

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question (Member Question No. 65):

Does the Administration have any plans to allocate funding for the construction of a sitting-out area at Wing Ting Road and the enhancement of a footpath in Ngai Chi Wan? If so, what are the details and the expenditures involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Pik-wan, Helena

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has landscaped about one-third of the subject site. The remaining portion of the site falls on slopes which have limited development potential.

The LCSD has considered further developing the site, but has been advised that a geotechnical assessment of the slopes would be required to ascertain the development potential of the site. An initial assessment is that significant upgrading or enhancement works would be required before the site can be developed. Given the limited development potential of the site and the significant resource implications involved, the proposal of developing the site into a public open space may not be cost effective. The LCSD would consult the Wong Tai Sin District Council further on this issue.

The public footpath abutting the subject site and the surrounding residential developments is not under the management of the LCSD and the department has no plans to carry out works there.