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Dear Mr Zimmerman,

Missing and Sub-standard Pedestrian Connections in Central & Western District

Thank you for your letter dated 17 December 2014 conveying the public concerns regarding pedestrian environment at various locations in Central & Western district. Please refer to the attached table for our responses.

Please be assured that we will keep monitoring the pedestrian facilities in Central and Western district and implement improvement measures when required. Thank you again for your comments on traffic and transport issues in Central and Western district.

Yours faithfully,

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Missing and sub-standard pedestrian connections in the Central & western District

	Location	Problem	TD's Response
1	Junction of Garden Road and Cotton Tree Drive	Unsafe crossing	The concerned crossing point serves as a cautionary crossing where pedestrians need to observe the approaching traffic. Incorporating a separate pedestrian phase in the existing traffic signal sequence would affect the performance of the junctions in vicinity and also Garden Road which is a major primary distributor. To balance the interest of the traffic and pedestrian, we consider the current arrangement appropriate. We will continue to monitor the situation and review the need of improvement works if situation warrants.
2	Junction of Bonham Road, Cain Road, Hospital and Seymour Road	Unsafe crossing	The concerned crossing point serves as a cautionary crossing with appropriate road marking drawing pedestrian attention to approaching traffic. Providing a separate pedestrian phase in the existing traffic signal sequence to cater the crossing need would affect the green time currently allocated to traffic flow along Caine Road and Bonham Road being the major routes in Mid-Levels area. To balance the interest of the traffic and pedestrian, we consider the current arrangement appropriate. We will continue to monitor the situation and review the need of improvement works if situation warrants.
3	Hornsey Road	Narrow footpath	As slopes are abutting traffic lane and footpath of Hornsey Road, footpath widening would involve extensive slope and trees removal works. In view of the site constraints and pedestrian flow thereat, footpath widening proposal may not be feasible.

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4	Man Cheung Street	Missing crossing	Pedestrians are advised to use the existing 24 hours passageway within International Finance Centre Mall for crossing Man Cheung Street. To balance the interest of the traffic and pedestrian, we consider the current arrangement appropriate.
5	Justice Drive	Unsafe crossing	The cautionary crossings are located on single lane one-way road with appropriate road marking drawing pedestrian attention to approaching traffic. To balance the interest of the traffic and pedestrian, we consider the current arrangement appropriate. However, we will consider to paint white hatched road marking to narrow the carriageway width for further enhancing safety.
6	Tim Mei Avenue	Unsafe crossing	The sightline to motorists and pedestrians is clear at the concerned location. Pedestrians could cross Tim Mei Avenue safely when there is no traffic. To further enhance safety, appropriate traffic sign and road marking have been provided at Harcourt Road near its junction with Tim Mei Avenue alerting drivers about the pedestrian crossing. To balance the interest of the traffic and pedestrian, we consider the current arrangement appropriate. However, we will consider to paint white hatched road marking to narrow the carriageway width for further enhancing safety.
7	Lung Wui Road	Missing crossings	Pedestrians are advised to use the existing pedestrian crossing near Fenwick Pier Street for crossing Lung Wui Road. To balance the interest of the traffic and pedestrian, we consider the current arrangement appropriate.