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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Public Consultation on Review of Columbarium Policy -**  
**Delta House, No.3 On Yiu Street and Grandtech Centre, No.8 On Ping Street,**  
**Shek Mun, Shatin**

We are the Building Manager of the captioned buildings.

We are disappointed to learn that the Government has tentatively identified Shek Mun district as one of the preferred locations to develop columbarium facilities. As the proposed site is located in the vicinity of the urban area of the district where both residential estates and our managed buildings are located, the recent demonstrations conducted by some residents were expected. Further to the demonstrations which indicated the strong objection from the general public, we would like to raise our concerns and advice on the above issue as appended below for due consideration of the Government:.

- To actively further explore the feasibility of building additional columbarium facilities in existing cemeteries and also think of developing a remote island instead of the urban area to meet the purpose. We believe that those who are willing to worship their ancestors will not mind the location.
- To consider technical feasibilities including the compatibility of land use and transport capacity to avoid inconvenience caused by severe congestion in the district.
- To consider environmental factor in view of production of dust and ashes in order to prevent adverse environmental problems and nuisance from occurring.

- Apart from residential estates, it is expected that those commercial / buildings nearby will comparatively experience extensive degradation with negative effect on the property value, which is one of the major well-beings of the owners / occupants of the buildings, not to mention the detrimental effects on future growth of profitability.

In this connection, we hereby write to strongly request the Government to exhaustively look into the matter based on a proper approach of town planning and table the proposal so as to achieve community integration and maintain harmonious social environment. Should you have any query regarding the above, please feel free to contact the undersigned at 2118 2307 during office hours.

Thank you for your kind assistance and understanding. We are looking to your favourable reply.

Yours faithfully,  
For and on behalf of  
Harriman Property Management Limited



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c.c. Mr WAI Kwok-hung, SBS, JP  
Chairman of the Sha Tin District Council