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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

Prior to greening or tree planting, will the Department consider the suitability of works to be carried out or the species of trees to be planted?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The Department considers all relevant factors, such as the planting location, site conditions, the planting objective, etc., before proceeding to greening and tree planting. Site constraints, e.g. proximity to services or safety issues such as sight-lines and visibility for vehicles or pedestrians, are particularly relevant considerations in the greening works carried out by Highways Department.

As regards the selection of tree species, an important principle is selecting the right tree for the right place so that the selected species will perform satisfactorily over time. Criteria including pollution tolerance, growth form, rooting typology, shading ability, seasonal interest, maintenance requirements will be taken into account in the species selection process.

Signature _____

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Post Title _____ Director of Highways

Date _____ 18 March 2011