

## 2 Details of Public Engagement Channels and Activities

### 2.1 Introduction

2.1.1 During the Stage 2 PE from 26 July 2013 to 18 October 2013, various activities including roving exhibitions, media interview, focus group meetings, public forum and visits to the Stanley Sewage Treatment Works were held. Information of the feasibility study was disseminated to the public and stakeholders via project website, facebook page, newsletters, publicity video, etc. A questionnaire survey was conducted to collect opinions from the public on the relocation project during the visits to the Stanley Sewage Treatment Works (an existing cavern sewage treatment works). The public and stakeholders were also invited to provide their comments and opinions via the project hotline, email, fax and mail. On 8 November 2013, the Health and Environment Committee (HEC) of the Sha Tin District Council (STDC) was consulted on the findings and recommendations of the feasibility study and the proposal to proceed with the investigation and design for the relocation project. Highlights of the PE channels and activities are summarized below.

### 2.2 Channels for Enquiry, Comment and Opinion

2.2.1 Since the Stage 1 PE, the public and stakeholders are invited to submit their enquiries or provide their comments and opinions via the following channels:

- (i) Email: [enquiry@STSTWinCaverns.hk](mailto:enquiry@STSTWinCaverns.hk)
- (ii) Hotline: (852) 3142 2256
- (iii) Fax: (852) 2827 8700
- (iv) Mail: Drainage Services Department  
Sewerage Projects Division  
44/F, Revenue Tower, 5 Gloucester Road,  
Wan Chai, Hong Kong

2.2.2 To facilitate the public and stakeholders to provide opinions on the relocation project, an opinion collection form in **Appendix A** can be downloaded from the project website or collected during the roving exhibitions.

2.2.3 During the Stage 2 PE, 61 nos. cases were received via the above channels. The major comments on the relocation project were collated, summarized and responded in **Section 3** of the Report.

## 2.3 Project Website and Facebook Page

2.3.1 A project website ([www.STSTWinCaverns.hk](http://www.STSTWinCaverns.hk)) and a facebook page (STSTWinCaverns) were launched in early November 2012 and updated regularly to disseminate the updated information and progress of the feasibility study to the public and stakeholders.

2.3.2 The frontpages of the project website and the facebook page are shown in **Appendix B**.

## 2.4 Newsletters

2.4.1 During the Stage 2 PE, the third issue of newsletters was published in July 2013. Apart from uploading onto the project website, the newsletters were distributed to the residents in the vicinity of the proposed relocation site (Nui Po Shan of A Kung Kok) and the existing STSTW as well as relevant stakeholders. The newsletters were also available for collection at designated government facilities, such as public libraries, community centres/halls and Sha Tin District Office in Sha Tin and Ma On Shan areas. Photos of the newsletters are shown in **Appendix C**.

2.4.2 The third issue of newsletters covers the updated progress of the feasibility study, the Stage 1 PE findings as well as the results and recommendations of the preliminary technical assessments on the public's concerns such as odour, traffic and blasting vibration impacts. The third issue of newsletters is appended in **Appendix D** and the link below:

[http://www.ststwincaverns.hk/download/ststwincaverns\\_newsletter\\_Jul2013.pdf](http://www.ststwincaverns.hk/download/ststwincaverns_newsletter_Jul2013.pdf)

## 2.5 Publicity Video

2.5.1 Publicity video was broadcast in TV stations from September to October 2013 during the Stage 2 PE. Also, the video was previously uploaded to the project website and Youtube for watching by the public and stakeholders since the Stage 1 PE. Photos of the publicity video are shown in **Appendix E**.

2.5.2 The 5-minute version of the publicity video (December 2012) is appended in the link below:

[http://www.dsd.gov.hk/EN/Files/sewage/sewage\\_strategy/movie/FS\\_on\\_Relocation\\_of\\_STSTW\\_to\\_Caverns\\_5\\_mins\\_English.wmv](http://www.dsd.gov.hk/EN/Files/sewage/sewage_strategy/movie/FS_on_Relocation_of_STSTW_to_Caverns_5_mins_English.wmv)

2.5.3 The 1-minute version of the publicity video (December 2012) is appended in the link below:

[http://www.dsd.gov.hk/EN/Files/sewage/sewage\\_strategy/movie/FS\\_on\\_Relocation\\_of\\_STSTW\\_to\\_Caverns\\_1min\\_English.wmv](http://www.dsd.gov.hk/EN/Files/sewage/sewage_strategy/movie/FS_on_Relocation_of_STSTW_to_Caverns_1min_English.wmv)

2.5.4 Apart from broadcasting the public video in TV stations, an announcement of public interest (API) clip was broadcast in radio from September to October 2013 during the Stage 2 PE to invite the public to submit their enquiries or provide their comments and opinions on the relocation project.

