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Baseline Review (Please refer to separate volume)

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A11-1. LANDSCAPE AND VISUAL BASELINE REVIEW

A11-1.1 Landscape Baseline Review

A11-1.1.1 Landscape Study Area

The limit of the landscape impact study is 100m from the works limit of the Project.

A11-1.1.2 Physical, Human and Cultural Landscape Resources

The baseline landscape resources are described below and mapped in Figure A11-1-1. Photo views illustrating the landscape and visual characteristics are illustrated in Figures A11-1-2 to A1-1-12 inclusive. Aerial photographs annotated to indicate the extent of the works are provided in Figures A11-1-13 to A11-1-15 inclusive. The predicted impacts on the resources are described and tabulated (Table 11-4) in chapter 11 of the EIA.

A detailed tree survey has been undertaken within the proposed scheme gazettal boundary. A copy of the survey is provided in Appendix 11-2. The findings from the tree survey augment the findings of the review of the landscape resources presented in this baseline review. The findings of the Tree Survey also assist in the quantification of impacts on existing trees, as described in chapter 11 of the EIA. The Tree Survey has identified which existing trees are considered to be of high amenity value, according to normally accepted criteria, which are described in the Tree Survey methodology.

It should be noted that proposed Temporary Works Area in Shek Mun is located in the existing KCRC Railway System (RS) Works Area. There are no landscape resources in the Works Area, which is therefore not included in the Figures indicating landscape resources.

LR1: Public Open Space at Signal Hill.

Signal Hill forms a valuable open space resource, located on an elevated area of land to the north of Salisbury Road. The area of the Signal Hill open space is approximately 15,000m². The open space contains many mature trees, footpaths and associated seating areas. The central focus for the park is the Signal Tower, located near the highest point. Signal Hill open space has a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR2: Trees at Signal Hill.

The open space contains approximately 200 mature trees, which form one of the key resources of the area, including specimens of Ficus microcarpa, Cinnamomum camphora and Celtis sinensis. They have a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR3: Topography at Signal Hill.

Signal Hill forms a significant elevated area with panoramic views to the TST waterfront and across Victoria Harbour to Hong Kong Island. A large old retaining wall has been reconstructed on the south side of the Hill, as part of the development of East TST Station under KCRC's East Rail Extensions project. The hill is one of the few remaining visible natural topographical elements in TST and as such has a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR4: Proposed Middle Road Children's Playground.

The former Middle Road Children's Playground is presently being used as a works/ site area for the KCRC East Rail Extension project. The Playground was originally located at ground level, at the same grade as the adjacent Salisbury Road. The Playground will be reinstated above the East TST Station currently under construction, upon a raised podium landscape deck. It will contain extensive tree and shrub planting, with approximately 280 trees, including specimens of Ficus rumphii, Crataeva religiosa and Cinnamomum camphora. In addition, it will also incorporate the existing retained Champion Tree No.251 (Ficus virens) at ground

level, together with approximately 36 proposed semi-mature trees. It will have a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR5: Landscape Areas at the New World Renaissance Hotel & Hotel Intercontinental HK. The area is a combination of hard paved areas, water features, seating combined with tree and shrub planting and has a high landscape value and sensitivity to change. There are

approximately 13 trees (including specimens of Archontophoenix alexandrae, Plumeria rubra and Bauhinia Blakeana), within this landscape resource.

LR6: Public Landscape Areas of the HKCC / HKSM / Hong Kong Museum of Art Complex.

The external area of the above complex is predominantly hard landscaped with a combination of paving, pools and sculpture. The paving provides pedestrian circulation around the developments and access to the dual level promenade with panoramic views across to the Victoria Harbour. Soft landscape occurs in the form of planters and trees located within the hard paved areas and are discussed in more detail below. The public landscape area has a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR7: Trees within the HKCC / HKSM / Hong Kong Museum of Art complex.

Mature tree planting is located within the hard paved areas of the open space. There are approximately 90 Palm trees planted in the area together with approximately 75 broad-leaved species including Callistemon viminalis, Araucaria heterophylla, Cassia surattensis and Ficus microcarpa. They form an important resource within the locality. They have a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR8: Trees/ Planting along Salisbury Road.

Trees are located intermittently along the southern edge of Salisbury Road within the pedestrian pavement. The quality of the trees is variable ranging from the 19 trees of low/ medium landscape value immediately to the south of the HKCC, to the 8 trees of medium/ high landscape value located between the HKCC and HKSM. These include specimens of Ficus microcarpa and Bauhinia blakeana. There is a large mature tree located immediately to the west of the HKCC of high landscape value. The trees will exhibit a medium sensitivity to change.

To the north of Salisbury Road, ornamental shrub planting is an integral part of the frontage to the Peninsular Hotel, combined with a water feature located in front of the main entrance. It has a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR9: Public Open Space Corner Peking Road/ Kowloon Park Drive

This Open Space is located to the southern side of the subway that is located to the south of the junction of Peking Road and Kowloon Park Drive. The space is a small seating area consisting of concrete benches within a hard paved central area, and ornamental planting within low beds around the perimeter. The approximate area of the space is 60m^2 . It has a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR10: Champion Tree at Corner Peking Road/ Kowloon Park Drive

A large mature Ficus microcarpa (LCSD Champion Tree 255) is located within a raised planter with retaining walls to three sides. The base of the tree is 2 to 3m above the existing grade of the footpath, which suggests that it was retained when the area was developed previously changing the surrounding ground levels. It has a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR11: Public Open Space within Kowloon Park Drive Sitting Out Area

