

RAILWAYS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 519)

(Notice under section 6(4))

NORTHERN LINK MAIN LINE

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary for Transport and Logistics proposes to construct the Northern Link Main Line between the existing Kam Sheung Road Station of the Tuen Ma Line and Kwu Tung Station of the East Rail Line, as described in the scheme and shown on General Layout Plans Nos. NOL-G01 to NOL-G29 inclusive; Land Resumption Plans Nos. NOL-L01 to NOL-L18 inclusive; Underground Strata Resumption Plans Nos. NOL-U01 to NOL-U18 inclusive; Creation of Rights of Temporary Occupation of Land Plans Nos. NOL-T01 to NOL-T07 inclusive; and Control of Building Plans and Commencement of Work Plans Nos. NOL-P01 to NOL-P06 inclusive (the 'Plans') annexed thereto. The scheme and the Plans have been deposited in the Land Registry.

The general nature and effects of the scheme are as follows:

The proposed Northern Link Main Line consists of an underground railway of approximately 10.7 kilometres long connecting the proposed railway stations and railway facilities at Kam Tin and adjacent to Kwu Tung Station of the East Rail Line, with three proposed intermediate stations at Au Tau, Ngau Tam Mei and San Tin. The proposed stations at Kam Tin and adjacent to Kwu Tung Station of the East Rail Line will provide an interchange with the existing Tuen Ma Line and the existing East Rail Line respectively. The proposed Northern Link Main Line includes the following works:

- (a) construction of:
- (i) the underground railway stations and railway facilities at Kam Tin, Au Tau, Ngau Tam Mei, San Tin and adjacent to the Kwu Tung Station of the East Rail Line to be constructed under another railway project, and the associated railway station entrances, emergency accesses, emergency vehicular accesses, ventilation shafts and plant rooms;
 - (ii) approximately 2.8 kilometres long underground railway tunnels connecting the proposed railway stations at Kam Tin and Au Tau;
 - (iii) approximately 2.3 kilometres long underground railway tunnels connecting the proposed railway stations at Au Tau and Ngau Tam Mei;
 - (iv) approximately 1.7 kilometres long underground railway tunnels connecting the proposed railway stations at Ngau Tam Mei and San Tin;

- (v) approximately 3.9 kilometres long underground railway tunnels connecting the proposed railway stations at San Tin and adjacent to Kwu Tung Station of the East Rail Line;
 - (vi) means of access for fire-fighting and rescue, means of escape, trackwork, train control, communication facilities, electrical and mechanical plants, and ventilation building at Shui Mei Road, Po Wai, San Tin and Kwu Tung Road;
 - (vii) means of access for fire-fighting and rescue, means of escape, trackwork, train control, communication facilities, and electrical and mechanical plants at Long Ha Tsuen, Ka Lung Road and Pak Shek Au;
 - (viii) the railway depot at Ngau Tam Mei to support stabling and maintenance of trains operating;
 - (ix) approximately 1.0 kilometre long underground railway tunnels connecting the proposed railway depot at Ngau Tam Mei and the proposed underground railway tunnels with intersection at Pok Wai; and
 - (x) approximately 0.6 kilometre long underground railway turnback tunnels connecting the proposed railway station at Kam Tin towards south up to its end at the northern part of the existing Pat Heung Depot.
- (b) modification works of the existing Tuen Ma Line and the existing Pat Heung Depot to facilitate future operation, including:
- (i) modification of railway facilities of the existing Kam Sheung Road Station;
 - (ii) modification of emergency vehicular access of the existing Pat Heung Depot; and
 - (iii) ancillary works including associated electrical and mechanical works, civil works, drainage works, lighting works, noise mitigation works and landscaping works.
- (c) modification works of the existing Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line of East Rail Line to facilitate future operation, including:
- (i) modification of railway facilities of Kwu Tung Station of the East Rail Line to be constructed under another railway project;
 - (ii) modification of the existing emergency access point near Pak Shek Au; and
 - (iii) ancillary works including associated electrical and mechanical works, civil works, drainage works, lighting works, noise mitigation works and landscaping works.

- (d) railway track formation works, earthworks, civil and structural works, electrical and mechanical works;
- (e) construction of a temporary explosive magazine site near Tai Shu Ha Road West;
- (f) construction of temporary concrete batching plant at San Tin;
- (g) associated reconstruction, modification and realignment of existing roads and facilities including carriageways, footpaths, footbridges, subways, retaining walls, staircases, cycle tracks, bicycle parking spaces and amenities;
- (h) preventive or remedial works including ground treatment; and
- (i) ancillary works including associated drainage works, waterworks, slope works, landscaping works, other road works, demolition and reprovisioning of existing services and facilities, and demolition of abandoned foundations and facilities.

The scheme and the Plans are available for inspection by members of the public free of charge at the following places and during the following hours when those offices are normally open to the public:

<i>Places</i>	<i>Opening Hours (except public holidays)</i>
Central & Western Home Affairs Enquiry Centre, Ground Floor, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong.	Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
North Home Affairs Enquiry Centre, Ground Floor, North District Government Offices, 3 Pik Fung Road, Fanling, New Territories.	
Yuen Long Home Affairs Enquiry Centre, Ground Floor, Yuen Long District Office Building, 269 Castle Peak Road, Yuen Long, New Territories.	
District Lands Office/North, 6th Floor, North District Government Offices, 3 Pik Fung Road, Fanling, New Territories.	Monday to Friday 8:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
District Lands Office/Yuen Long, 9th to 11th Floor, Yuen Long Government Offices, 2 Kiu Lok Square, Yuen Long, New Territories.	

A copy of the scheme and the Plans may be purchased from the Highways Department. Enquiries on purchasing details can be made to the Highways Department at telephone number (852) 2762 3976. The electronic version of the scheme and the Plans are viewable on the Highways Department's website (https://www.hyd.gov.hk/en/our_projects/railway_projects/index.html).

Further enquiries regarding the scheme can be addressed to the Highways Department at telephone number (852) 3525 1159 (or in writing to the Transport and Logistics Bureau with details given below).

Any person who wishes to object to the scheme or any part of it is required to address his objection in writing to the Secretary for Transport and Logistics so as to reach the Secretary for Transport and Logistics not later than 5 December 2023, describing his interest and the manner in which he alleges he will be affected by the scheme. Objections can be submitted via one of the following means:

- (1) by post or by hand to the Transport and Logistics Bureau's Drop-in Box No. 6 located at the 2nd Floor Entrance, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong. The box is available for use between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday (except public holidays);
- (2) by fax to (852) 2868 4643; or
- (3) by email to gazettetlb@tlb.gov.hk.

Objectors are requested to provide contact details to the Secretary for Transport and Logistics to facilitate communication.

Personal Information Collection Statement

Any information, including the personal data, submitted to the Secretary for Transport and Logistics in connection with any written objections/comments will be used for the processing of the objections/comments and other related purposes. The provision of any information, including the personal data, other than the information as required under section 10(3) of the Railways Ordinance (Cap. 519) is voluntary. However, it may not be possible to process the objections/comments if such information, including the personal data, is not sufficiently provided. Any information, including the personal data, so submitted may be disclosed to the relevant government departments, railway corporations, and other organizations or agencies which are required to handle the objections/comments and related matters. Persons who have so submitted their personal data have the rights to request access to and correction of their personal data held by us. Request for access to or correction of the personal data should be made in writing to the Personal Data Privacy Officer of the Transport and Logistics Bureau at 20th Floor, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong.

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LAM Sai-hung Secretary for Transport and Logistics