2.5.5 A 8-minute publicity video was produced during the Stage 2 PE to facilitate the public's further understanding of the relocation project. This video was shown in the public forum.

## 2.6 Other Publicity Elements (such as Posters, Banners, Advertisement Panels, Advertisements, Leaflets)

2.6.1 Posters for promoting the PE activities and the project website, facebook page and channels for enquiry, comment and opinion were distributed to the owner incorporations, cooperation committees and village representatives of most estates and villages as well as schools in Sha Tin and Ma On Shan areas in July and August 2013. Photos of the posters are shown in **Appendix F**.

2.6.2 Banners were erected at several government facilities for promoting the project website, facebook page and channels for enquiry, comment and opinion. Photos of the banners at some locations are shown in **Appendix F**.

2.6.3 Advertisement panels for promoting the PE activities were arranged at MTR University Station when holding roving exhibitions there in September 2013. Photo of the advertisement panels is shown in **Appendix F**.

2.6.4 Advertisements about the public forum was published on the Standards and Headline Daily newspapers on 6, 13, 19 and 27 September 2013 respectively. Photos of the advertisements on the newspapers are shown in **Appendix F**.

2.6.5 Leaflets promoting the public forum were distributed to the residents in the vicinity of the proposed relocation site and the existing STSTW and relevant stakeholders in September 2013. Photo of the leaflets is shown in **Appendix F**.

## 2.7 Roving Exhibitions

2.7.1 Roving exhibitions were arranged at 22 venues in Sha Tin and Ma On Shan areas as listed in **Table 1** below.

Period	Venue
30/7/2013 – 18/10/2013	10 Nos. of Community Centres / Halls of Sha Tin District Office
5/8/2013 – 9/8/2013, 23/9/2013 – 30/9/2013, 11/10/2013 – 18/10/2013	Sha Tin Government Offices
26/7/2013 – 29/7/2013	Kam Tai Shopping Centre, Kam Tai Court, Ma On Shan
9/8/2013 – 12/8/2013	Sunshine City Plaza, Ma On Shan
16/8/2013 – 19/8/2013	Fortune City One Plus, City One Sha Tin, Sha Tin
23/8/2013 – 26/8/2013	Sha Tin Plaza, Sha Tin
29/8/2013 – 1/9/2013 21/9/2013 – 28/9/2013	Chevalier Garden, Ma On Shan
30/8/2013 – 2/9/2013	Chung On Shopping Centre, Chung On Estate, Ma On Shan
31/8/2013 – 1/9/2013, 5/10/2013 – 6/10/2013	Hang Shun Street Public Transport Interchange, Ma On Shan
2/9/2013 – 30/9/2013	Ma On Shan Public Library
6/9/2013 – 9/9/2013	Ma On Shan Plaza, Ma On Shan
20/9/2013 – 23/9/2013	MTR University Station
27/9/2013 – 30/9/2013	Public Footpath near Exit B of MTR Fo Tan Station

**Table 1 – Venue of Roving Exhibitions**

- 2.7.2 During the roving exhibitions, exhibition panels showing the information and progress of the feasibility study covering the updated progress of the feasibility study, the Stage 1 PE findings as well as the results and recommendations of the preliminary technical assessments on the public's concerns such as odour, traffic and blasting vibration impacts, were displayed. Subject to the available space of the venues, publicity video was also broadcast at most venues. Newsletters were available for collection at the exhibition counters. Photos of some roving exhibitions are shown in **Appendix G** and the extract of the exhibition panels are shown in **Appendix H**.
- 2.7.3 A mini-deodourizer model was also displayed at the roving exhibitions at Chevalier Garden to demonstrate to the public, in particular the residents near the proposed relocation site, on the odour measurement and effectiveness of deodourizer in removing the odour.