This existing rest/ sitting out area is located to the south of the re-provisioned temporary market facilities on Haiphong Road and the elevated Kowloon Park Drive to the west. It incorporates tree and shrub planting, hard paved areas and footpaths and a shade structure. The approximate area of the space is 600m^2 . It has a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR12: Trees within Kowloon Park Drive Sitting Out Area

There are 5 number of semi-mature/ mature trees located within the open space, including species of *Morus alba*, *Aleurites moluccana*, *Celtis sinensis* and *Callistemon viminalis*. They are of average condition and have a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR13: Trees at FMPHO

The site is heavily vegetated with approximately 214 mature tree specimens, which give the site a unique character. The tree species include mature specimens of *Cinnamomum camphora*, *Bombax malibaricum*, *Aleurites moluccana*, *Pinus massoniana* and *Ficus microcarpa*. They have a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR14: Topography at FMPHQ

The strategic location at the junction of Salisbury Road, Kowloon Park Drive and Canton Road and the elevated platform upon which it is constructed, together combine to give the FMPHQ site an imposing presence in the area. The site has steep, granite retained slopes to three sides which further strengthens the visual dominance of the site within its context. The platform is one of few natural topographical features in TST and as such has a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR15: Trees along Hankow Road

Trees occur within the public footpath along the eastern side of the road. There are 30 semi-mature *Cinnamomum burmanii* trees located within cast iron tree grilles and guards. They have a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR16: Trees along Canton Road (From Salisbury Road to Kowloon Park Drive)

Trees occur within the public footpath along the eastern side of the road. There are 12 semi-mature *Cinnamomum camphora* trees located within cast iron tree grilles and guards. At the junction with Kowloon Park Drive there are 9 mature trees located within a planting bed on the opposite side from the Gateway 1 Development. These include specimens of *Aleurites moluccana* and *Bombax ceiba*. They have a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR17: Public Open Space at Kowloon Park

Kowloon Park is the major regional open space in the TST / Kowloon area. It has an integrated footpath network that links a number of public facilities including swimming pool, cafes and aviary. The total area of the Park is approximately 170,000m². It has a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR18: Trees at Kowloon Park

Kowloon Park has approximately 2,500 mature trees, which form an important and unique resource within the area. The trees have a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR19: Topography at Kowloon Park

Kowloon Park is located on an area of elevated topography which gives the park a distinct character, as the area surrounding the park is predominantly lower-lying. The elevated topography has a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR20: Public Open Space at KPDCP

KPDCP is a local open space providing play facilities for children, sitting out areas with shade structures and a simple footpath network for the users. The park has two entrances, one located to the south, on Haiphong Road, and one to the north. The approximate area of the space is $6,000\text{m}^2$. It has a high landscape value and sensitivity to change

LR21: Trees at KPDCP

This open space has approximately 100 mature trees located within the park including *Celtis sinensis*, *Ficus microcarpa*, *Caryota ochlandra* and several specimens of the protected species *Ailanthus fordii*. (There are 3 Champion trees located along the southern boundary of the space, but these are dealt with separately under LR23, as they are part of the avenue of the same species which occur along the length of Haiphong Road). The existing mature trees within the Playground have a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR22: Topography at KPDCP

The KPDCP forms part of an elevated area of land to the north of Haiphong Road, which also includes Kowloon Park itself. This platform is bounded by man-made slopes. Since there are no natural slope features associated with this topographical element it is considered to have a low landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR23: Champion Trees along Haiphong Road

The 14 mature Champion trees form a unique avenue along the northern edge of Haiphong Road. 3 Champion Trees are located within KPDCP including 2 Cinnamomum camphora and 1 Celtis sinensis. 11 Cinnamomum camphora located within Kowloon Park to the east. The trees are located within a raised planting zone, retained by a granite wall, which is located to the back edge of the Haiphong Road public footpath (refer to landscape resource LR 24 below). They are mature, of similar age and quality, and provide a beautiful continuous canopy that stretches over the entire road. Although located within the two adjacent parks, they are best appreciated from Haiphong Road, from where their avenue effect is unrivalled in urban Hong Kong. They have a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR24: Old Granite Retaining Wall to northern edge of Haiphong Road.

The granite wall that retains the planting zone for the Champion trees mentioned above is an important element within the landscape. It forms a continuous boundary to the southern edge of the Kowloon Park and KPDCP, interrupted only by points of access to those two open spaces. The extent, material, texture and detailing of the wall, provides a quality which strengthens the sense of unity to this boundary, which is dominated by avenue of Champion Trees located at the higher level (LR23). It has a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR25: Trees along Canton Road (From China Hong Kong City to Austin Road)

Mature trees are located on both the west and the east sides of Canton Road. On the west side there are approximately 24 mature trees to the north of the Fire Station of poor to average quality including species of *Aleurites moluccana*, *Melia azedarach* and *Ficus elastica*. On the eastern side there are 34 mature trees of medium to good quality, located within and adjacent to the public footpath, including species of *Aleurites moluccana*, *Alstonia scholaris*, and *Ficus microcarpa*. They have a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR26: Existing Trees at WKCD Development Area north of Canton Road Fire Station.

There are approximately 13 mature trees of average to good quality, predominantly located at the southern and eastern boundary of the site. They include specimens of *Celtis sinensis*, *Litsea glutinosa* and *Mangifera indica*. The trees have a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR27: Not used.

