

ascertain whether the findings of this EIA study have adequately addressed the environmental impacts of those projects; and, where necessary, to identify the outstanding issues that need to be addressed in any further detailed EIA study; and

(xiii) to design and specify environmental monitoring and audit requirements, if necessary, to ensure the implementation and the effectiveness of the environmental protection and pollution control measures adopted.

1.4 Findings of Environmental Study under SEKDFS

1.4.1 The Feasibility Study for South East Kowloon Development (SEKDFS) was commissioned by the Territory Development Department under Agreement No. CE 69/94 in September 1995. As part of the SEKDFS, an EIA was carried out. The Final EIA Report was completed in November 1998 and was administratively endorsed by the Environmental Study Management Group of the SEKDFS.

1.4.2 However, the gazettal of the draft Outline Zoning Plans (OZPs) for the proposed SEKD in September 1998 attracted a large number of public objection and concerns. As a result of a series of public consultations conducted since the draft OZP gazettal, a revised scheme of SEKD has been prepared to incorporate the main views expressed by the public. To avoid giving the public a wrong impression that the Administration will proceed with a SEKD scheme which has received such a large number of public objections and concerns, the application for approval of the SEKDFS Final EIA Report under the EIA Ordinance was withdrawn on 17 March 1999 before public inspection of the report. The SEKDFS Final EIA Report is therefore not in the EIAO Register.

1.5 Purpose of this Report

1.5.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an environmental impact assessment to demonstrate that there is no insurmountable environmental problem associated with the SEKD. Environmental aspects considered in this report include:

- air quality impact;
- noise impact;
- water quality impact;
- sediment contamination;
- sewerage and sewage treatment implications;
- waste management implications;
- land contamination impact;
- hazard to life;
- ecological impact;
- fisheries impact;
- heritage impact; and
- landscape and visual impact.

1.5.2 This project has no impact on agriculture and hence agricultural impact is not assessed in this EIA Report.

1.5.3 The approach in carrying out this EIA followed the criteria and guidelines stated in the *Technical Memorandum on Environmental Impact Assessment Process* together with the EIA Study Brief and other relevant legislation, policies, and guidelines.

1.5.4 With reference to EIA Study Brief No. ESB-039/1999 issued by EPD for the Comprehensive Feasibility Study for the Revised Scheme of South East Kowloon Development, this project falls within Item 1 in Schedule 3 of the EIAO and is a major designated project (DP) requiring an environmental impact assessment (EIA) report to be approved under the EIAO (S.1.5).