

Protection works for Asia Pacific Gateway submarine cable system in Tseung Kwan O proposed

The Government has proposed to allow China Mobile International Limited to carry out protection works along a section of the Asia Pacific Gateway (APG) submarine cable system in Tseung Kwan O. The extent of the area of foreshore and seabed affected is described in a notice published in the [Government Gazette](#) today (November 22).

The proposed works involve installation of precast concrete mattress units, with a width of approximately 6 metres, along a section of approximately 100 metres of the APG within an area of approximately 580 square metres of foreshore and seabed in Tseung Kwan O waters. Each unit will be lowered into position from a barge and will sink into the marine mud to a depth of around 1m (the sinking depth). In the event that the marine mud is particularly soft and the sinking depth is exceeded, the unit will be lifted off the seabed. A steel seabed bearing sheet will be installed on the seabed first and the unit will then be lowered onto the bearing sheet. The units will be connected together one by one by divers with short link steel chains. The proposed works are tentatively scheduled to commence in the first quarter of 2020 for completion within four weeks.

The notice and its related plan are posted near the site. The plan is also available for inspection at:

- * Survey and Mapping Office of the Lands Department (23/F, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong) (where copies can be purchased on order);
- * Sai Kung Home Affairs Enquiry Centre of the Sai Kung District Office (G/F, Sai Kung Tseung Kwan O Government Complex, 38 Pui Shing Road, Hang Hau, Tseung Kwan O, New Territories); and
- * Lands Department's website (www.landso.gov.hk) under Government Notices.

Any person who considers that he or she has an interest, right or easement in or over the foreshore and seabed involved may submit a written objection to the Director of Lands, 20/F, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong, within two months from the above-mentioned date, i.e. on or before January 22, 2020. The notice of such objection shall describe the interest, right or easement of the objector and the manner in which he or she will be allegedly affected.