgrading of Nim Wan Road (North) and Deep Bay Road.
- 2.3.2 The above list will be re-visited during the EIA study to ensure all relevant projects are incorporated. Any cumulative impacts arising from these projects during the construction and operation phases of the Project would be identified and addressed as appropriate.

### **3 POSSIBLE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

### **3.1** General Description of the Project

- 3.1.1 The I·PARK2 will comprise the following key components, which would be installed inside enclosed buildings. An indicative schematic flow diagram of waste-to-energy facilities is shown in **Figure 3.1**:-
  - Waste reception, storage and feeding system;
  - Incineration system;

- Waste heat recovery, turbine generator and cooling system;
- Electricity export system;
- Flue gas treatment and emission system;
- Reagent reception and storage system;
- Incinerator bottom ash, fly-ash and flue gas cleaning residues storage, handling and treatment system; and
- Process control and monitoring system.
- 3.1.2 Subject to the findings of the investigation study, the following ancillary facilities may be included to support the operation of the I·PARK2:-
  - Berthing facility;
  - Weighbridge;
  - Fuel storage tanks;
  - Wastewater treatment and recycling system;
  - Water supply system;
  - Drainage and sewerage system;
  - Odour control system;
  - Utilities provision;
  - Vehicle and container washing facilities;
  - Refuse container storage facilities;
  - Maintenance workshops;
  - Administration building;
  - Community facilities;
  - Decarbonisation system/Carbon capture/utilisation/storage system;
  - Enhanced treatment facility(ies) for ash/residues and;
  - Security system.

### Construction Phase

- 3.1.3 The Project will involve the formation of land and the associated roads, drains and other essential utilities, followed by foundation works, construction of buildings and installation of plants and equipment for the various systems as mentioned in paragraphs 3.1.1 to 3.1.2 above.
- 3.1.4 Modification of the existing artificial seawall to the north of the Project site will be required for the construction of berthing facility for loading and unloading of waste, incineration ashes and recycled products by marine vessels. Subject to the findings of the investigation study, non-dredged method will be considered for construction of the berthing facility.
- 3.1.5 Regarding utilities, it is envisaged that trench excavation and filling on land outside the Project site would be carried out for connection of electricity cable, potable water supplies,

telecommunication cables and other provisions to support the operation of the I·PARK2.

**Operation Phase** 

- 3.1.6 The Project will receive and handle MSW as its normal feed stock.
- 3.1.7 The major source of waste will be transported in containers to the Project site via marine access. It will also receive via road access a smaller portion of waste from nearby districts; the waste will mostly be transported by refuse collection vehicles or container trucks.
- 3.1.8 Waste delivered to the Project site will be unloaded to the storage bunker, from which it will be conveyed to the high temperature incineration system for combustion. Ashes remaining will be collected at the bottom of the incineration system for enhanced treatment for beneficial use.
- 3.1.9 The hot flue gases from the combustion chamber of the incineration system will pass through the waste heat boiler system for energy recovery. The thermal energy so recovered will transform water into steam in the boiler system which will be used to drive the steam turbine for electricity generation. The cooled flue gases will be treated by advanced flue gas treatment system to meet the stringent regulatory control limits before releasing to the atmosphere via the stack. The fly ash and flue gas cleaning residues collected from the boiler and the flue gas cleaning system are hazardous materials and they would be explored for enhanced treatment into recycled products for reuse or solidified with cement / stabilised with chemicals for final disposal as last resort.
- 3.1.10 Subject to the findings of the investigation study and space availability of the Project site, the Project may also receive incinerator bottom ash, fly ash and flue gas cleaning residues from I·PARK1 for enhanced treatment for beneficial use.

### 3.2 Air Quality

### Construction Phase

3.2.1 The main potential air quality impacts would be (a) dust emission associated with site formation and construction activities; and (b) gaseous pollutants due to the operation of diesel-powered construction equipment. Dust emission from a construction site is controlled under the Air Pollution Control (Construction Dust) Regulation, which sets out effective construction dust control requirements including but not limited to covering the dusty materials and keeping ground surface wet by water spraying to suppress the release of construction dust. These impacts will be qualitatively assessed in the EIA study.

