

Project Administration Handbook for Civil Engineering Works**2024 Edition****AMENDMENT NO. 6/2025****CHAPTER 1 PROJECT PLANNING****PARAGRAPH 1 OVERVIEW**

(a) Para. 1.4.7

Replace “DEVB TCW No. 8/2017” with “DEVB TCW No. 2/2024”, replace “to promote and facilitate wider application of” with “for”, replace “Government” with “government” after “In brief, all new”, add “those for” before “lease modification and land exchange” and replace “are subject to the vetting mechanism involving” with “wholly or partly fall within” in the first paragraph.

Replace main text after “Sub-Committee on Cavern Development (SCCD)” in the first paragraph with the following:

. When project proponents consider the cavern option as one of the options, they are required to first check if (i) there is a lack of suitable surface site; and (ii) there are specific needs or strong merits to relocate existing government facilities or accommodate new suitable government facilities inside caverns. If criteria (i) and (ii) are met, the project proponents should proceed to carry out the preliminary option assessments with an aim at comparing cavern and non-cavern options. If the cavern option is recommended, the option assessments report should be submitted to the SCCD for vetting and endorsement before the preparation of TFS report. In particular, it might be beneficial to consider the strategic benefits and synergy effect of integrating cavern development opportunities with other surface and subsurface developments at early planning stage, such as under planning and land development studies with suitable SCVAs nearby. Relevant study scope should be included in the study brief for these studies where appropriate.

Delete “CEDD and PlanD” in the second paragraph.

Delete “CEDD: ” before the hyperlink, update hyperlink as “<https://www.cedd.gov.hk/eng/our-projects/topics-in-focus/index-id-27.html>” and delete “PlanD: https://www.pland.gov.hk/pland_en/resources/info_serv/cmp/index.html” after the second paragraph.

(b) Para. 1.5

Delete “For a project (or its associated facilities) involving land uses with potential for development in rock caverns as listed in the ES of the CMP, the project proponent should first explore, as appropriate, potential cavern sites for the proposed development. In handling the relevant site search request, PlanD, with the

assistance of the GEO, will facilitate the identification of potential cavern sites (see DEVB TCW No. 8/2017).” **after** “Site search for all new land development projects (see DEVB GC No. 1/2016).” **in the row of Planning Department (PlanD).**

Replace “DEVB TCW No. 8/2017” with “DEVB TCW No. 2/2024” in the row of Sub-Committee on Cavern Development (SCCD).

PARAGRAPH 3 PRELIMINARY STAGE

(c) Para. 3.1.2(e) **Replace “Government” with “government” after “Proponents of new” and replace “DEVB TCW No. 8/2017” with “DEVB TCW No. 2/2024” in the first paragraph.**

(d) Para. 3.2.1 **Replace “, the project proponents should holistically consider the option of developing caverns in suitable SCVAs to house land uses with potential for cavern development. In case the above planning and land development studies require consideration by the CPLD, the study proposal (e.g. scope and study areas) in respect of cavern option shall be submitted for agreement by the SCCD before submission to the CPLD for endorsement” with “for sites with suitable SCVAs nearby, it might be beneficial to consider the strategic benefits and synergy effect of integrating cavern development opportunities with other surface and subsurface developments” and replace “DEVB TCW No. 8/2017” with “DEVB TCW No. 2/2024” in the third paragraph.**

PARAGRAPH 7 SOURCES OF INFORMATION

(e) 7.3 **Replace “is a planning tool providing” with “provides” after “The CMP”, delete “planning” after “a broad strategic” and replace “cavern development” with “planning on the uses of rock caverns” after “territory-wide” in the first paragraph**

Replace main text of the sub-paragraph (i) with the following:

Territory-wide planning on the uses of rock caverns development – to delineate SCVAs that are suitable for developing rock caverns to meet the existing or future development needs

Replace “optimise” with “enhance” after “SCVAs – to” in the sub-paragraph (iii).

Replace “cavern development” with “options on uses of rock caverns” after “user guidelines for”, replace “of land uses with potential for development” with “showing examples of potential uses” in the second paragraph.

Replace “project proponents should duly explore the feasibility of developing caverns for accommodating suitable land uses so as to reduce the surface land-take and create synergy through better integrating cavern development with the surface and subsurface

developments” **with** “it might be beneficial to consider the strategic benefits and synergy effect of integrating cavern development opportunities with other surface and subsurface developments. Such integrated study approach can facilitate holistic consideration of both above-ground and underground land use options so as to optimise the development potential of available land resources.” **and replace** “DEVB TCW No. 8/2017” **with** “DEVB TCW No. 2/2024” **in the third paragraph.**

PARAGRAPH 9 REFERENCES

- (f) **Replace** “DEVB TCW No. 8/2017” **with** “DEVB TCW No. 2/2024”.

CHAPTER 2 PROJECT APPROVAL

PARAGRAPH 1 CHECK LIST FOR PROCEDURES AND SUBMISSIONS UNDER THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME

- (g) Item 1.4 **Replace** “20” **with** “18” **after** “see para.” **and replace** “DEVB TCW No. 8/2017” **with** “DEVB TCW No. 2/2024” **in the Remark**
- (h) Item 1.6 **Replace** “20” **with** “18” **after** “see para.” **and replace** “DEVB TCW No. 8/2017” **with** “DEVB TCW No. 2/2024” **in the Remark**
- (i) Item 2.6 **Replace** “21” **with** “19” **after** “see para.” **and replace** “DEVB TCW No. 8/2017” **with** “DEVB TCW No. 2/2024” **in the Remark**

PARAGRAPH 5 REFERENCES

- (j) **Replace** “DEVB TCW No. 8/2017” **with** “DEVB TCW No. 2/2024”.

CHAPTER 3 LAND MATTERS

PARAGRAPH 3 MAIN PROCEDURES FOR PROVISION OF LAND

- (k) para. 3.2.1 **Delete** “In accordance with DEVB TCW No. 8/2017, for a project involving land use with potential for rock caverns as listed in the Explanatory Statement of the Cavern Master Plan (CMP), the project proponent should first explore, as appropriate, potential cavern sites for the proposed development prior to submitting the

Site Search Form of the project to PlanD according to HPLB GC No. 1/2004.” **in the first paragraph.**

PARAGRAPH 7 REFERENCES

- (l) **Replace “DEVB TCW No. 8/2017” with “DEVB TCW No. 2/2024”.**
- (n) **Update hyperlink as “https://www.pland.gov.hk/file/tech_doc/hkpsg/full/pdf/ch12.pdf” in the row of “PlanD HKPSG Chp 12 Section 2 - Rock Cavern Development”**
- (m) **Update hyperlink as “https://www.pland.gov.hk/file/tech_doc/hkpsg/full/pdf/ch12.pdf” in the row of “PlanD HKPSG Chp 12 Section 7 - Use of Land Beneath Flyovers and Footbridges”**

CHAPTER 4 PROJECT DESIGN AND ESTIMATES

PARAGRAPH 4 GUIDELINES AND POLICIES RELATED TO DESIGN

- (o) para. 4.22 **Replace “DEVB TCW No. 8/2017” with “DEVB TCW No. 2/2024”, replace “to promote and facilitate wider application of” with “for”, replace “Government” with “government” after “In brief, all new”, add “those for” before “lease modification and land exchange” and replace “are subject to the vetting mechanism involving” with “wholly or partly fall within” in the first paragraph.**

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PARAGRAPH 6 REFERENCES

- (p) **Replace** “DEVB TCW No. 8/2017” **with** “DEVB TCW No. 2/2024”.

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