LR28: Public Open Space King George V Park (Jordan Road/Canton Road junction)

The Park forms an important local open space with a mature landscape setting. The approximate area of the space is 15,000m². The park has several key entrances, designed as

gateways, located within an intermittent perimeter wall. It has a footpath network, with hard paved areas and shade structures. There is also a hard paved football pitch and basketball court for active recreation. It has a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR29: Trees at King George V Park (Jordan Road/Canton Road junction)

Mature trees form an important resource within the park and also contribute to the landscape setting of Canton Road. There are approximately 200 mature trees within this open space including specimens of *Aleurites moluccana*, *Bauhinia sp.* and *Macaranga tanarius*. They have a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR30: Trees along Canton Road (From Austin Road to Jordan Road)

Mature trees are located within the public pavement to the eastern side of Canton Road adjacent to the King George V Park and within the median strip of Canton Road. There are 18 trees within the pavement adjacent to the park and 13 within the median strip, including specimens of *Bombax ceiba*, *Aleurites moluccana* and *Melaleuca quinquenervia*. They have a medium landscape value and high sensitivity to change.

LR31: Trees along Wui Cheng Road.

Wui Cheng Road is predominantly planted with young/ semi-mature street trees located within the newly paved public footpath to the north and south, the central median strip and within the site boundary of the City Golf Club to the north. There are approximately 42 trees along this section of road including specimens of Archontophoenix alexandrae, Cassia fistula and Crataeva sp. They are of medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR32: Trees/ Planting at Bus Station on Wui Cheng Road.

The landscape to the west of the Bus Station forms a slight buffer to the existing City Golf Club. It is formed by 5 mature and approximately 50 young/ semi-mature trees, including specimens of Cassia fistula, Lagerstroemia speciosa and Melaleuca quinquenervia, combined with mature shrub planting. In addition, there is some tree planting to the southern boundary of the bus station, including specimens of Ailanthus fordii, Celtis sinensis and Ficus microcarpa. They have a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR33: Trees along Jordan Road

There has been a major tree planting initiative along Jordan Road where approximately 114 semi-mature trees are located within cast iron grilles/guards within the public footpath. Their layout varies according to footpath width. To the northern side they form a double and in places triple row along the wide footpath. To the southern side they form a single and in place a double row where there is sufficient space. The tree planting includes specimens of *Archontophoenix alexandrae*, *Crataeva sp.* and *Delonix regia*. They have a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR34: (Not used).

LR35: Existing Trees at the Planned Local Open Space at Man Wui Street

There is some existing vegetation to the southern boundary and eastern boundary in the form of approximately 42 semi-mature/ mature trees, including a large number of specimens of *Leucaena leucocephala* as well as *Cassia siamea*. These are not located within the part of the site currently being used as a contractor compound. The trees have a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR36: Planned Local Open Space at Man Wui Street

The planned open space at Man Wui Street is presently undeveloped and part of the site is currently being used as a contractors compound. The development programme for the open space is as yet undetermined. After development it is considered that it would have a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR37: Amenity area at Man Cheong Street

The existing amenity area at Man Cheong Street is used for informal recreation with seating provided within hard landscaped areas with approximately 11 mature trees, including specimens of *Macaranga tanarius*, *Erythrina variegata* and *Cerbera manghas*. In addition there are 11 trees at the south west corner of the Man Cheong Estate, on both Man Cheong Street with Man Wui Street, including specimens of *Ficus virens*, *Ficus microcarpa* and *Melia azedarach*. The area has a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR38: Trees/ Vegetation at the Planned Local Open Space at Man Cheong Street

The planned open space at Man Cheong Street is presently undeveloped. It is predominantly grassland with 10 mature trees. There are approximately 50 young trees along the southern boundary with Jordan Road. The proposed programme for the site is as yet undetermined. The vegetation has a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR39: Planned Local Open Space at Man Cheong Street

The planned open space at Man Cheong Street is presently undeveloped. The proposed programme for the site is as yet undetermined. After development it is considered that it would have a high landscape quality and sensitivity to change.

LR40: Trees/ Vegetation at the Planned District Open Space west of Man Cheong Street

The planned open space west of Man Cheong Street is presently undeveloped and its current status is predominantly grassland, with a few existing trees. The development programme for the site is as yet undetermined. There are approximately 10 existing young/ semi-mature trees on the site (*Leucaena leucocephala*), with 5 located at the southern boundary and 5 located to the northern end of the site. The vegetation has a low landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR41: Planned District Open Space west of Man Cheong Street

The planned open space west of Man Cheong Street is presently undeveloped. The development programme for the site is as yet undetermined. After development it is considered that it would have a high landscape quality and sensitivity to change.

LR42: Trees/ Vegetation at Central Reservation of West Kowloon Expressway

There is a broad central median strip within the West Kowloon Expressway to the north of the footbridge on Jordan Road. It is approximately 40m wide and 150-200m long. There are 5 young palm trees with shrub and grassland within the area. The vegetation has a low landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR43: Nam Cheong Park Temporary Public Open Space

The temporary open space is located to the west of the existing Tung Chau Street Park and to the east of the West Kowloon Highway/ MTR Airport Express and Tung Chung Line. It is constructed on two levels, the upper level to the west connecting to the footbridge that crosses the above mentioned transport infrastructure. A ramped footpath connects the upper and lower levels of the park. The raised level, and a portion of the lower level, of the park have been annexed for construction of the West Rail project. This is in the process of being reinstated for return to public use. It has a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR44: Trees within the Nam Cheong Park Temporary Public Open Space.

There are approximately 100 semi-mature/ mature trees and 400 recently planted semi-mature trees within the park, including specimens of *Pongamia pinnata*, *Syzygium cumini* and *Acacia confusa*. They have a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR45: Vegetation along West Kowloon Highway corridor

The vegetation along with the West Kowloon Highway corridor generally comprises of rough grassland, with recent tree and shrub planting. The main areas are the tree planting associated

with the slip roads of the Yau Ma Tei interchange of the West Kowloon Highway and along the main roads that are located to the east of the Highway itself, most notably Lai Cheung and Sham Mong Roads. Approximately 1,000 trees are located within these areas including specimens of *Ficus microcarpa*, *Leucaena leucadendron* and *Acacia confusa*. It has a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR46: Topsoil in all planted areas.