# **Operation Phase**

3.2.2 Flue gas emission from the incineration system would be the major source of potential air

quality impact in the operation phase. Detailed air quality impact assessment would be required to predict the concentrations of air pollutants at the air sensitive receivers (ASRs) and to assess compliance with the Air Quality Objectives (AQOs) and the relevant air quality criteria for non-AQO pollutants. The assessment would include cumulative impacts of stack emissions from the Project, emission from ash/residues management system, marine and vehicular emission from transportation and existing and planned emission sources nearby, such as the Black Point Power Station and Castle Peak Power Stations, T·PARK, the WENT Landfill, and the WENT Landfill Extension.

3.2.3 Fugitive emission and odour nuisance may arise from the transportation of waste, operation of on-site wastewater treatment and recycling system, waste reception and storage system and ash/residues handling and treatment system as well as the enhanced treatment facility(ies) for ash/residues. Assessment of fugitive emission and odour impact is required.

### 3.3 Noise

### Construction Phase

3.3.1 Noise would be generated from construction activities through the use of powered construction plant and equipment. Having considered the remote location of the Project site and upon introduction of appropriate mitigation measures, there is unlikely to be any significant construction noise impacts associated with the Project.

# **Operation Phase**

- 3.3.2 The facilities will operate 24 hours a day and the waste reception is expected to be around 12 hours a day mostly during daytime under normal operation. The key potential noise sources during the operation phase will include those from waste reception facilities and operation of process equipment. Operation noise may also arise during container handling by cranes at the berthing facility. The potential noise impact and the need for mitigation measures will be assessed in the EIA study.
- 3.3.3 Majority of waste would be containerised and delivered to the berthing facility of the Project site by marine transport. Hence, it is expected that the waste delivery arrangements would not significantly increase waste collection vehicles traffic. A relatively small portion of the waste will come from nearby districts direct through land transportation. Subject to the findings of the investigation study and space availability of the Project site, ashes / residues from I·PARK1 may also be delivered to the Project via the berthing facility. Potential traffic noise impact arising from marine traffic, on-site and off-site vehicle movements of the Project will be assessed in the EIA study as appropriate.

### **3.4** Waste Management

## Construction Phase

- 3.4.1 The types of waste that would be generated during the construction phase of the Project include construction and demolition (C&D) materials from the construction activities, general refuse from the workforce and chemical wastes from the construction plant and equipment.
- 3.4.2 Subject to the findings of the investigation study, non-dredged method will be considered for construction of the berthing facility. The potential waste management implications will be assessed and appropriate mitigation measures proposed to minimise the impact in the EIA study as appropriate.
- 3.4.3 Based on available information, the middle ash lagoon have been used solely for PFA disposal since its formation and potential land contamination associated with previous uses is therefore not anticipated.

### Operation Phase

- 3.4.4 The major waste arising during the operation phase of the Project would be incinerator bottom ash, fly ash and flue gas cleaning residues generated from the incineration process.
- 3.4.5 The Project may sort out non-combustible waste or inert materials that are not suitable for incineration. The amount of such waste is expected to be small and would be disposed of at landfills. The operation of the Project will also generate general refuse from the workforce and a relatively small amount of chemical waste such as waste lubricating oil and used batteries.
- 3.4.6 While small amount of chemical waste will be produced during the construction phase and operation phase of the Project, it is envisaged that by adopting good practices and appropriate preventive measures, the Project will not give rise to any potential land contamination issue.
- 3.4.7 Similar to the current operation associated with the WENT Landfill, minor maintenance dredging of the existing navigation channel to facilitate navigation of waste delivery vessels to and from the berthing facility may be required on an as-needed basis occasionally subject to the seabed level of the existing navigation channel. The requirements under the Dumping at Sea Ordinance (Cap. 466) will be followed prior to marine disposal of dredged sediment.

# 3.5 Water Quality

### Construction Phase

3.5.1 The potential sources of water quality impact of the Project consist of site runoff and drainage, debris, refuse and liquid spillages from general construction activities; and sewage effluent from the construction workforce.

3.5.2 The marine works, may potentially cause disturbance and re-suspension of marine sediments. The water quality impacts on the nearby water sensitive receivers and Production Area of Oyster will be evaluated and appropriate mitigation measures proposed to minimise the impacts in the EIA study as appropriate.

