

HKILA Accreditation for Arboricultural Practitioners

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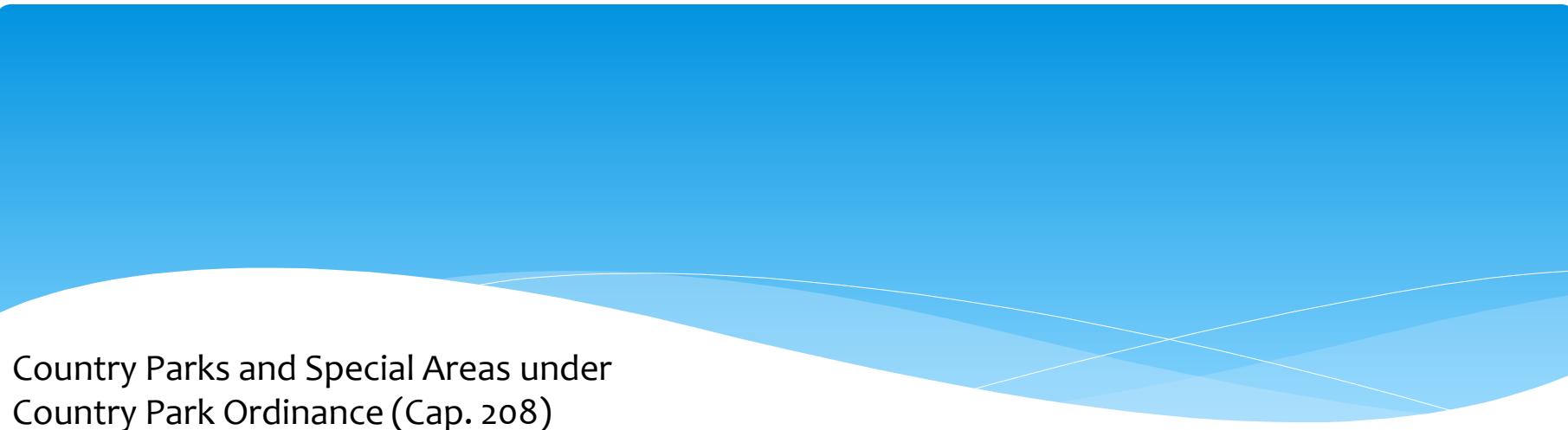
Tree protection – (ETWB TCW 3/2006)

Trees on unleased Government land are protected under Forests and Countryside Ordinance (Cap. 96)

Trees on pleasure grounds, public cemeteries and gardens of remembrance are protected under Public Health & Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132)

Crimes Ordinance (Cap. 200)

Theft Ordinance (Cap. 210)



