



July 20, 2010

Food Division, Food and Health Bureau,  
20/F, Murray Building  
Garden Road  
Hong Kong

To Whom It May Concern:

**Re: Columbarium Development in Shek Mun**

In response to the announcement that a site nearby International Christian School in Shek Mun has been earmarked for columbarium development, I would like to express our concerns:

**Air Quality**

ICS students have outdoor sports classes nearby the site and also eat lunch on an outdoor podium at the school campus. Will air quality for the area surrounding the columbarium site be negatively impacted by the smell of burning incense?

**Pedestrian & Traffic Congestion**

According to the *Public Consultation on Review of Columbarium Policy*, traffic conditions for vehicles and pedestrians will be considered before development. There is already severe congestion during the drop-off and pick-up times for students in the morning and afternoon, both for vehicles coming from On Muk Street and pedestrians from the Shek Mun MTR station. The schools in On Muk Lane have already contacted the Transportation Department regarding pedestrian traffic, but no resolution has been presented. Please let us know how congestion will be avoided or reduced if the columbarium is developed.

**Parking**

There is currently limited public parking availability near the proposed columbarium site. Will the facility include its own private parking or will additional stress be placed on existing public parking facilities?

Your office is probably aware of similar concerns from the other schools in the neighborhood. We are concerned about the repercussions of this project on our student body and would be most interested in receiving more information regarding the extension of this development and the practical provisions your office will make to control or remove such impacts.

Thank you for your attention to these questions and concerns. If you have any enquiries to this letter, please contact Mrs. Noel Chu at 3920 0209 or [chun@ics.edu.hk](mailto:chun@ics.edu.hk).

Sincerely,

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