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Dear Sirs

Creeper Planting Requirements for Boundary and Retaining Walls

1 To soften and green-up the concrete surfaces of boundary and retaining walls, NParks (and formerly, Parks & Recreation Department) had been advising private and public sector developers to plant creeping figs (*Ficus pumila*) within the 300mm set back from boundary/road reserve lines. With the deletion of Divisions 13 & 14 of the Building Control Regulations, the provision of such set back for boundary and retaining walls is no longer required.

2 To regularise the situation, NParks will discontinue with the requirement of planting creeper beside boundary/retaining walls for building development projects with effect from 1 Aug 2000. The securing of the planting strip for retaining walls will be administrated by URA.

3 In the case of public infrastructure projects, NParks will continue to ask implementing agencies for creeper planting to be provided for high walls, columns and the like. This is to ensure that massive and highly visible structures are softened with greenery.

4 Please contact Miss Ho Peng at Tel : 4717829 if you have any queries concerning this circular. The circular is also available in our website <http://www.nparks.gov.sg>.

Yours faithfully

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