## **Operation Phase**

- 3.5.3 The Project is located within the Deep Bay Water Control Zone. Wastewater generated from the operation of the Project such as sewage from the workforce and floor / vehicle washing would be treated by on-site wastewater treatment plant for reuse (not for use by the general public) without any effluent discharge. Subject to the findings of the investigation study, once-through seawater cooling system will be considered and the potential environmental impacts associated with discharge of spent seawater into nearby water body will be evaluated in the EIA study.
- 3.5.4 The Project will explore various options for providing potable and process water in the investigation study. If an on-site desalination facility is required for the Project, there will be discharge of concentrated brine at a relative low volume.

### 3.6 Human Health

### Construction Phase

3.6.1 The Project site is primarily formed by PFA. Excavation of PFA may be required under the Project and the excavated PFA will be reused for backfilling on-site so that no off-site disposal of PFA will be required. The public health risk associated with radon emissions due to PFA would be negligible.

### **Operation Phase**

- 3.6.2 Potential health impacts may arise from the following sources during the operation phase of the Project and they will be evaluated in the EIA study:
  - Aerial emissions from the stack; and
  - Fugitive emissions during transportation, storage and handling of the waste and incinerator bottom ash/fly ash/flue gas cleaning residues that may contain toxic pollutants.
- 3.6.3 Emergency response plan will be formulated by the Contractor to handle potential accidental events such as fire, explosion or failure of the air pollution control system to minimise the potential public health risk.

# **3.7** Terrestrial Ecology

### Construction and Operation Phases

3.7.1 As stated in **paragraph 1.4.1** above, the Project site is currently a works area for decommissioning works under the Environmental Permit No.: FEP-01/618/2022. Subject to the findings of the ecological impact assessment in the EIA study, the impact of direct habitat loss arising from the Project would likely be negligible. Indirect impacts such as noise, wastewater and human disturbance arise from construction and operation of the Project will be evaluated. Mitigation measures would be proposed as appropriate to minimise potential impacts to the surrounding habitats and associated fauna.

# **3.8** Marine Ecology and Fisheries

### Construction Phase

3.8.1 The major direct impacts associated with the Project would be the potential loss of aquatic habitats due to construction of the berthing facility. The marine works would have a potential impact on the marine water quality affecting the nearby marine ecology and fisheries sensitive receivers. It will be evaluated in the EIA study.

### **Operation Phase**

3.8.2 Surface runoff and discharge from the facility may arise during the operation phase of the Project. Marine vessel traffic mainly from waste delivery, though limited, may cause indirect disturbance to aquatic wildlife. With proper implementation of control and mitigation measures on wastewater discharge, it is envisaged that any adverse impacts on marine ecology and fisheries sensitive receivers would be contained by following the regulatory requirements of the Water Pollution Control Ordinance, Cap. 358. All potential impacts to marine ecology and fisheries sensitive receivers will be addressed in more detail in the EIA study.

# 3.9 Landscape and Visual

### Construction Phase

3.9.1 As stated in **paragraph 1.4.1** above, the Project site is currently a works area for decommissioning works under the Environmental Permit No.: FEP-01/618/2022. Removal of trees and vegetation is not required under the Project.

# **Operation Phase**

3.9.2 The buildings, stack or any above-ground structures of I·PARK2 may induce visual impacts to the surroundings. As the Project site is located in an industrial setting with low landscape value and Visual Sensitive Receivers (VSRs) are limited to a few distant villages like Ha Pak Nai and Lung Kwu Sheung Tan, it is expected that with the implementation of appropriate architectural design and other measures such as landscape planting, the residual landscape and visual impacts would be acceptable.

## 3.10 Cultural Heritage

3.10.1 There is no site of cultural heritage, i.e. all declared monuments, proposed monuments, graded historic sites/buildings and Government historic sites within or in the vicinity of the Project site. The Project site does not encroach on the Tsang Tsui Site of Archaeological Interest, which is located about 100m South-West from the Project site. Cultural heritage impact is not anticipated.

