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Dear Ms. Tse,

EIA Report for Drainage Improvement Works in Ta Kwu Ling

Green Power would like to draw your kind attention to our concerns on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report for Drainage Improvement Works in Ta Kwu Ling (the Project).

1. The discharge from the Project during construction phase to any waterways should fulfill the zero-discharge requirement of Deep Bay Area for water quality control.
2. The type and specification of “natural bedding material” for the channels should be selected to promote or restore the aquatic ecology of the rivers in addition to provide structural stability.
3. Being a drainage improvement work, original scale (i.e. width, loading) of re-provided pedestrian and vehicular crossings along the upgraded channels should be kept unchanged after works. Also, associated temporary traffic arrangement should not create new vehicular access outside the Project area to avoid triggering vandalism such as flytipping.
4. The works area and boundary of the Project should be clearly delineated. The works of the Project should avoid encroaching farmlands (active or fallow), woodlands and natural and important habitats such as egret.
5. Tree felling and transplantation should be avoided as far as possible. Preserved trees in the construction site should be well protected during construction phase by proper fencing against interference and damages, such as tramping by human or machines, wastewater or chemical discard or unnecessary trimming and root excavation. Native tree/shrub species are preferred as far as possible for greening, ecological compensation or enhancement.
6. Stringent documentation, verification and monitoring for the waste disposal system must be implemented to avoid landfilling/flytipping in rural areas by waste generated by the Project, especially Northern District.
7. Effective and deterring measures to confine the travelling routes of dump trucks and similar machineries related to the Project should be utilized, e.g. real-time GPS devices on the trucks, instantaneous alarm alert for the trucks deviated from the designated routes, should be seriously considered. Implementation of such measures and associated penalties shall be included in the contract terms to effectively control the irregular activities of relevant contractors.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Yours faithfully,

CHENG Luk-ki, Director