

Landscape and Visual Mitigation

1. Proposals for landscaping along the San Tin Eastern MDC alignment should aim to enhance a good screening between the channel and the San Sham Road to reduce impact of this road and also in turn reduce impact of the channel to the road. This should also relate to the proposed constructed wetland, which is proposed to be situated between the channel and the boundary crossing road and the proposed screening associated with the Lok Ma Chau Boundary Crossing project. Tree Preservation should be fully considered in the design process of the San Tin Eastern MDC.
2. On the other side of the channel (western embankment and beyond) the objective should be to integrate the channel with the landscape. Random planting of trees in groups or individually should occur along the embankment edge for example. Again this type of planting should also relate to the constructed wetland proposals.
3. Species selected should use those already found within the area, however this may be varied to improve screening or ecological value.
4. The pumping station should have a design that relates to the other building structures in the local area, with similar finishing colours.
5. Grasscrete lining has been adopted for the majority of the channel interior for ecological mitigation, which will also reduce potential visual impact by providing a more natural surface than concrete.
6. Considerations should be given to undertake landscaping works early in the construction phase. Suitable excavated soils such as pond sediments are to be reused on site for landscape works.

