



## Watten Residents' Network

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4<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Watten Estate Residents

### **UPDATES ON DRAINAGE MATTERS & WATTEN ESTATE UPGRADING PROGRAMME (EUP)**

We last wrote to residents on 2 June 2022 on PUB's plans to upgrade the drains in our estate, in tandem with the Watten EUP. To recap, in response to residents' concerns about the prospect of mature trees affected by drainage improvement works, PUB had agreed to allow most of the damaged drains to be repaired whenever feasible in a less intrusive manner, hence allowing more existing trees to be preserved.

2 Since then, our grassroots volunteers have worked with PUB to identify the streets with high pedestrian/traffic flow where drains should be rebuilt and covered to create expanded pavements, and to ascertain that there is broad support among the residents living on these streets.

3 Resulting from the above engagement process, we would like to inform you that the streets where drains would be rebuilt are:

- a) Watten Drive (covered drain);
- b) Parts of Watten Rise (between Watten Estate Road and Hillcrest Road) (covered drain);
- c) Hillcrest Road (between Dunearn Rd and Watten Rise as well as from unit 114 to 120) (covered drain) including the expansion of the narrowest part of the pedestrian footpath fronting unit 51 Hillcrest Road, close to Raffles Girls' Primary School (RGPS) ; and
- d) Watten Heights (units number 20-38) (open drain)

4 NParks will work closely with PUB to schedule the transplanting and replanting of trees in phases before and after the drainage improvement works as indicated above.

5 For other streets, the plan is to keep drains open and to repair them whenever feasible using less intrusive methods, thereby minimising impact on existing and mature trees.

6 An overview of the proposed drainage work can be found at the link below:



[btcares.sg/watteneup](https://btcares.sg/watteneup)

7 We are also exploring other improvements which are **subject to approvals** from relevant agencies:

- Upgrading of shelters at Bougainvillea Park and Shelford Playground
- Badminton court at Shelford Playground
- Upgrading of playground at Shelford Playground
- Improvement to circulation and seating provision at Watten Heights Playground
- Rain shelters along Watten Estate Road and Hillcrest Road
- Vending machines at Bougainvillea Park
- A Temporary Residents' Hub at Bougainvillea Park
- Dog run (this idea is being pursued as part of our ongoing rejuvenation efforts for the area near Orchid Village Playground)

8 We have sought to accommodate different concerns and preferences within the neighbourhood regarding open/covered drains and tree preservation. We believe that the current drainage improvement plan reflects the best possible balance of our community's needs and interests.

9 PUB intends to proceed with the calling of tender for the drainage improvement project based on the plan outlined in this letter and the microsite (link in para 6). Should you have any queries/feedback, please email [Javan\\_Lee@pa.gov.sg](mailto:Javan_Lee@pa.gov.sg) by 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023.

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Ms Sim Ann in black ink.

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