Country Parks and Special Areas under
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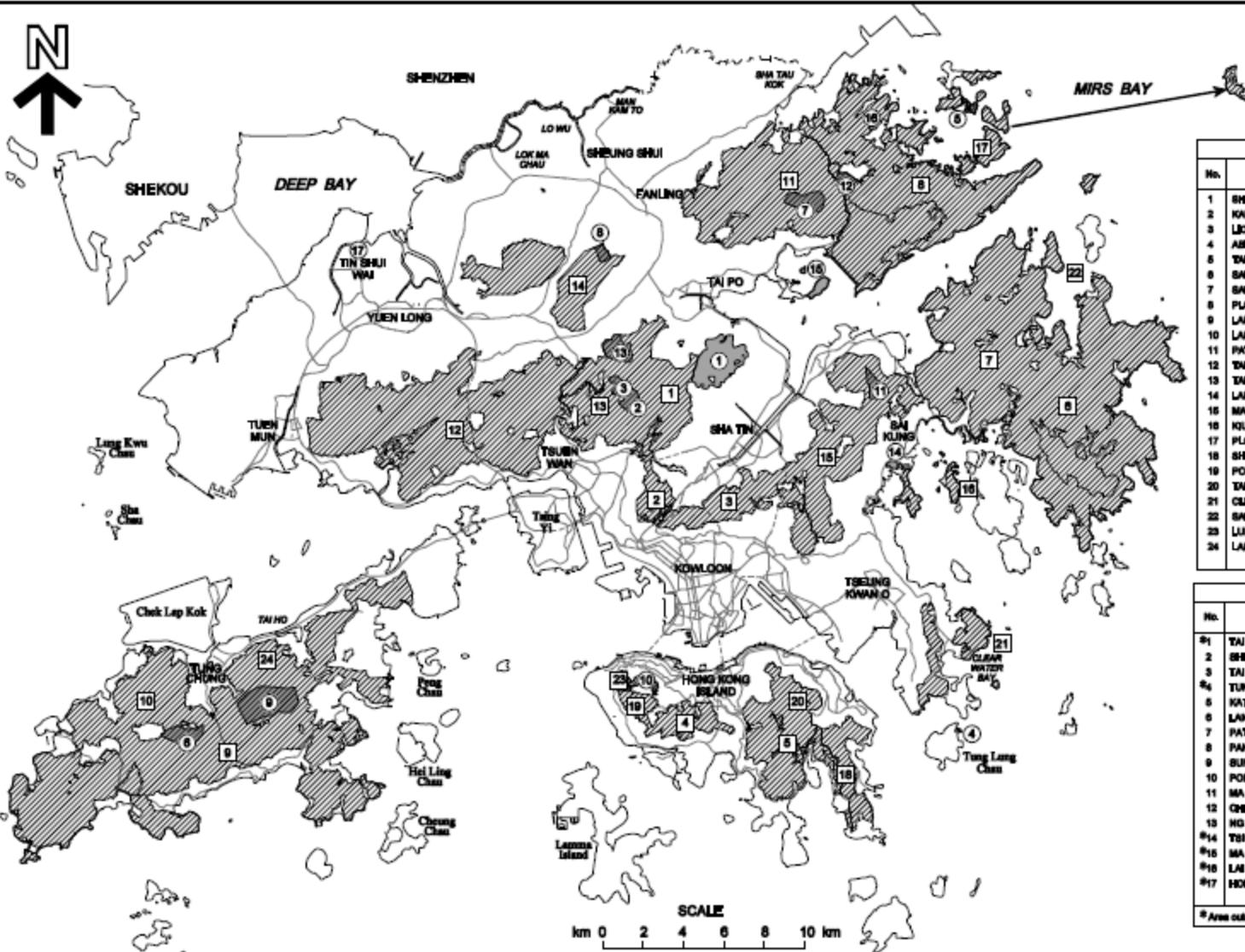
Marine Parks and Marine Reserve under
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Restricted Areas under
Wild Animals Ordinance (Cap. 170)

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Statutory and non-statutory plans

Major Conservation Zone on statutory plans –
CP/CPA/SSSI/GB/CA

Designated Projects under
Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (Cap. 499)



LEGEND

	DESIGNATED COUNTRY PARK (D.C.P.)
	SPECIAL AREA (S.A.)
	COUNTRY PARK NUMBER
	SPECIAL AREA NUMBER

DESIGNATED COUNTRY PARKS

No.	NAME	AREA (HECTARES)	DATE OF DESIGNATION
1	SHING MUN C.P.	1400	24/8/77
2	KAM SHAN C.P.	337	24/8/77
3	LEON ROCK C.P.	557	24/8/77
4	ABROBURN C.P.	423	28/10/77
5	TAI TAM C.P.	1316	28/10/77
6	SAI KUNG EAST C.P.	4477	3/3/78
7	SAI KUNG WEST C.P.	3000	3/3/78
8	POLOVER COVE C.P.	4554	7/4/78
9	LANTAU SOUTH C.P.	554	20/4/78
10	LANTAU NORTH C.P.	2200	18/8/78
11	PAT SIN LENG C.P.	3125	18/8/78
12	TAI LAM C.P.	5370	23/2/79
13	TAI MO SHAN C.P.	1440	23/2/79
14	LAM TSUEN C.P.	1620	23/2/79
15	MA ON SHAN C.P.	2850	27/4/79
16	KU TSU C.P.	100	18/7/80
17	POLOVER COVE (EXT.) C.P.	650	18/7/80
18	SEK K O C.P.	701	21/8/80
19	POK FU LAM C.P.	270	21/8/80
20	TAI TAM C.P. (QUARRY BAY EXT.)	270	21/8/80
21	CEDAR WATER BAY C.P.	615	28/8/80
22	SAI KUNG WEST (MAN TSIAN EXT.)	123	14/8/80
23	LUNG FU SHAN C.P.	47	8/12/80
24	LANTAU NORTH (EXT.)	2260	7/11/80
	TOTAL	43364	