The topsoil in all the above mentioned landscape areas constitutes a resource of low landscape value and sensitivity that will be conserved and re-used as appropriate.

LR47: Trees along Kowloon Park Drive (From Haiphong Road to Canton Road)

Approximately 13 trees are located to eastern side of the elevated section of the Kowloon Park Drive, with 26 trees located within the central median strip. These include specimens of Alstonia scholaris, Roystonia regia and Archontophoenix alexandrae. The trees have a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR48: Trees in Canton Road Playground

Several mature trees are located within this small playground, including 2 specimens of *Cassia surattensis* as well as 4 specimens the protected species *Ailanthus fordii*. They have a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change

LR49: Public Open Space at Canton Road Playground

Canton Road Playground is a local open space providing play facilities for children, sitting out areas with shade structures and a footpath link to Kowloon Park. It has a high landscape value and sensitivity to change

LR50: Trees along Lin Cheung Road

There are approximately 20 recently planted semi-mature trees in this locality including specimens of *Ficus benjamina*, *Grevillea robusta* and *Roystonia regia*. They have a low landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR51: Trees along Austin Road West

There are approximately 90 recently planted semi-mature trees along the roadside and in the central divider, including specimens of *Archontophoenix alexandrae*, *Ficus microcarpa*, and *Khaya spp*. They have a low landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR52: Temporary Landscape at Kowloon Point

The vacant land awaiting development at Kowloon Point has been given temporary landscape treatment consisting of extensive tree and shrub planting and grass areas. The area currently has a low landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR53: Landscape Forecourt of Olympian City 2 Development

This is a large open paved area, with outdoor seating and dining, bordered by wide planters containing tree, shrub and ground cover planting, and with numerous large palm trees in small planters dotted throughout the paved areas. Tree species include *Elaeis guinensis*, *Syzygium spp.* and *Cassia spp.* The resource has high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LR54: Public Open Space at Corner of Canton Road and Kowloon Park Drive

This is a small area (approximately 300sq.m.) of public open space, containing planters and seating. There are approximately 12 mature and semi-mature trees, (all common species). The resource is considered to have a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

A11-1.1.3 Landscape and Visual Character Areas

Thirty-one landscape and visual character areas have been identified within the study area. These are described briefly below and mapped in **Figures A11-1-16 and A11-1-17**. The predicted impacts on the resources are described and tabulated (Table 11-4) in chapter 11 of the EIA.

LCA1: Middle Road Children's Playground Character Area.

The Middle Road Children's Playground Character Area is currently subject to on-going construction works for a project that will incorporate the new East TST KCRC Station at ground/ concourse level, with the Playground being re-instated at first floor Podium Level. When the works are complete the area will be defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

Ground Level:-

Existing Champion Tree (No. 251, Ficus Virens) retained within a landscaped entrance plaza area.

- Water features
- Semi-mature tree planting

Podium Level:-

- Children's Playground
- Semi-mature tree planting
- Shelters with seating provision
- Footpath network

After development, it is envisaged that the area would have a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LCA2: Salisbury Road Character Area

The Salisbury Road Character Area is defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

- Wide streetscape forming key east-west road infrastructure route in southern Kowloon.
- Landmark Hotels and other key tourist accommodation centres (i.e. Peninsular Hotel/YMCA)
- Key linkages/ crossing points between the more dense commercial/ office areas to the north and the TST waterfront to the south.

It has a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LCA3: TST Waterfront Character Area.

The TST Waterfront Character Area is defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

- Waterfront setting to Victoria Harbour with panoramic views to HK Island.
- Promenade and public open space.
- Leisure and cultural facilities (Hotels/ Museums/Restaurants)
- Ferry piers.
- Docking facilities for cruise liners.

It has a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LCA4: Nathan Road Character Area.

The Nathan Road Character Area is defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

- Major arterial street
- Dense development of medium to high-rise buildings to both sides of street.
- Mixed Use with prime importance to tourism (ie. Retail, leisure, food outlets, office, residential, hotels)
- Some upgraded streetscapes.

It has a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LCA5: Former Marine Police Headquarters Character Area.

The Former Marine Police Headquarters Character Area is defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

- Elevated platform
- Densely wooded perimeter slopes
- Granite retaining walls to site perimeter
- Historic and cultural importance of the Former Marine Police Headquarters building

It has a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LCA6: Middle Road Character Area.

The Middle Road Character Area is defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

- Linear Street
- Leisure and cultural facilities (Hotels/ Restaurants)

It has a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LCA7: Peking Road Character Area.

The Peking Road Character Area is defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

- Linear Street
- Leisure and cultural facilities (Hotels/ Restaurants)

It has a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LCA8: Kowloon Park Drive Character Area

The Kowloon Park Drive Character Area is defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

- Key infrastructure road linking southern Kowloon/ Tsim Sha Tsui to west Kowloon.
 At grade to southern section, with elevated section over Haiphong Road, before returning to grade at northern junction with Canton Road.
- Some streetscape improvements with regard to roadside planting

It has a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LCA9: Hankow/ Lock/ Ashley Road Character Area.

