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Dear Sir

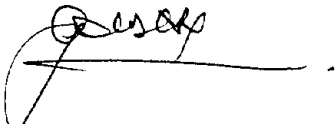
SERVICE ROAD LEVELS FOR VEHICULAR ACCESS TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS

1. This circular, in consultation with PUB (Drainage Department), is to assist building professionals on the planning and design of service roads and the accesses to buildings.
2. QPs may wish to note that :-
 - a. A minimum platform level is normally indicated by PUB for a development site. While it is advisable for new buildings within the site to meet the minimum platform level, service road(s) along the development site need not be raised to minimum platform level. Unless there is need arising from access considerations, existing service road(s) can be left at their existing levels.
 - b. Where the minimum platform level is higher than the road, there may be a need for part of the development site to be lower than minimum platform level to enable access to be made to the service road. This retention or construction of ancillary areas below minimum platform level so as to tie in with the adjacent road or to satisfy other planning and environmental considerations is catered for in the Code of Practice for Surface Water Drainage (Para 2.1.3)
 - c. Where the QP proposes to raise the level of a service road for access to a basement, please note that :-
 - the requirements of other authorities, such as headroom clearance of driveway ramps, shall be complied with.

- the transition between the raised service road and existing service road level is passable to vehicles. The existing vehicular accesses and rear door accesses to the adjoining and opposite developments/premises shall be maintained accessible.

3. It is noted that the nature of each development could be different (ie. New Erection; Redevelopment; Conservation & Rear Extension; Additions & Alterations) along the service road front and that this could affect the minimum platform level requirements. Where the QP has doubts or proposes to raise the existing service road, he is encouraged to consult PUB (Drainage) and LTA early on his proposal.

Yours faithfully



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