SPECIAL AREAS

No.	NAME	AREA (HECTARES)	DATE OF DESIGNATION
#1	TAI PO KAU NATURE RESERVE	400	13/8/77
2	SHING MUN FUNG SHUI WOODLAND	6	12/8/77
3	TAI MO SHAN MONTANE SCRUB FOREST	150	12/8/77
#4	TUNG LUNG FORT	3	22/9/78
5	KATO CHAU	24	28/9/78
6	LANTAU PINE	116	4/1/80
7	PAT SIN RANGE	128	4/1/80
8	PAK TAI TO YAN	32	4/1/80
9	BUNNET PEAK	370	4/1/80
10	POK FU LAM	165	7/3/80
11	MA ON SHAN	55	7/3/80
12	CHU HENG TAN	8	7/3/80
13	NG TUNG CHAI	128	7/3/80
#14	TSU HANG	24	18/1/87
#15	MA HSU CHAU	61	9/4/88
#16	LAI CHI WO	1	15/3/95
#17	HONG KONG WETLAND PARK	61	1/1/005
	TOTAL	1762	

Area outside Country Park

Note: For the latest list of Country Parks and Special Areas, please visit website of APCD at www.apcd.gov.hk

SOURCES

AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND
CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
(COUNTRY AND MARINE PARKS AUTHORITY)

COUNTRY PARKS AND SPECIAL AREAS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PLAN REF. No. M / SP / 09 / 63	DATE 8/10	FIGURE 1
FILE REF. No. SS/C/PSSC/1001		



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Tree protection – Private Land

Government Lease (Lands Department)

Town Planning Ordinance (Planning Department)

Buildings Ordinance (Buildings Department)



Lease –
Tree Preservation Clause
(allocated Government Land & Private Land)

Tree of Particular Value

Landscape Clause/ LMP Clause

Preservation of trees

(11) No tree growing on the lot or adjacent thereto shall be removed or interfered with without the prior written consent of the Director who may, in granting consent, impose such conditions as to transplanting, compensatory landscaping or replanting as he may deem appropriate.

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Landscape Master Plan (12) (a) The Purchaser shall submit or cause to be submitted to the Director for his approval a landscape master plan indicating the landscaping proposals for the lot.

(b) The landscape master plan shall be at a scale of 1:500 and shall contain information on the landscaping proposals including a survey and treatment of existing trees, site layout and formation levels, conceptual form of building development, illustrative layout of hard and soft landscaping areas and such other information as the Director may require. No site formation works shall be commenced on the lot or any part thereof until consent, if required, has been granted under Special Condition No. (11) hereof. No superstructure works or any other works including site formation works but excluding the demolition and removal works referred to in Special Condition No. (2) hereof shall be commenced on the lot or any part thereof until the relevant submission has been approved in writing by the Director.



Town Planning Ordinance (Cap. 131)

Outline Zoning Plan
(Plan, Notes, S. of Use, ES)

Section 16 Application
(column 2 uses or development parameters)