The Hankow/ Lock/ Ashley Road Character Area is defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

- Small scale, narrow and inter-linked streetscape
- Important retail area within tourist district
- Streetscape improvements including roadside tree planting

It has a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LCA10: Haiphong Road Temporary Market/ Temple Character Area

- Low-key covered market area with predominantly food stalls and florists
- Existing Temple with ornate entrance gate adjacent to Haiphong Road
- Access via small entrances from Haiphong Road and from the adjacent Public Open Space at the corner of Kowloon Park Drive Road and Peking Road

It has a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LCA11: Lippo Sun Plaza Commercial Character Area

The Lippo Sun Plaza Commercial Character Area is defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

- Large scale shopping malls
- Retail and leisure facilities i.e. restaurants
- Office space to upper levels of development

It has a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LCA12: Haiphong Road Character Area.

The Haiphong Road Character Area is defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

- Imposing avenue of 14 Champion Trees to the northern side of the road, located within Kowloon Park and Kowloon Park Drive Children's Playground.
- Existing granite retaining wall to northern side.
- Small retail outlets and temporary market to the southern side.
- Existing temple located adjacent to the temporary market

It has a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LCA13: Kowloon Park Character Area.

The Kowloon Park Character Area is defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

- Area for public recreation of regional importance
- Predominantly open space with footpath network
- Buildings/ facilities for leisure activities
- Mature trees (including 3 Champion Trees adjacent to Haiphong Road referred to separately in LCA12 and LR23)

It has a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LCA14: KPDCP Character Area.

The Kowloon Park Children's Playground/ Kowloon Park Character Area is defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

- Area for public recreation and quiet 'refuge' space
- Elevated location
- Children's Play facilities
- Seating and shelter provision
- Mature trees (including 3 Champion Trees adjacent to Haiphong Road referred to separately in LCA12 and LR23; also several specimens of Ailanthus fordii protected under the Forestry Ordinance referred to under LR21)

It has a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LCA15: Canton Road (Southern section) Character Area.

The Canton Road (Southern section) Character Area is defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

- Linear narrow street of prime importance to tourism
- Dense development of medium to high-rise buildings to both sides of street.
- Mixed Use (ie. Retail, leisure, food outlets, office, residential, hotels)
- Some upgraded streetscapes.

It has a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LCA16: Harbour City/Ferry/ Business Character Area.

The Harbour City/ Ferry / Business Character Area is defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

- Narrow linear waterfront.
- Ferry piers and immigration office.
- Hotels and office developments.
- Retail and food outlets

It has a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LCA17: Canton Road (Northern section) Character Area.

The Canton Road (Northern section) Character Area is defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

- Wide street important for road access to south Kowloon
- High-rise development to eastern side of street, with decreasing development to western side from south to north
- Building uses are predominantly related to residential, office and public service provision i.e. Fire Station Building and Local Government Offices.

It has a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LCA18: Victoria Towers Character Area.

The Victoria Towers Character Area is defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

- Modern high-rise built development.
- Predominantly residential with associated community facilities (ie. shops)
- Medium to high density of built development.

It has a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LCA19: West Kowloon Reclamation Character Area.

The West Kowloon Reclamation Character Area is defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

- Recent land reclamation
- Presently undeveloped sites
- Some temporary landscape treatment in the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD)

It currently has a low landscape value and sensitivity to change, but this will change to high value and sensitivity with the development of the WKCD.

LCA20: Wui Cheng Road Character Area.

The Wui Cheng Road Character Area is defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

- Key infrastructure road
- Improved streetscape with tree planting, shrub planting and seating provision

It has a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LCA21: City Golf Club Character Area

The City Golf Club Character Area is defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

- Key future development site
- Existing temporary use as a golf driving range

It has a low landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LCA22: MTRC Development/ Residential Character Area.

The MTRC Development/ Residential Character Area is defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

- Modern high-rise built development.
- Predominantly residential with associated community facilities (ie. shops)
- Integrated MTRC station
- High density of built development.

It has a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LCA23: Lin Cheng/ Austin Road West/ Jordan Road (West) Character Area.

The Lin Cheng/ Austin Road West/ Jordan Road (West) Road Character Area is defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

- Key infrastructure road within reclamation area
- Improved streetscape with tree planting, shrub planting and seating provision

It has a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LCA24: Jordan Road Character Area.

The Jordan Road Character Area is defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

- Key infrastructure road within reclamation area
- Improved streetscape with tree planting, shrub planting and seating provision

It has a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LCA25: Man Wui Street Residential Character Area.

The Man Wui Street Residential Character Area is defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

- Modern medium-rise built development.
- Predominantly residential with associated community facilities (ie. shops, car parking, amenity areas)
- High density of built development.

It has a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LCA26: Lai Cheung/ Sham Mong Road Character Area.

Lai Cheung/ Sham Mong Road Character Area is defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

- Secondary road linkage, within West Kowloon, from north to south.
- Predominantly residential area with associated community facilities (ie. shops, car parking, amenity areas)
- Low density of built development.
- Some roadside/ streetscape improvements with associated tree/ shrub planting

It has a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LCA27: Charming Garden High Rise Residential Character Area.

The Charming Garden High Rise Residential Character Area is defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

- Modern high-rise built development.
- Predominantly residential with associated community facilities (ie. shops, schools, sports/recreation areas)
- Medium to high density of built development.

It has a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LCA28: West Kowloon Highway Character Area.

The West Kowloon Highway Character Area is defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

- Major highway forming key road link to West Kowloon reclamation area.
- Adjacent MTRC Tung Chung and Airport Express Lines at surface
- Junction/ interchange to southern end.
- Some roadside planting, including tree, shrub and grassland areas.

It has a low landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LCA29: Olympian City High Rise Residential/ Commercial Character Area.

The Olympian City High Rise Residential/ Commercial Character Zone is defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

- Modern high-rise built development.
- Residential with associated community facilities (ie. Shops, schools, sports/ recreation areas)
- Commercial/ Retail development within lower rise buildings, linked to transport network/ MTRC station
- Medium to high density of built development.

