Highways Department

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Ordinance, Cap.499
Application for Approval of EIA Report

Project Title: Elevated Pedestrian Corridor in Yuen Long Town
connecting with Long Ping Station
(Application No. EIA-241/2016)

I refer to your application received on 1 June 2016 for approval of the above EIA report under Section 6(2) of the EIA Ordinance and our previous letter of 28 July 2016 advising you to exhibit the EIA report for public inspection in accordance with Section 6(4) of the EIA Ordinance.

Having considered the public comments received during the public inspection period, and the comments from the Advisory Council on the Environment (ACE) given to us on 4 October 2016, I now advise you under Section 8(3) of the EIA Ordinance that the above EIA report as exhibited under Section 7(1) of the EIA Ordinance is approved. The recommendations from the ACE are enclosed in Annex 1 for your attention and action.

It should be noted that the approval of the EIA report shall not relieve you of the responsibility to comply with other legislation or Government requirements for implementing the Project.

Under Section 15 of the EIA Ordinance, the approved EIA report (Register No.: AEIAR-200/2016) will be placed on the EIA Ordinance Register. The approved EIA report and will also be placed on the EIA Ordinance website (http://www.epd.gov.hk/eia/).
Should you have any queries concerning the above, please contact my colleague Mr. Edward W.K. LAM at 2835 1113.

Yours sincerely,

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Recommendations from the Advisory Council on the Environment

(1) The project proponent should review the architectural and structural design of the proposed elevated pedestrian corridor with a view to enhancing the cityscape aesthetically and exploring the possibilities for it to be a landmark design in the district. The review shall also take into consideration the future enhanced “river” below [i.e. Improvement of Yuen Long Town Nullah (Town Centre Section) Project];

(2) The project proponent should consider the incorporation of integrated photovoltaic (IPV), other means of renewable energy and/or other green measures into the design of the elevated pedestrian corridor with the aim to achieve carbon neutral within the operation phase of the corridor; and

(3) The project proponent should explore the use of active soundscape measures and operational pedestrian control and management arrangements to minimize noise impacts associated with the Project and adopt such measures and arrangement where appropriate.

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Environmental Protection Department
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