Planning Condition –
LMP and Tree Removal Application

Legend

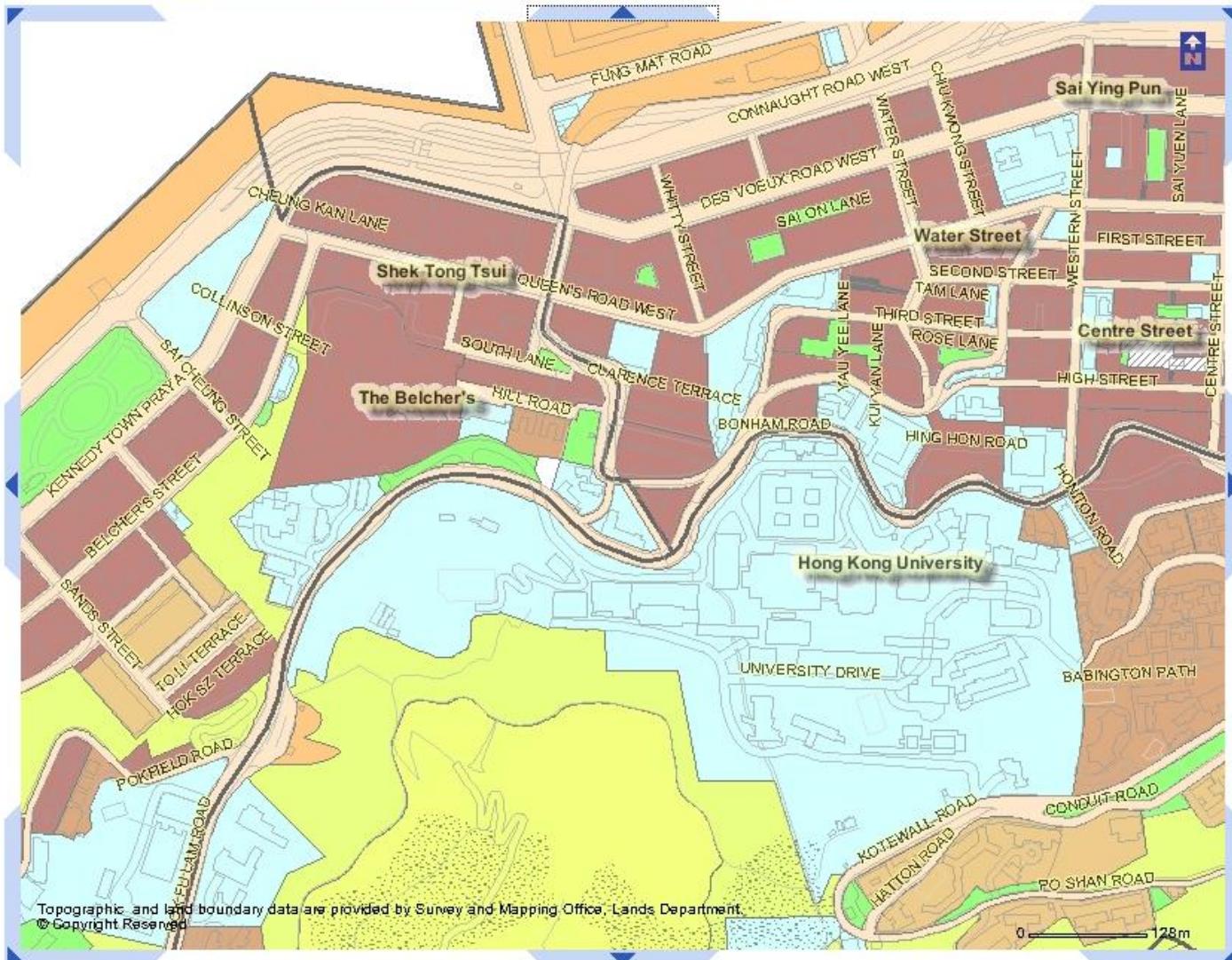


Basemap*

- Building Block
- Road
- MTR Railway
- Light Rail
- Swamp
- Agriculture

OZP Zoning

- CP Country Park
- G/IC Government / Institution / Community
- GB Green Belt
- Pedestrian Precinct / Street
- Open Space
- OU Other Specified Uses
- R(A) Residential (Group A)
- R(B) Residential (Group B)
- R(C) Residential (Group C)
- Land Development Corporation / Urban Renewal Authority Development Scheme Plan Area



Zoom In

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Zoom Out

Building Design to Foster a Quality and Sustainable Built Environment



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same situation would continue even with imposition of height restriction, reduction in plot ratio, or separation between buildings; as illustrated in figure 2. Please also see Figure 4 for details of current regulation regarding plot ratio, site coverage of non-domestic and domestic portion of a development.

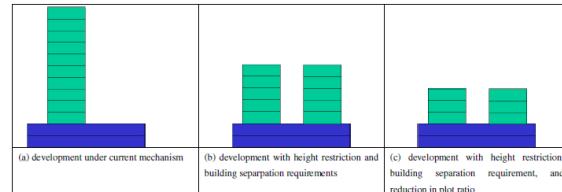


Figure 2 – Changes in development potential with height restriction, building separation, and reduction in plot ratio (notice that the non-domestic portion is not affected in all 3 cases)



Large site coverage and gigantic non-domestic portion of developments resulting in limited street vibrancy

