

## **FAQs for 8 Lower Delta Road (Temporary Migrant Worker Housing)**

### **Accommodation**

**1. Why are the migrant workers decanted to 8 Lower Delta Road?**

As part of the broader plan to tackle the spread of COVID-19 in migrant worker dormitories, the Government has been preparing alternative accommodation to house healthy migrant workers. 8 Lower Delta Road is part of the Government's efforts to house healthy migrant workers away from the dormitories.

**2. Why was this site selected?**

This move to secure alternative accommodation for migrant workers is part of a Whole-of-Government effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and agencies have assessed sites across the island. Vacant State properties including the site at 8 Lower Delta Road, with their existing infrastructure and size have been identified as suitable options. The works to refurbish the site is less intensive and can be completed more efficiently.

**3. How long will the workers be housed at 8 Lower Delta Road?**

8 Lower Delta Road is meant to be a temporary accommodation for migrant workers. The Government will continue to monitor the situation closely and the facility will be stood down as soon as possible when it is no longer needed.

### **Maintenance of 8 Lower Delta Road**

**4. The site has been vacant for some time. Is the site safe for occupation and would there be maintenance in place to upkeep the site while the migrant workers are residing there?**

SLA has carried out structural checks and works to spruce up the site in preparation to receive these migrant workers. The site is managed by a professional facility management company, Coliwoo Dormitory Management Pte Ltd. They are equipped with the relevant skill sets to manage and care for the well-being of the workers. Routine maintenance such as pest control and cleaning services for the site will also be put in place.

### **Workers' Health**

**5. Are the migrant workers housed at 8 Lower Delta Road healthy?**

8 Lower Delta Road is intended to house healthy migrant workers. Medical testing will be conducted to ensure that the workers do not have symptoms before moving. There will also be regular monitoring for fever and respiratory symptoms. Any worker who is found to be unwell will be immediately isolated on site and transferred to the hospital or quarantine facility.

**6. Will housing migrant workers within residential estates increase the risk of cross contamination from the workers to residents?**

We are mindful that the site is near to residential blocks and will put in place measures to limit the migrant workers' movement. The facility will also be self-contained to cater to the daily needs of the workers, reducing the need for the workers to leave the premises. For workers who need to leave the facility for work, transport will be provided by their employers to bring them to and from work. The workers are to stay within the premises after working hours and during off-days.

## **Security**

### **7. Are the workers allowed to leave the dormitory's compound freely after Circuit Breaker is lifted?**

In line with current COVID-19 measures, the workers will remain within the site, except for work. Transport will be provided by the employers to bring the workers to and from work. When the situation improves, some of the measures could be lifted gradually, based on guidance from the Multi-Ministry Taskforce.

### **8. Will the traffic be affected by the movement of the workers?**

Transport will be provided by the employers to bring the workers to and from work, and the drop-off point will be within the premises. We will engage the employers to stagger arrival and departure timings to minimise congestion and remind them to abide by the speed limit and traffic rules.

### **9. What measures are put in place to ensure that the migrant workers do not leave the site without permission?**

The site is gated and there are security guards on patrol. We will also work closely with the employers to ensure that their workers abide by the house rules. If a worker fails to do so, he will receive warnings from the management and his employer; subsequent failure to comply may result in the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) revoking his work permit.

## **Workers' Well-Being**

### **10. How are the essential needs of the migrant workers met?**

Arrangements are made to cater all meals for the workers. The workers are housed in accommodation which are fitted out with the required amenities, and a locker for their personal belongings. All rooms are also equipped with Wi-Fi. Mobile minimart van for the workers to purchase necessities and barber services will also be provided on a scheduled basis.

### **11. Will there be recreational activities planned for the migrant workers?**

In line with COVID-19 measures, there will not be any recreational activities planned during this period. We will schedule recreational time for the workers after the restrictions are lifted. The recreational activities, such as sports activities and movie screenings at the operator's discretion, will be carried out within the compound. We will control the crowd and cease the activities by 7pm to avoid noise disturbance to nearby residential blocks.

### **12. What will be done to ensure the well-being of the migrant workers?**

Some residents may be concerned about the well-being of these migrant workers during their stay at 8 Lower Delta Road. We share your concerns and arrangements will be made to ensure that the workers' physical and mental well-being are taken care of during their stay. Facilities such as Wi-Fi are available to the workers. If they feel anxious or stressed, they will be directed to speak to a tele-counsellor from HealthServe or a 24-hour helpline from the Migrant Workers Centre (MWC).