

Countryside Conservation Funding Scheme
Research Activities on Countryside Conservation and Revitalisation

Project Number	EP86/27/24/11-5
Project Proponent	The Hong Kong Countryside Foundation Limited
Project Title	Feasibility Study of Licensed Food Business in Remote Old Villages
Target Site	Lai Chi Wo
Project Description*	<p>The establishment of licensed food businesses is a key component of the revitalisation of remote villages for a range of reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Food is an integral part of village heritage. 2. The opportunity to enjoy food at villages is an essential convenience for hikers and country park visitors, as well as a highly valued cultural experience. 3. Properly licensed food businesses will ensure high standards of food safety and environmental hygiene and compliance with other statutory requirements, for the protection of visiting patrons. <p>Special challenge in establishing licensed food business in remote countryside old village:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Concerns of heritage conservation of old villages and individual houses. 2. The layout and constraint of remote sites may not be conducive to introduction of new facilities that could meet licensing requirements developed in an urban context. 3. Challenge in finding suitable site or house and in securing their respective owners' consent. <p>The feasibility study will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review through case studies the range of issues involved including but not limited to existing regulations, house design and remote village setting; 2. Review local and overseas experience and knowledge in tackling similar local challenges;

	<p>3. Engage villagers/potential operators to review potential cases and assess the reality of obtaining food licences of different categories;</p> <p>4. Showcase to relevant stakeholders in other remote villages how food business licensing could be achieved; and</p> <p>5. Organise educational and publicity program to share the knowledge with relevant stakeholders and the public.</p>
Project Period	1 January 2021 – 30 June 2023
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