Figure 3

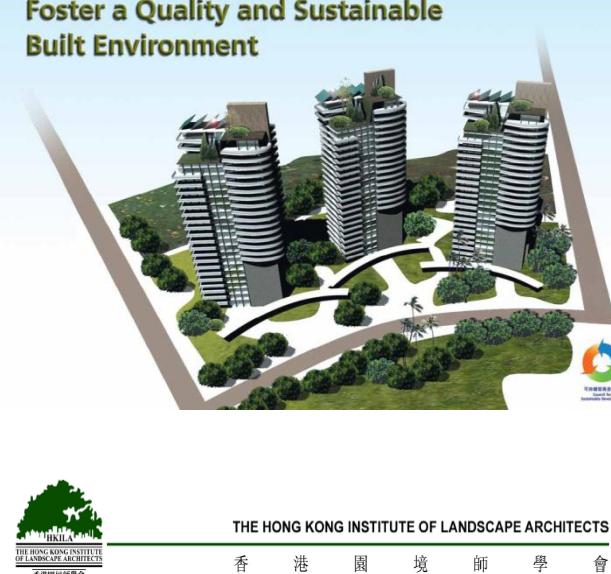
Bonus GFA for surrender of land (including setback) at ground level, as aforesaid, should be given consideration to the environment and character of the surroundings. Very often such surrender ended up having more roads or wider pavement but without any increase in greenery or amenity value on it. We therefore need to look into two things, one being the justification of the bonus GFA in terms of the surroundings (rather than the one simple formula given in section 22 of the B(P)R); and the other being the design for the dedicated area at ground level. In the long run we propose to introduce code for road design incorporating utility free planting zone at pavement and road median wide enough for bigger trees for highways (please refer to figure 6 for reference example of road at Singapore) The building setback proposal shown in figure 11 of the Document could be considered as a minimum requirement, but again, it should not be applied to all circumstances. As proposed earlier on, setback requirements and parameters such as utility free planting zone specifically to certain area or streets could be incorporated as amendment to the OZP.



Figure 4 – Sourced from Lands Department, Hong Kong Government

GFA Concession Policy

In the Document the three words, namely height, bulk and density, are frequently used together. They carry different definitions and should not be mixed up. As illustrated in Figure 1, height of developments would be reduced by imposing height restriction, but without a change in plot ratio the development would be just as dense. Rather, given the same plot ratio, taller buildings increase the space in between and therefore reduce the building footprint on plan. If plot ratio is reduced without height restriction, developments may be just as bulky because the headroom for each floor may be higher. Therefore these three terms are correlated in hybrid and could not be looked at individually.



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Response Document

Building Design to Foster a Quality and Sustainable Built Environment

Introduction

Given the population density, it is perhaps fair to say that Hong Kong has evolved naturally into a compact city and as a result we enjoy the efficiency of land-use and transportation. However, when it gets to a point where quality of life and public health are being affected, we must seek to achieve balance to our built environment to cater for the city's future development, which forms the reason for this review of current policy with the emphasis on quality and sustainability.

In the invitation for response document 2009 published by the Council for Sustainable Development (hereinafter called "the Document"), it pinpoints some of the most important issues of the current policy and provide proposals for public discussions. It focuses on the design of buildings within their own site boundary instead of a city and district planning level¹. Since our urban fabric is generally a result of the statutory framework and mechanism related to land development control, issues mentioned in the Document are important to the further development of the city as a whole.

Amongst the wide range of issues affecting our built environment, the Document focused on three areas, listed as follows², and provides hypothetical solutions for discussion:

1. Sustainable building design (building separation, setback from narrow street, and greenery)
2. Balancing provision of certain building features against the resultant increase in building height and bulk
3. Energy efficient building design

We must stress that, given the vision of fostering a quality and sustainable built environment; it needs a more comprehensive review on the current mechanism and to form an overall strategy at planning level. It is clear insufficient to focus only on the design of buildings within their own site boundary. Nevertheless the Document provides valuable information and proposals that warrants public discussion and we shall provide herewith our views and concerns in response to some of the areas raised in the document.

Buildings Ordinance

JPN No. 1 & No. 2 – Sky
Garden & Podium Garden

**PNAP APP-151 and APP-152
(Green coverage requirement)**

Site Coverage of Greenery

18. In order to improve the environmental quality of the urban space, particularly at the pedestrian level and to mitigate the heat island effect, new building developments with site areas of 1,000 m² or more, shall be provided with greenery areas¹⁰ at the pedestrian zone, communal podium roof / flat roof / main roof, slope and retaining structure, where appropriate, to meet the minimum site coverage of greenery as specified in Table 2 below.