It has a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LCA30: Nam Cheong Park Character Area.

The Nam Cheong Park Character Area is defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

- Area for public recreation
- Predominantly open space with footpath network
- Mature trees and recently planted trees

It has a high landscape value and sensitivity to change.

LCA31: Shek Mun Character Area.

The Shek Mun Character Area is defined by the following key elements and characteristics:

- Trained river channel feeding into Shing Mun River
- KCRC Temporary Works Area along north-eastern riverbank
- Public open space with active and passive recreation along south-western riverbank
- Surrounding building development of mixed land use Residential, Commercial, GIC and Industrial

It has a medium landscape value and sensitivity to change.

A11-1.2 Visual Baseline Review

A11-1.2.1 Visual Study Boundary

The limits of the visual impact study are the Zones of Visual Influence (ZVIs) of KSL during the construction and operational phases. The ZVI will vary between the construction and operational phases of the project.

A11-1.2.2 Construction Phase Zone of Visual Influence (ZVI)

The construction phase ZVI and extent of works for the proposed scheme are mapped in Figures A11-2-1 and A11-2-2.

Because the construction works will generally be located within a densely built up urban area, the construction phase ZVI is generally defined by the existing buildings that border the alignment. In the southern portion of the alignment, the ZVI is generally contained by the commercial and GIC buildings along Salisbury Road and Canton Road. North of the Canton Road Fire Station, the ZVI

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widens in a westerly direction to encompass the MTRC Kowloon Station development. From here northwards, the cut and cover construction, temporary works areas and stockpile areas will be visible from a number of residential developments, both old and new, that are located along either side of the West Kowloon transport corridor.

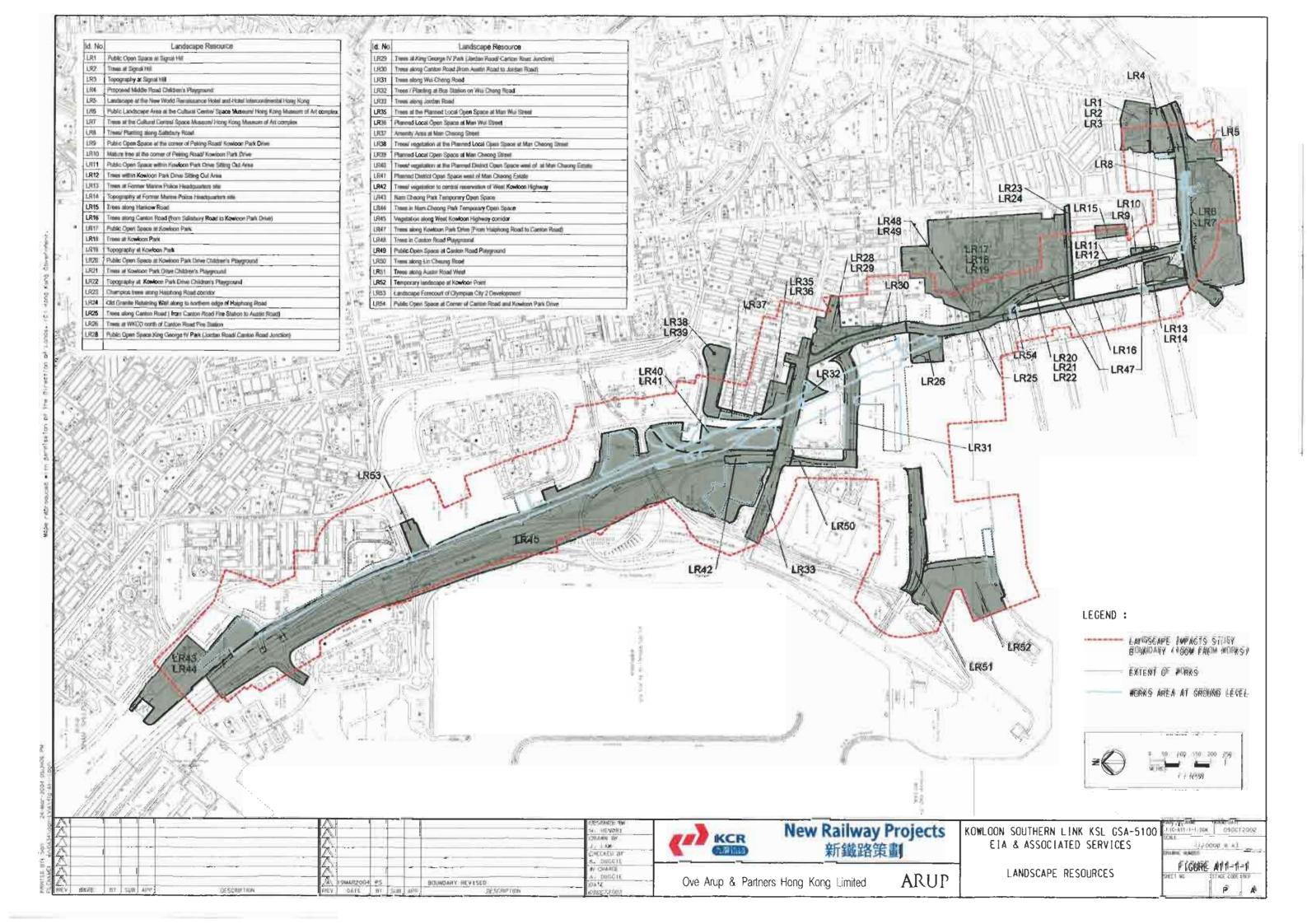
The key VSRs found within the construction phase ZVI are tabulated and mapped in Figures A11-2-1 and A11-2-2. For ease of cross-reference, each VSR is given an identity number. The predicted impacts on the VSRs are described and tabulated (Table 11-7) in chapter 11 of the EIA.