# 3.11 Landfill Gas Hazard

### Construction Phase

3.11.1 The Project site falls within the 250m consultation zone of the WENT Landfill Extension. The potential sensitive receivers to landfill gas hazard are the workers in the construction sites and the construction works will mainly be carried out in an outdoor environment.

### **Operation Phase**

- 3.11.2 The potential sensitive receivers are the operation and maintenance staff and visitors of community facilities.
- 3.11.3 Landfill gas hazard assessment associated with landfill gas migration from the WENT Landfill Extension to the Project site will be carried out under the EIA study. With the implementation of appropriate mitigation measures, adverse impact of landfill gas hazard during construction and operation phase is not anticipated.

# 3.12 Hazard to Life

### Construction Phase

3.12.1 The Project site is not located within consultation zone of any Potentially Hazardous Installations. The Landfill Gas Power Generation Project at the WENT Landfill is located more than 500 m away from the boundary of the Project site. The Project will not involve any blasting works and use of explosives is not expected.

### **Operation Phase**

3.12.2 Fuel oils will be used for auxiliary burners during any start-up and shutdown of the incineration operation. The Project is not expected to introduce any plant and equipment that are classifiable as Potentially Hazardous Installation, and potential hazard to life from its operation is not anticipated.

# 4 MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THE SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

### 4.1 General

- 4.1.1 The Project site is located at the middle ash lagoon, Tsang Tsui, Tuen Mun. The west portion of the middle ash lagoon has been developed as the Tsang Tsui Columbarium and Garden of Remembrance and this Project occupies the remaining portion of the middle ash lagoon, with an area of approximately 18 ha. Other industrial facilities in the area include the Black Point Power Station owned and operated by CAPCO to the southwest, the T·PARK located on the east ash lagoon, the WENT Landfill to the further east and the WENT Landfill Extension Project to the south side of the Project site.
- 4.1.2 The west ash lagoon, located to the west of the Tsang Tsui Columbarium, was constructed and operated before the EIAO came into effect on 1 April 1998, so the original operation of CAPCO at the ash lagoon, including covering the ash surface with fill materials during the operation of the ash lagoon, was exempted from the EIAO. EPD has been taking appropriate environmental precautionary measures since mid-December 2023, such as covering the ash surface with fill materials, to prevent the ash deposited in the ash lagoon from causing potential environmental impacts. When the development or redevelopment of the west ash lagoon site is confirmed in the future, and if the project development is a designated project, project proponents will be required to carry out the statutory EIA process for the construction and operation of the designated project in accordance with the requirement of the EIAO and its Technical Memorandum, which include application of environmental permit, and implement environmental mitigation measures according to the relevant requirements.

# 4.2 Potential Existing and Planned Environmental Sensitive Receivers

- 4.2.1 The existing environment of the Project site and its surrounding were reviewed and the potential sensitive receivers identified in the following paragraphs. They are by no means exhaustive and will be reviewed in more detail during the EIA study.
- 4.2.2 The nearby potential environmental sensitive receivers include office of the Tsang Tsui Columbarium and Garden of Remembrance, office of the T·PARK and site offices of the WENT Landfill and the WENT Landfill Extension. The nearest residential use is about 1.5 km from the Project site at Ha Pak Nai.
- 4.2.3 The Project site is situated at the mouth of the Deep Bay within the Deep Bay Water Control Zone. Two moderate sized streams are located at the southern part of ash lagoon and discharged into a tidal channel to the east of the ash lagoon area. A seawater intake of T·PARK is located at about 300 m to the east of the Project site.

- 4.2.4 An Area of Oyster Production<sup>1</sup> at Deep Bay is located at around 2.5 km away from the Project site. A Mariculture Subzone is delineated in the Deep Bay Water Control Zone under the Water Pollution Control Ordinance in order to protect the oyster beds which is about 1.6 km away from the Project site.
- 4.2.5 The Project site is located in an industrial setting and surrounded by various industrial developments. Other land uses such as construction sites, wasteland, plantation, secondary woodland, shrubland and stream courses, etc. are identified within 500 m assessment area of the Project site. Bird species of conservation concerns such as Little Egret, Chinese Pond Heron and Kentish Plover were recorded in the area under previous studies while no fireflies were recorded in the area based on previous survey findings.

