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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: CA Comment on Section 16 Planning Application A/H3/399

The Conservancy Association (CA) would like to submit our comments regarding Central Police Station (CPS) Conservation and Revitalization Project.

Section 16 Planning Application of CPS, however, stated that *“Apart from a wall tree abutting Old Bailey Street (T10) and a further tree (T1) suffering from extensive (and irreparable) damage from Typhoon Fengshen in June 2008, all trees will be preserved and integrated into the fabric of the CPS Project”* (Paragraph 5.8.1). However, the EIA report mentioned that *“Except T10 which is recommended for felling, and T1, T2, T3 and T4 which were damaged or destroyed by typhoon in 2008 and whose remains should be removed, the remaining six trees could benefit from a systematic programme of tree care to tackle a host of accumulated arboricultural problems”* (Paragraph 4.7.3 subtitled Tree Impact Assessment). Such inconsistency on tree removal should be clarified further.

CA was concerned that T10 *Ficus microcarpa* in good health would be subjected to removal to give way for the emergency vehicle access. CA could not also simply agree that 6 *Bauhinia* trees would compensate T10 although it follows the “Environment, Transport, and Works Bureau Technical Circular (Works) No. 3/2006 Tree Preservation” which mentioned that *“the total numbers and the aggregated girth size of compensatory trees within the site and off-site, should not be less than that of the tree(s) to be felled”*. CA would suggest a compensatory planning proposal in CPS taking entire heritage

landscape into consideration.

CA at last should reiterate that the entire revitalization project should be in accordance to the conservation management plan to establish a real model on adaptive re-use of historical building.

Yours faithfully
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