## 2.8 Media Interview

- 2.8.1 As per some media's request, we attended a media interview on 20 August 2013. During the media interview, we briefed the media on the updated progress of the feasibility study, the Stage 1 PE findings as well as the results of the preliminary technical assessments on the public's concerns such as odour, traffic and blasting vibration impacts and proposed control and mitigation measures.
- 2.8.2 The presentation slides (Chinese version only) and some photos of the media interview are shown in **Appendixes I and J**.

## 2.9 Focus Group Meetings

- 2.9.1 Two focus group meetings were held on 2 & 3 September 2013 to solicit comments and opinions from the environmental and professional organizations respectively.
- 2.9.2 The presentation slides, summary (Chinese version only) and some photos of the focus group meetings are shown in **Appendixes K, L and M**.

## 2.10 Public Forum

- 2.10.1 A public forum was conducted at Sha Tin Town Hall on 28 September 2013 to solicit comments and opinions from the public and stakeholders.
- 2.10.2 The presentation slides (Chinese version only), summary (Chinese version only) and some photos of the public forum are shown in **Appendixes N, O and P**.

## 2.11 Site Visits to Stanley Sewage Treatment Works

- 2.11.1 The Stanley Sewage Treatment Works is the first sewage treatment works built in caverns. Integrated well with the surrounding environment, it has not caused any adverse impact to the nearby residents and school since its commissioning in 1995.
- 2.11.2 The residents near the proposed relocation site, including Chevalier Garden, Kam Tai Court, A Kung Kok Fishermen Village, Tai Shui Hang Village and Mui Tsz Lam Village, were invited to visit the Stanley Sewage Treatment Works in September 2013. Invitations were sent to the management offices of the concerned estates, the village representatives of the concerned villages and the relevant Sha Tin District Council Members in August 2013. During the roving exhibitions at Tai Shui Hang area (namely Chevalier Garden and Hang Shun Street Public Transport Interchange) in August and September 2013, the site visit application details were also displayed at the exhibition counters. Meanwhile, the participants of the public forum and the engineering professional institutions were also invited to join the site visits to the Stanley Sewage Treatment Works in October 2014.
- 2.11.3 Site visits to the Stanley Sewage Treatment Works were arranged for the residents near the proposed relocation site, the participants of the public forum and the engineering professional institutions on 14 & 21 September 2013 and 12 October 2013 respectively. About 200 participants attended the site visits.
- 2.11.4 Through the site visits, the public could experience the surrounding environment and the operation of a cavern sewage treatment works. A mini-deodourizer model was also displayed in the site visits to demonstrate to the public on the odour measurement and effectiveness of deodourizer in removing the odour. Some photos of the site visits are shown in **Appendix Q**.

2.11.5 During the site visits, the public were invited to complete the questionnaires as shown in **Appendix R** to collect their views on the relocation project. According to the questionnaires successfully collected during the site visits, about 67% of 115 interviewees agreed that relocating the STSTW to caverns could benefit the community and enhance the environment in Sha Tin as a whole after experiencing the surrounding environment and the operation of a sewage treatment facility in caverns. The findings of the questionnaire survey are summarized in **Appendix S**.

## 2.12 Consultation of Health and Environment Committee (HEC) of Sha Tin District Council (STDC)

2.12.1 We consulted the HEC of the STDC on the findings and recommendations of the feasibility study, including the proposal to proceed with the investigation and design for the relocation project, at its meeting on 7 November 2013. The consultation paper (Chinese version only) and presentation slides (Chinese version only) for the concerned meeting are shown in **Appendixes T and U** respectively. The HEC of the STDC in general supported the proposal to proceed with the investigation and design for the relocation project.

2.12.2 The minutes of the concerned meeting of the HEC of the STDC (paragraphs 5 to 35) is appended in the link below:

[http://www.districtcouncils.gov.hk/st/doc/common/committee\\_meetings\\_doc/committee\\_meetings\\_minutes/hec\\_minutes\\_13\\_11.pdf](http://www.districtcouncils.gov.hk/st/doc/common/committee_meetings_doc/committee_meetings_minutes/hec_minutes_13_11.pdf)