Site Area (A)	Minimum Site Coverage of Greenery (i.e. percentage of greenery area over site area)		
	Pedestrian zone	Other locations	Total greenery areas
1,000 m ² ≤ A < 20,000 m ²	10%	no limit	20%
A ≥ 20,000 m ²	15%	no limit	30%

Table 2 Site coverage of greenery requirement



TREE ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

Agreement No: POA955,Landscape Termination 30/09/12
Landscape Termination Scheme for Approved Scheme (Application No. A80208-12)
Proposed Comprehensive Residential & Commercial Development with Government, Institutional and Community Facilities & Public Open Spaces
Location: 100-102, 104-106, 108-110, 112-114, 116-118, 120-122, 124-126, 128-130, 132-134, 136-138, 140-142, 144-146, 148-150, 152-154, 156-158, 160-162, 164-166, 168-170, 172-174, 176-178, 180-182, 184-186, 188-190, 192-194, 196-198, 200-202, 204-206, 208-210, 212-214, 216-218, 220-222, 224-226, 228-230, 232-234, 236-238, 240-242, 244-246, 248-250, 252-254, 256-258, 260-262, 264-266, 268-270, 272-274, 276-278, 280-282, 284-286, 288-290, 292-294, 296-298, 298-300, 302-304, 306-308, 310-312, 314-316, 318-320, 322-324, 326-328, 330-332, 334-336, 338-340, 342-344, 346-348, 350-352, 354-356, 358-360, 362-364, 366-368, 370-372, 374-376, 378-380, 382-384, 386-388, 390-392, 394-396, 398-400, 402-404, 406-408, 410-412, 414-416, 418-420, 422-424, 426-428, 430-432, 434-436, 438-440, 442-444, 446-448, 450-452, 454-456, 458-460, 462-464, 466-468, 470-472, 474-476, 478-480, 482-484, 486-488, 490-492, 494-496, 498-500, 502-504, 506-508, 510-512, 514-516, 518-520, 522-524, 526-528, 530-532, 534-536, 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Announcement
"HKILA Accredited List of Arboricultural Practitioners"
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The HKILA shall accredit and keep a registrar of Arboricultural Practitioners.

There is an increasing public concern on urban trees, both in terms of their improper felling, pruning or interference, and their failure resulting in damage to persons or property. While our society has the general consensus to the benefits of urban greening, proper supervision, implementation and long term maintenance by qualified staff are of vital importance to our professional works and to meet the public expectation.

Recently, we see different requirements on appointment of 'tree experts' in government contracts in taking up the supervision, reporting or endorsement of reports for tree related works. A number of different terminologies is used for such appointment, such as 'qualified arborist', 'horticulturist', 'tree specialist', 'tree works supervisor' etc. It is indeed confusing for the public (even for our fellow professionals in the construction industry) to understand and to verify whether an individual is qualified for the position they are looking for.

In view of the need from the government, the construction industry, and also the general public, the Institute is obliged to keep an accredited list of Arboricultural Practitioners, which shall be readily available to the public, and be updated annually. More importantly, the Institute anticipates better collaboration between landscape architects and arborists. A person on the accredited list is deemed to have sufficient knowledge and experience to supervise tree related works on site in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements, government standards and contractual provisions.

The Practice Committee and Public Affairs Committee of the HKILA have jointly formed an Arboricultural Practitioners Accreditation Work Group in October 2010. This work group will form the subsequent Arboricultural Practitioners Accreditation Committee to administer and implement the accreditation system, which will tentatively be in place in September 2011. With advice from the Education Committee, this Committee will also carry out yearly review on the requirements for inclusion to the accredited list as well as the renewal of the accreditation. There may be CPD requirements for the yearly renewal of accreditation. The Arboricultural Practitioners Accreditation Committee will submit to the Council for approval on its recommended inclusion to the accredited list and the annual renewal of accreditation.

Arboricultural Practitioners accredited by the HKILA will automatically be eligible to become an Affiliate Member of the institute. However it is their choice whether or not to join the institute as a member, which would not affect their inclusion to the accredited list or renewal to their accreditation status.

For a start, the HKILA shall keep the accredited list of Arboricultural Practitioners based on certification by other established institutes/ organization plus referral by professional/ fellow members of HKILA (Referral Scheme). We anticipate the Referral Scheme will operate for about a year and within this period the institute would establish its own assessment system or entrust other organizations in the assessment of the Arboricultural Practitioners to be included in the accredited list.

As HKILA members, please encourage practicing arborists meeting the requirements of the accreditation that you personally know of to apply for admission to the HKILA Accredited List of Arboricultural Practitioners. For detailed information, please refer to the application form for **Admission to the HKILA Accredited List of Arboricultural Practitioners** and the **Code of Ethics and Conduct for Arboricultural Practitioners**.