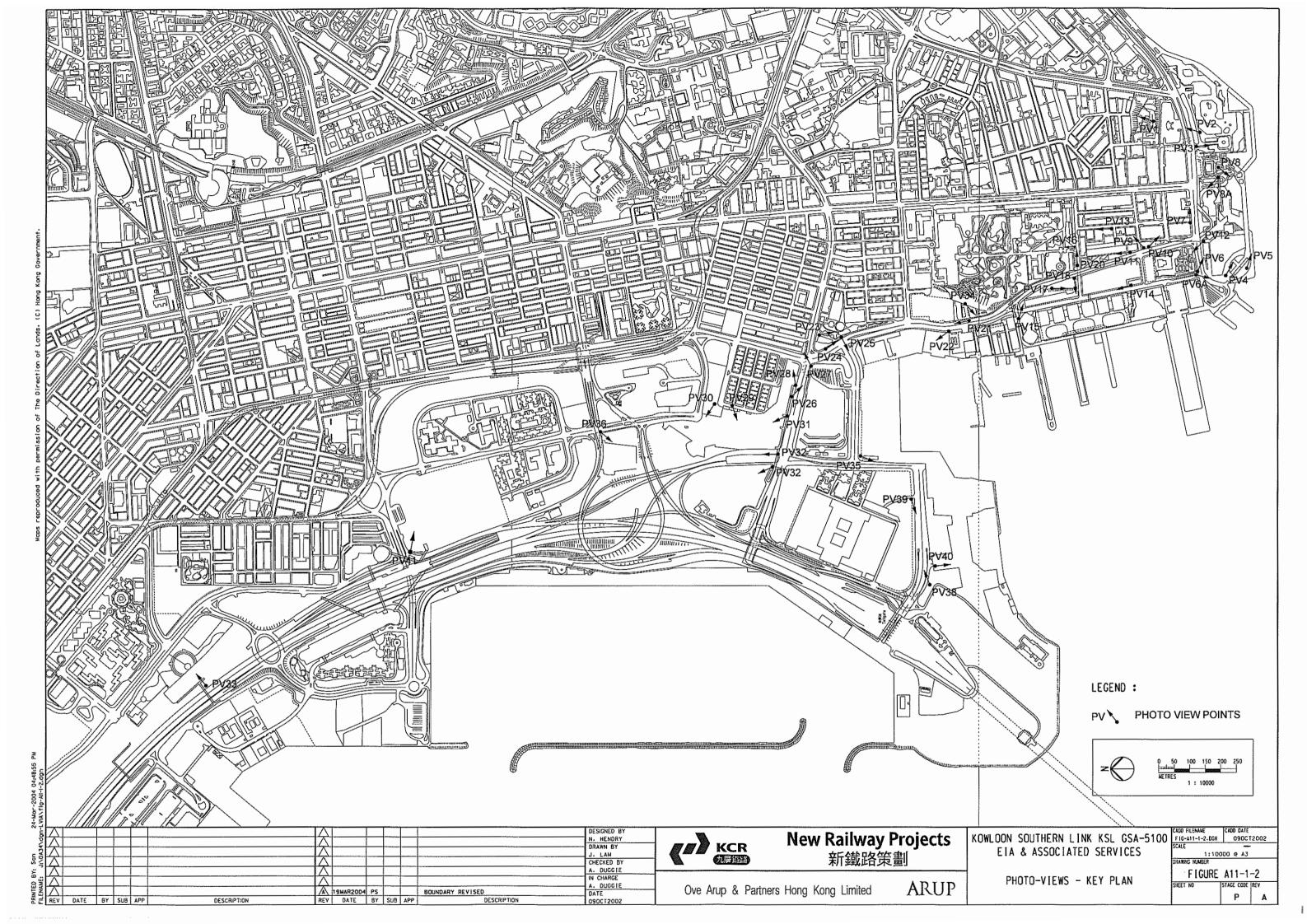
A11-1.2.3 Operation Phase Zone of Visual Influence (ZVI)

The operational phase ZVI and extent of works for the proposed scheme are mapped in **Figure A11-2-3**.

The only elements of the KSL that will be visible in the operation phase are the YMT Vent Building; the WKN Station, the Canton Road Plant Building and the Canton Road Emergency Egress Point. The operation phase ZVI is thus limited to the areas encompassed by the existing and planned buildings located in the immediate vicinity of each of these elements.

The key VSRs found within the operation phase ZVI are tabulated and mapped in **Figure A11-2-3**. For ease of cross-reference, each VSR is given an identity number. The predicted impacts on the VSRs are described and tabulated (Table 11-7) in chapter 11 of the EIA.







1. PUBLIC OPEN SPACE / TREES / TOPOGRAPHY AT SIGNAL HILL (LR1, LR2, AND LR3)



3. LANDSCAPE AT THE NEW WORLD RENAISSANCE AND HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL HONG KONG (LR5)



2. PROPOSED MIDDLE ROAD CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND (LR4) - UNDER CONSTRUCTION



4. PUBLIC LANDSCAPE / TREES AT CULTURAL CENTRE / SPACE MUSEUM / ART MUSEUM COMPLEX (LR6 AND LR7)

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5. PUBLIC LANDSCAPE AT CULTURAL CENTRE / SPACE MUSEUM / ART MUSEUM COMPLEX (LR6)



6. TREES / PLANTING ALONG SALISBURY ROAD (LR8) - ADJACENT TO THE CULTURAL CENTRE



6A. VEGETATION AT STAR FERRY PIER AT END OF SALISBURY ROAD (LR8)