# 5 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MEASURES TO BE INCORPORATED IN THE DESIGN AND ANY FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

### 5.1 Air Quality

### Construction Phase

5.1.1 Good site practices, dust control and suppression measures will be implemented to minimise potential dust impacts. Reference would be made to the requirements stipulated in the Air Pollution Control (Construction Dust) Regulation.

### Operation Phase

- 5.1.2 The design and emission limits of the incineration system will make reference to the standards for pollution control on the MSW incineration in the Mainland China (GB 18485-2014) and Shenzhen (SZDB/Z 233-2017), the best available techniques (BAT) reference document for waste incineration in the European Union (EU), as well as the prevailing guidance note on the best practicable means (BPM) for incinerators (municipal waste incineration) in Hong Kong. Combustion process controls will be specified in the design requirements so as to achieve a furnace combustion zone operating at no less than 850°C with a residence time of at least 2 seconds for effective destruction of organic pollutants. Advanced air pollution control system and flue gas monitoring system will be proposed to ensure compliance with the criteria for evaluating air quality impact.
- 5.1.3 Facilities that have the potential to cause fugitive emission or odour nuisance including the waste reception hall will be enclosed and operated under negative pressure to prevent odour

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Area of Oyster Production is identified in AFCD's website

<sup>(</sup>https://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/fisheries/fish\_aqu/fish\_aqu\_mpo/fish\_aqu\_mpo.html) as well as in EPD's annual marine water quality reports (https://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/english/environmentinhk/water/hkwqrc/waterquality/marine-2.html)

leaking to the outdoor environment. Odorous air will be fed to the incineration system and treated by combustion directly.

#### 5.2 Noise

#### Construction Phase

5.2.1 Mitigation measures including temporary noise barriers, quiet construction plant and scheduling of works will be recommended, where necessary.

#### **Operation Phase**

5.2.2 Majority of the waste treatment processes are expected to be undertaken in enclosed structures to avoid any potential adverse noise impacts. Location of fixed plant at the berthing facility will be carefully reviewed and mitigation measures such as barriers and restriction on plant usage will be considered as appropriate. Appropriate mitigation measures will be considered to minimise the potential noise generated from operation-related traffic if required.

### 5.3 Waste Management

#### **Construction Phase**

- 5.3.1 Consideration will be taken during the design phase to minimise the generation of all kinds of C&D materials, including PFA and recover inert materials for reuse. The Contractor will be required to develop a Waste Management Plan prior to the commencement of construction works. Apart from good site practice, waste reduction measures and provisions to reuse/recycle materials would have to be implemented. The various types of waste produced would be handled, transported and disposed of using approved methods in compliance with statutory requirements.
- 5.3.2 Subject to the findings of the investigation study, non-dredged method will be considered for construction of the berthing facility.

### **Operation Phase**

5.3.3 Incinerator bottom ash would be treated into recycled products for reuse to maximise resource recovery and avoid landfill disposal. Fly ash and flue gas cleaning residues which are hazardous materials would be explored for enhanced treatment into recycled products as far as practicable and relevant plant and equipment for such purpose may be installed in the operation phase of the Project. As a last resort, the fly ash and flue gas cleaning residues would be solidified with cement or stabilised with chemicals for disposal at landfill. These solidified / stabilised end products would be tested in accordance with the requirements of the proposed Incineration Residue Pollution Control Limits<sup>2</sup> prior to landfill disposal.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The proposed Incineration Residue Pollution Control Limits will make reference to those adopted for I·PARK1.

5.3.4 Chemical waste would be properly handled and disposed of in accordance with the Waste Disposal (Chemical Waste) (General) Regulation. Recycle bins for general refuse will be placed in the Project site.

## 5.4 Water Quality

### Construction Phase

- 5.4.1 The water quality impacts due to marine works associated with construction of the berthing facility would be evaluated. Appropriate mitigation measures such as provision of silt curtains would be identified and implemented to ensure acceptable residual water quality impact.
- 5.4.2 For land-based activities, the construction activities in the Project may include excavation, earthworks and/or building works. Necessary silt removal facilities will be provided to remove any silt before the discharge of site runoff. The design of temporary on-site drainage and silt removal facilities will comply with the guidelines stipulated in EPD's Practice Note for Professional Persons, Construction Site Drainage (ProPECC PN 2/23). With proper site management and implementation of control and mitigation measures, adverse impacts on water quality would not be expected.

