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Dear Mr Editor,

Temporary Chain-link Fencing and Hoarding at Bowen Road

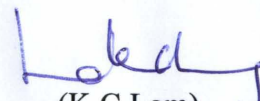
I refer to the letter from Mr Stuart R McCarthy (Explain Ugly Fence on Bowen Road) which was posted on the Opinion section on 14 July 2012.

On 7 June 2008, a total of five landslides occurred on the natural hillside overlooking the section of Bowen Road between Bowen Drive and Wan Chai Gap Road. One of them was a major landslide with debris volume of about 200m³ and the debris went beneath Bowen Road and reached Ewan Court (see attached photos). The subsequent detailed study has confirmed that the natural hillside above and below Bowen Road is still posing a significant landslide hazard and hence mitigation works are required to be implemented for safeguarding public safety.

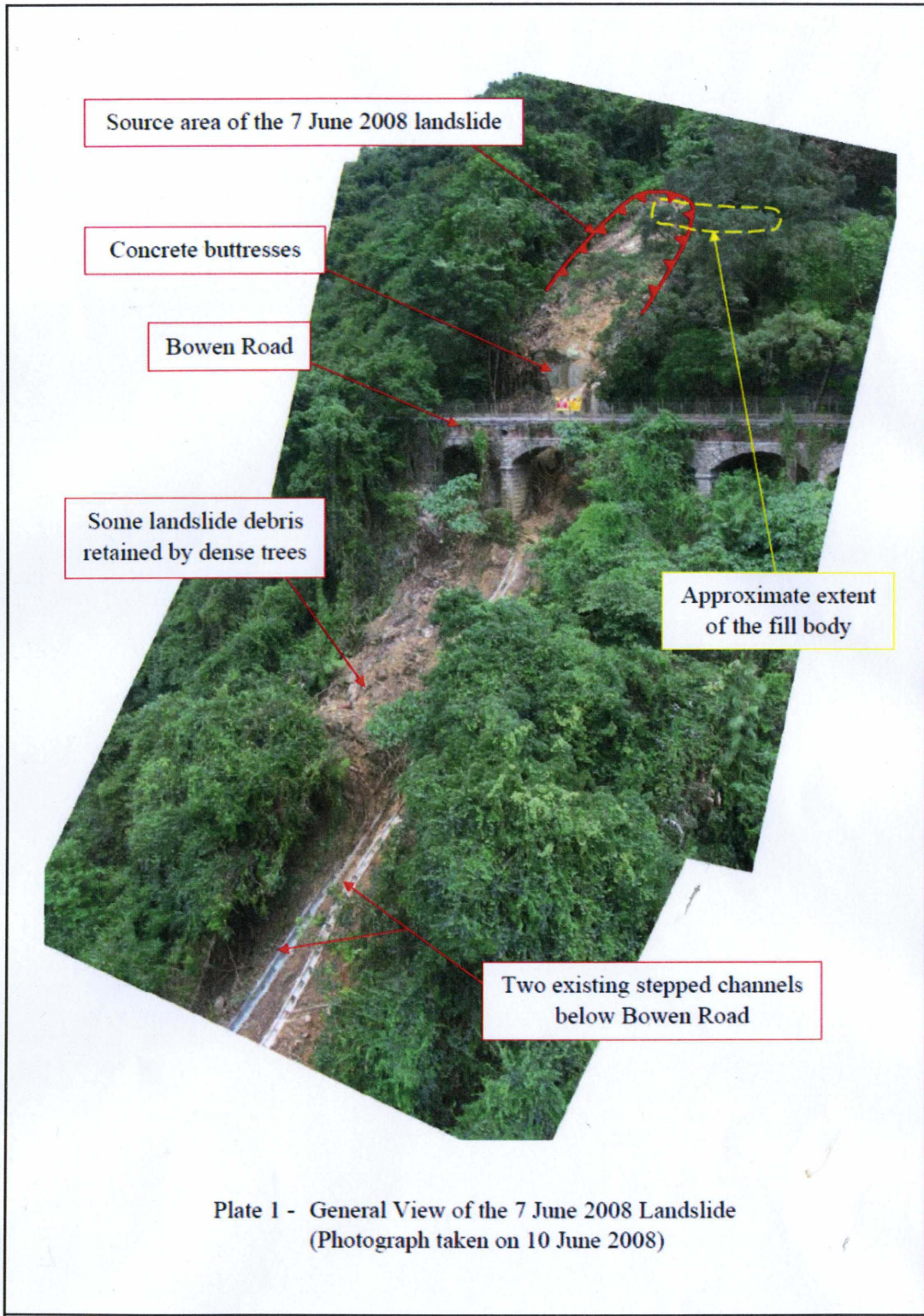
The temporary chain-link fencing and hoarding of concerned are erected around the works areas at which natural terrain hazard mitigation works are being implemented. They are erected for site security and safety reasons. We anticipate that all the works will be completed by May 2014. The temporary chain-link fencing and hoarding will then be removed.

We should be most grateful if you could pass this letter to Mr McCarthy. We look forward to meeting Mr McCarthy, to explain to him our work plan at the Bowen Road area and listen to any suggestion he may have. He may also call me at 2762 5300 to discuss.

Yours faithfully,


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Natural Slope Landslide at Hillside Above Ewan Court



Deposition of Landslide Debris at Ewan Court