7. TREES / PLANTING ALONG SALISBURY ROAD (LR8) - THE PENINSULA HOTEL



8. SALISBURY GARDEN (LR6/7)

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8A. SALISBURY GARDEN (LR6/7)



10. MATURE TREE AT CORNER OF PEKING ROAD / KOWLOON PARK DRIVE (LR10)



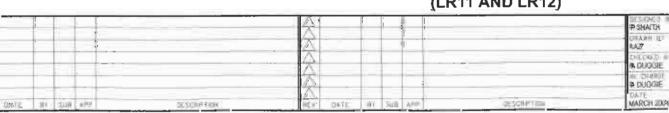
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9. PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AT THE CORNER OF PEKING ROAD / KOWLOON PARK DRIVE (LR9)



12. TREES / TOPOGRAPHY AT FORMER MARINE POLICE HEADQUARTERS SITE (LR13 AND LR14)



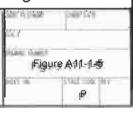


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13. TREES ALONG HANKOW ROAD (LR15)



15. PUBLIC OPEN SPACE / TREES / TOPOGRAPHY AT KOWLOON PARK (LR17, LR18 AND LR19)



14. TREES ALONG CANTON ROAD (FROM SALISBURY ROAD TO KOWLOON PARK DRIVE) (LR16)



16. PUBLIC OPEN SPACE / TREES / TOPOGRAPHY AT KOWLOON PARK (LR17, LR18 AND LR19)





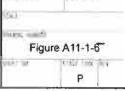


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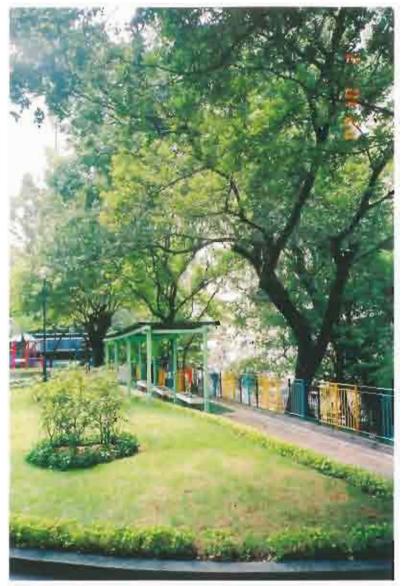
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17. PUBLIC OPEN SPACE / MATURE TREES / TOPOGRAPHY AT KOWLOON PARK DRIVE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND (LR20, LR21 AND LR22)



18. CHAMPION TREES ALONG HAIPHONG ROAD (LR23) - TO WEST OF ENTRANCE TO KOWLOON PARK DRIVE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND.



20. CHAMPION TREES ALONG HAIPHONG ROAD (LR23). OLD GRANITE RETAINING WALL TO NORTHERN EDGE OF HAIPHONG ROAD (LR24)





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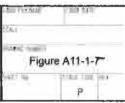
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21. TREES ALONG CANTON ROAD (FROM CANTON ROAD FIRE STATION TO AUSTIN ROAD) (LR25)



22. TREES AT PLANNED LOCAL OPEN SPACE NORTH OF CANTON ROAD FIRE STATION (LR26 AND LR27)



23. PUBLIC OPEN SPACE / TREES AT KING GEORGE IV PARK (JORDAN ROAD / CANTON ROAD JUNCTION) (LR28 AND LR29)



24. TREES ALONG CANTON ROAD (FROM AUSTIN ROAD TO JORDAN ROAD) (LR30)



25. TREES ALONG WUI CHENG ROAD (LR31)

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26. TREES / PLANTING AT BUS STATION ON WUI CHENG ROAD (LR32)



27. TREES ALONG JORDAN ROAD (LR33)



28. TREES AT PLANNED LOCAL OPEN SPACE AT MAN WUI STREET (LR35 AND LR36)



27A. TREES AT JUNCTION OF FERRY STREET AND JORDAN ROAD (LR33)



29. AMENITY AREA AT MAN CHEONG STREET (LR37)



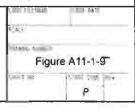
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30. TREES / VEGETATION AT THE PLANNED LOCAL OPEN SPACE AT MAN CHEONG STREET (LR38 AND LR39)



32. TREES / VEGETATION TO CENTRAL RESERVATION OF WEST KOWLOON EXPRESSWAY (LR42) - THE VIEW IS ALSO INDICATIVE OF THE KOWLOON **EXPRESSWAY CORRIDOR (LR45)**



31. TREES / VEGETATION AT THE PLANNED DISTRICT OPEN SPACE WEST OF MAN CHEONG ESTATE (LR40)



33. PUBLIC OPEN SPACE / TREES AT NAM CHEONG PARK (LR43 AND LR44) - EXISTING CONTRACTORS COMPOUND OF WEST RAIL PROJECT IN **FOREGROUND**

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34. TREES / PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AT CANTON ROAD PLAYGROUND (LR48 AND LR49)



36. VEGETATION ALONG WEST KOWLOON HIGHWAY CORRIDOR (LR45) ADJACENT TO LAI CHEUNG ROAD



35. TREES ALONG AUSTIN ROAD AND LIN CHEUNG ROAD (LR50)



37. VEGETATION ALONG WEST KOWLOON HIGHWAY CORRIDOR (LR45) ADJACENT TO JORDAN ROAD (WEST)



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38. TREES ALONG AUSTIN ROAD WEST (LR51)



39. TREES ALONG AUSTIN ROAD WEST (LR51)



40. TEMPORARY LANDSCAPE AT KOWLOON POINT



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