# **Operation Phase**

- 5.4.3 All wastewater generated from the Project will be treated at the on-site wastewater treatment plant for cleansing and landscape irrigation reuses (not for use by the general public) without any effluent discharge. Subject to the findings of the investigation study, once-through seawater cooling system will be considered and the potential environmental impacts associated with discharge of spent seawater into nearby water body will be evaluated in the EIA study.
- 5.4.4 If on-site desalination facility is required for the Project, the small volume of concentrated saline effluent from the facility will be properly discharged.

# 5.5 Human Health

- 5.5.1 Appropriate safeguards and risk control measures will be identified and implemented as appropriate.
- 5.5.2 Measures to prevent radon influx from the PFA to the Project buildings will be considered and implemented as appropriate. Sufficient ventilation will be provided and regular maintenance will be conducted to avoid accumulation of radon.

### 5.6 Ecology and Fisheries

- 5.6.1 The mitigation measures that are to be implemented to address the impacts on air, noise, waste and water quality will help to alleviate any potential ecological and fisheries impacts. Proper design, e.g. appropriate design to avoid light spill over nearby sensitive areas, will also be applied to avoid sensitive parts of the natural environment as far as practicable. Nevertheless, the ecological and fisheries impacts will be assessed and the need of any mitigation measures will be identified in the EIA study.
- 5.6.2 Impact of the Project on marine ecology and fisheries will be minimised via appropriate measures that mitigate water quality impacts which are depicted in paragraphs 5.4.1 5.4.4 above.

### 5.7 Landscape and Visual

### Construction Phase

5.7.1 Appropriate mitigation measures such as landscape planting and good site practices will be identified and implemented as appropriate. The natural environmental features of the area adjoining and in the vicinity of the Project site will be restored if disturbed during construction.

### **Operation Phase**

5.7.2 The landscape and visual impacts of the architectural and landscape designs of the Project will be assessed. Landscape proposal and aesthetic architectural design will be included such that the Project would blend in with the surrounding landscape as much as possible.

# 5.8 Cultural Heritage

5.8.1 There is no site of cultural heritage within or in the vicinity of the Project site. Hence, cultural heritage impact is not anticipated and specific mitigation measure is considered not required.

# 5.9 Landfill Gas Hazard

5.9.1 It is understood that the WENT Landfill Extension will be designed as a containment landfill with active landfill gas collection system installed to extract landfill gas and eliminate its offsite migration. Site safety measures, routine monitoring of landfill gas at excavation areas and installation of building protection measures will be proposed as appropriate.

### 5.10 Hazard to Life

5.10.1 Potential hazard to life is not anticipated and specific mitigation measure is considered not required.

# 6 USE OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED EIA REPORTS

- 6.1.1 *AEIAR-163/2012 Development of the Integrated Waste Management Facilities Phase 1 -* The EIA study was conducted for development of the IWMF with a design capacity of 3 000 tpd at two potential sites, namely the artificial island near Shek Kwu Chau and the northern portion of the middle ash lagoon at Tsang Tsui, Tuen Mun. The results of the EIA study indicated that developing the IWMF with a design capacity of 3,000 tpd at either or both of the above two sites will be environmentally acceptable, provided that advanced technologies are installed and appropriate mitigation measures are implemented. The EIA report was approved on 17 January 2012.
- 6.1.2 Reference may also be made within the study area from the following reports:
  - PP-649/2022 Project Profile for Decommissioning of Remaining Portion of Middle Ash Lagoon in Tsang Tsui, permission to apply directly for an environmental permit granted on 3 October 2022;
  - AEIAR-186/2015 Decommissioning of West Portion of The Middle Ash Lagoon at Tsang Tsui, Tuen Mun, approved on 28 January 2015;
  - AEIAR-147/2009 West New Territories (WENT) Landfill Extensions, approved on 20 November 2009; and
  - AEIAR-129/2009 Sludge Treatment Facilities (T·PARK), approved on 19 February 2009



