



MINISTER FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
SINGAPORE

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Mrs Lim Hwee Hua  
Member of Parliament for Aljunied GRC

Dear *Hwee Hua*,

**FOREIGN WORKER DORMITORY AT SERANGOON GARDEN TECHNICAL  
SCHOOL PREMISES**

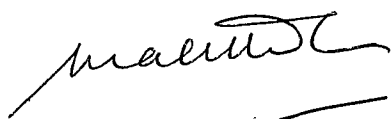
Please refer to your letter dated 9 October 08, which proposed a list of measures for incorporation into the specifications for the appointment of the dormitory operator and an alternative access via the CTE.

Operation of the Dormitory

2. We have given careful consideration to the suggested measures proposed by the Ad Hoc Committee and our response to each of the suggestions is at Annex A. MND has sought to include as many of the suggested measures as possible into the requirements for the dormitory operator.
3. MND is prepared to work with your appointed representatives to discuss in further detail the implementation of each of the proposed measures, once the operator has been identified. We will work together with the other technical agencies such as the Police, NEA and LTA, to engage in ongoing dialogue with your representatives on how to monitor the situation and to discuss specific measures to address safety, pollution, traffic and other issues.
4. Once the specific operator has been identified, we will be able to provide the residents with further details on the timeline. We will also require the operator to appoint a Liaison Officer who can be contacted by the grassroots leaders so that issues relating to the dormitory or the occupants can be addressed or attended to promptly.

### Alternative Access Via CTE

5. One of the additional measures proposed is a direct ramp on and off the south-bound CTE at the closest point to the site instead of the entrance via the slip road and exit via Ang Mo Kio Ave 1.
6. LTA has studied this suggestion in detail, and concluded that such a configuration is neither feasible nor desirable (see Annex B). For any entry into and exit from an expressway, a proper acceleration and deceleration lane must be provided to ensure the safe and smooth functioning of the expressway. There is not enough distance along this stretch of the CTE between AMK Ave 1 and AMK Ave 3 to fit in a proper acceleration and deceleration lane to allow a direct entry and exit from the CTE to the dormitory site. Moreover, the CTE is already an extremely busy expressway. The introduction of additional vehicular and pedestrian traffic would pose significant danger to all users.
7. In contrast, the current proposed configuration of the road is an off shoot from the CTE slip road, allowing the vehicles ample time to slow down and exit from the CTE and gain access to the site.
8. Furthermore, if we re-align the road as suggested, pedestrians and cyclists from the dormitory will be forced to walk or ride along the CTE when they leave or return to the dormitory. This will put their personal safety at risk.
9. We would like to thank the residents of Serangoon Gardens for their suggestions and we look forward to working closely with you and the grassroots leaders to ensure the smooth implementation of this project.
10. Thank you.



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