

Independent Environmental Checker for Cycle Tracks from Tuen Mun to Sheung Shui – Remaining Works



CLIENT : CIVIL ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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Background

To support urban development of North West New Territories (NWNT) and North East New Territories (NENT), the construction project of Cycle Tracks from Tuen Mun to Sheung Shui was proposed. The remaining works is to form an approximately 11 km long cycle track from Kam Tin River in Yuen Long to Sheung Yue River in Sheung Shui to connect the existing cycle networks (the Project).

Our Roles

The Project is a Schedule 2 Designated Project involving a recreational facility partly falls within the Deep Bay Buffer Zone 2 and Conservation Area. Environmental Permits (EP) were issued in 2013 and 2015 for the two stages of the Project to the CEDD, which required the employment of an IEC. ANewR was commissioned by CEDD as the IEC for approximately 72 months, responsible for the review and verification of relevant submissions as required in the EP, and Contamination Assessment Plan, Contamination Assessment Report and Remediation Action Plan required in the EM&A Manual. ANewR also reviews and audits the overall EM&A performance by the Environmental Team and the effectiveness of all environmental mitigation measures implemented by the Contractor. ANewR delivers IEC duties in full compliance with EP conditions, approved EIA Report and EM&A Manual.

Key Values to Client

As the construction is near a number of low-rise village houses, habitats of foraging ardeids and conservation areas, construction noise is a key environmental issue that causes public concern. We thoroughly audit the effectiveness of the mitigation measures implemented by the Contractor, particularly reviewing specific mitigation measures regarding environmental aspects that cause public concern during construction. We provide professional advice on environmental issues in relation to the construction work in cases of non-compliance to identify any improvement needs on the environmental performance of the Project so as to prevent any adverse impacts imposed by the construction activities.