Proposed additional paragraphs to by-law:

- 4.5.5 Jointly with the Practice Committee, to assist in administering the Arboricultural Practitioners Accreditation Committee in implementing the accreditation of Arboricultural Practitioners.
- 4.7.7 Jointly with the Public Affairs Committee, to assist in administering the Arboricultural Practitioners Accreditation Committee

Proposed replacement of the existing paragraph 2.5 of the by-law by the followings

- 2.5 Arboricultural Practitioners Accreditation Fee
Application fee and annual subscription fee for Arboricultural Practitioners Accreditation shall be fixed by the Council.

The original paragraphs 2.5 of the by-law shall be re-named as 2.6.

Proposed replacement of the existing paragraphs 4.9, 4.9.1, 4.9.2 of the by-law by the followings:

- 4.9 Arboricultural Practitioners Accreditation Committee
Its Terms of Reference shall be:
 - 4.9.1 To retain and update an Accredited List of Arboricultural Practitioners
 - 4.9.2 To vet applications, and to organize and conduct assessment process as necessary, from individuals for inclusion to the accredited list based on the criteria approved by Council.
 - 4.9.3 To represent the views of the institute as well as the Arboricultural Practitioners on matters relating to the arboricultural practice to both the government and to the public

**Code of Ethics and Conduct for Arboricultural Practitioners under the
Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects Accredited List**

The object of this Code is to promote the standard of conduct and self-discipline required by Arboricultural Practitioner (ArbP) listed under the Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects (HKILA). The establishment of the Accreditation List is for the advancement of the arboricultural practice as well as the promotion of research and education therein; and the maintenance of a high standard of qualification. Members of the Accredited List shall conduct themselves in such a manner as will not prejudice these objectives.

Code of Ethics

1. An ArbP appointed shall uphold the integrity of arboricultural practice
2. An ArbP shall strive for increasing an objective knowledge of trees and of arboriculture in all their context and apply this knowledge to the benefit of society
3. An ArbP shall endeavour to promote public understanding of trees and arboriculture
4. An ArbP shall practise with due regard to sound ecological, social, economic and environmental principles to the advantage of present and future generations
5. An ArbP shall perform only those services that are within his/ her competence

1st BATCH (HKILA Member Referral Only with Application Deadline)			2nd BATCH (Open Application with Application Deadline)		
28-Oct-11	Tue	The Secretary shall email all members the Accredited Arboricultural Practitioner's application package. Deadline of the 1st batch application shall be 29/11/2011(Tue). The President and Vice-presidents shall kick off the amendment process of HKILA Bylaw.	10-Jan-12	Thu	The Secretary shall email all members the Accredited Arboricultural Practitioner's package again. The package shall also be available for downloading in HKILA web site. Deadline of the 2nd batch application shall be 28/02/2012(Tue).
8-Nov-11	Thu	The Practice Committee shall meet, review the progress, propose a change of schedule if needed, and start reviewing some applications to see if there is any potential problem.	11-Jan-12	Tue	The Public Affairs Committee shall approach or possibly meet the media and announce the accreditation system.
18-Nov-11	Fri	HKILA President shall announce the accreditation system during Annual Dinner.	17-Jan-12	Tue	The Practice Committee shall start reviewing some applications to see if there is any potential problem.
29-Nov-11	Thu	Deadline of 1st batch application.	2-Feb-12	Thu	The Practice Committee shall meet and review some of the applications.
6-Dec-11	Tue	The Practice Committee shall meet and review all of the applications.	28-Feb-12	Tue	Deadline of 2nd batch application.
13-Dec-11	Tue	The Practice Committee shall meet and consolidate a list of successful candidates for the Council's endorsement.	1-Mar-12	Thu	The Practice Committee shall meet and review remaining applications.
19-Dec-11	Mon	The HKILA By law amendment shall complete on or before this day.	15-Mar-12	Thu	The Practice Committee shall meet and consolidate a list of successful candidates to be proposed for the Council's endorsement.
20-Dec-11	Tue	The Council shall confirm and instruct the Secretary to notify all successful candidates by email, followed by post.	29-Mar-12	Thu	The Council shall confirm and instruct the Secretary to notify all successful candidates by email, followed by post.
3rd BATCH (Open Application without Application Deadline)					

Thank You

